



First Servant Weekly

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Carl Wells Day

Sunday, January 11

Join us this Sunday as we show our appreciation and gratitude to Carl Wells for his many years of faithful service. Special recognitions will highlight each morning service. A reception for Carl and his wife Eleanor will be from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



This Sunday:

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Prelude
Orchestra

*Come, Now Is the Time
to Worship*

*I Stand Amazed in the
Presence*

*How Can I Keep
From Singing*
Worship Choir & Orchestra

Welcome to Worship
Dr. Gil McKee

Arise

Recognition:
Ministry of Carl Wells

Offertory Prayer
Matt Rouse
Minister of Music

Offertory
4given

Morning Message
Dr. Gil McKee

Here I Am to Worship

Victory in Jesus

Postlude
Donna McCown

FUNDAMENTALS
OF
Spiritual Growth

A Sermon Series
by Dr. Gil McKee
Sundays at 6:00 p.m.

DivorceCare

Divorced? Separated? You don't have to go through it alone. Through the ministry of DivorceCare – Find Help... Discover Hope... Experience Healing.

A 13-session study begins Sunday, January 18 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 313, Children's Center. Leaders are Vickie and Jimmy Duren. Child care is available.



Word from the Pastor...

It has often been said that “*an informed church is a happy church.*” While we all realize that no amount of information or communication will make some people happy, I think it is certainly true that communication is vitally important to the health of a church. So in 2009 your church staff is going to do our best to try to communicate better and more efficiently.



One thing we are going to do is move to a predominantly web-based system of communicating with our church membership. In 2008 a company called Caldwell Mason Marketing built our church a brand new website. I am sure by now that you have probably seen the sight and done some exploration on it. If not, I would encourage you to do so by going to www.firsttuscaloosa.org.

From that website you will be able to receive current news about any and all church ministries, activities, events, etc. You will also be able to read weekly publications such as *The First Servant Weekly* on the website and download other information you might be interested in. You will be able to register for Bible studies, retreats, and other events on the website as well. In addition to providing current and pertinent information, communicating through our website also will save the church significant postage, paper, and handling costs...and we all know how important that is today. More information about our website and how we will make this transition will be coming to you soon.

Another avenue of communicating to our church family will be through quarterly communication and business meetings. During those meetings you will hear reports on our church's finances, ministries, and other important items. In the weeks between those meetings I will try to do a better job from the pulpit on Sundays and Wednesdays keeping you informed.

Of course, we will continue to do the things we have been doing such as printing important information for Sunday and Wednesday services, running announcements on our screens, and placing communication in some of the traffic flow hallways of our church facility.

I hope that our efforts to continue communicating better will help all of us in carrying out the mission of our church: **First Baptist Church meets to magnify Jesus Christ and multiply His Kingdom, to mature believers into effective Christ-followers, and minister to others in Jesus' name.**

Happy New Year!
Bro. Gil

Sav-A-Life Donations

Thank you for your contributions of baby items during the recent Birthday Party for Jesus in Children's Sunday School. We were able to donate these 340 items to the Sav-A-Life program: 19 boxes of diapers, 106 articles of clothing, 24 bibs, 13 pacifiers, 16 packs of wipes, 21 blankets, 19 bottles/cups, 8 towels, 67 washcloths, 22 soaps/lotions and 25 miscellaneous items.

2009 Wednesday Nights at First

Wednesday Nights at First (WNF) kicked off 2009 on Wednesday, January 7 with a full slate of activities and studies for preschoolers, children and youth.

Adult DiscipleLife studies begin this Wednesday, January 14. Adult studies include *Foundations: Essential Truths of the Christian Faith*, *One Month to Live: 30 Days to a No-Regrets Life*, *Isaiah and Micah* and *Faith and Culture*. Also beginning Wednesday evening, January 14, are the following First Ladies' Bible Studies: *Adventurous Prayer*, *Esther* and *Captivating*. Another special study beginning on January 14 at 5:45 p.m. is **Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University (FPU)**. For a complete schedule for WNF and descriptions of these Adult DiscipleLife and First Ladies Bible Studies, please pick up a "Wednesday Nights at First" brochure from the literature racks throughout the church or visit the church's website, www.firsttuscaloosa.org.

Parent/Child Dedication

Our next Parent/Child (Baby) Dedication will be during the morning worship services on Sunday, January 18. Please contact the Children's Ministry office at 391-3115 before January 11 to participate.

Committee Meetings

All church committees will meet in their groups on Sunday, January 18 at 4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This will be an opportunity for each group to plan for the year and to elect a chairperson.

Men's Fraternity in 2009

Men's Fraternity will resume in 2009 on Thursday, January 22 at 6:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall with a kickoff breakfast.

Disciple Now 2009

January 23-25; for students in grades 6-12
Cost: \$50 (\$75 after January 14)

Minister on Call

In case of an emergency need during the weekend (5:00 p.m. Friday - 8:00 a.m. Monday), please call 535-5988.

Recently Hospitalized

As of 01/06/09:

DCH Regional Med Center:

Midy Holt
Henrietta Marshall
Velma Meeks

Sympathy to:

Randy Uzzell and family in the death of his sister.

Welcome New Member

by Letter/Statement:

7: Margaret Robinson

First Ladies Ministry

Birthday prayer calendars are available for pickup in the main church office.

Sanctuary Flowers

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in memory or honor of a loved one: January 25; February 1, 8, and 22. Please contact Donna McCown for more information.

Wednesday Menu

January 14, 2009

The Family Night Meal is served from 4:45-6:00 p.m.

Fried Chicken

with creamed potatoes & gravy,
English peas, pear salad, biscuit,
cake

Baked Chicken

with same sides

Salad Bar

Kids: Pizza and chips

No reservations are needed.



December 28-31, 2008

Ministry Plan Gifts	\$360,585.09
Touching Tomorrow Today	\$54,326.66
Designated Gifts	\$41,047.50
Total Gifts	\$455,959.25

2008 Mission/Ministry Plan Summary

Year-to-Date Need	\$3,849,859.00
Actual Year-to-Date Gifts	\$3,649,296.37
Difference	(\$200,562.63)

Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions

Goal: \$75,000 Given to date: \$37,949

Gifts given in Memory of:

Georgia Hathcock, Anne Johnston, Albert May, Gloria Plott, Nell Reed, Jay Ricks, James Sherwood, Cubelle Stell

Gifts given in Honor of:

Jim Holloman, David Nelson, Pete Pierson, JoAnne Robertson, Tim and Shelley Simpson
Bill Walker Sunday School Class

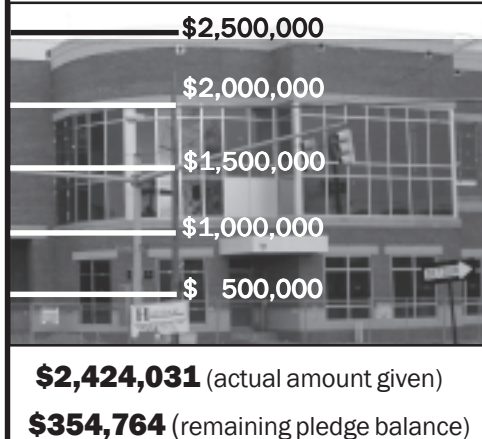
Bible Study Attendance

Sunday School - January 4, 2009

	Enrollment	Attendance
Preschool	179	115
Children	204	109
Students	213	132
College	229	40
Adults	1422	643
Total	2247	1039



\$2,778,795 (total amount pledged)



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Sunday, January 11

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30-11:00 Library Open
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship
4:00 p.m. Reception for Carl Wells
4:30 ESL classes
5:00 *Financial Peace University*
Orientation Session
6:00 Evening Worship
6:00 *Bible Skills, Drills, Thrills*
7:11 Freshman Bible Study

Tuesday, January 13

7:00 p.m. Epic: College Bible Study

Wednesday, January 14

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer (Chapel)
9:00 Quilters
9:00 First Ladies Bible study
2:00-7:30 Library Open
4:45-6:00 Family Night Meal
5:30 Spanish Bible study
5:45-6:30 Mid-Week Devotion
5:45-6:30 Children's Choirs
5:45-7:30 *Financial Peace University*
5:45-7:30 First Ladies Bible Studies
6:00-7:00 Adult DiscipleLife
6:00-7:15 The Arena (Students)
6:15-7:45 ESL classes
6:35 Choir/Orchestra rehearsal
6:40-7:30 Children's Missions
8:00 Chinese Prayer Service

Thursday, January 15

9:30 a.m. ESL Classes
6:30 p.m. Honduras Trip meeting

Friday, January 16

7:00 p.m. Chinese Bible Study

Saturday, January 17

8:00 a.m. Upward Basketball games

Mission Statement:

First Baptist Church meets to **magnify** Jesus Christ and **multiply** His Kingdom, to mature believers into effective Christ-followers, and to **minister** to others in Jesus' name.

Mission Trip Discovery Meetings

Honduras - Thursday, January 15
Colorado Family Trip - Tuesday, January 20
Ukraine - Thursday, January 22
Dominican Republic - Tuesday, January 27
Uganda - Thursday, January 29
Thailand - Tuesday, February 3
Brazil - Thursday, February 19



Please attend any of these no-obligation informational meetings for details on the 2009 mission trips. All meetings are at 6:30 p.m. in the First Baptist International Center.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University

Learn how to get out of debt, stay out of debt, and build wealth through Dave Ramsey's *Financial Peace University*. NOTE: An orientation session will be this Sunday, January 11 at 5:00 p.m. in room CC 313 (third floor of the Children's Center) with the first regular FPU session on Wednesday, January 14, 5:45-7:30 p.m. in room CC 313. Led by Kris Sullivan and Trip Farmer.



The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary this Sunday in honor of Carl and Eleanor Wells in appreciation of their many years of service with First Baptist Church.

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