



First Servant Weekly

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Parent - Child Dedication

Sunday, January 18
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.



This Sunday:

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Prelude
Orchestra

Baby Dedication
Lecretia Mitchell
Preschool Ministry Associate

Sing to the King

Indescribable
Worship Choir & Orchestra

Holy, Holy, Holy

Welcome to Worship
Dr. Gil McKee

How Great Is Our God

Offertory Prayer
Matt Rouse
Minister of Music

Mighty to Save
Matt Rouse

Morning Message
Dr. Gil McKee

Have Thine Own Way,
Lord

The Doxology

Postlude
Donna McCown



Men's Fraternity

Kick-Off Breakfast: Thursday, January 22 at 6:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Regular sessions will start on Thursday, February 5, at 6:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Divorce Care

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.



Committee Meeting Day

An opportunity for all committees to meet within their groups and plan for the coming year



Word from the Pastor...

What a great day we had this past Sunday on **Carl Wells Day!** I want to thank **Linda Gibson** and the rest of our Hospitality Committee for hosting such a wonderful reception for Carl and Eleanor. The food and time of fellowship were tremendous. I also want to thank the entire church family for the gracious and generous love offering you gave the Wells, as well as your outstanding attendance and participation in the day.



Of course, as we all know, the close of one chapter always brings the beginning of a new chapter. And as Carl and Eleanor begin a new chapter of their lives, our senior adults must begin a new chapter in their lives as God brings a new person on our staff to lead them.

Last Tuesday, **Jerry Lake** was introduced during the January *Triple L* meeting as Bro. Carl's successor as Minister to Senior Adults. Jerry will begin his duties on February 1. Of course, most of our church family know Jerry and Helen Lake. They have been faithful members of our congregation for 19 years. Their dedication and commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ and First Baptist Church is unwavering and obvious to all who know them.

I want to thank our Personnel Committee who worked for six months in searching for our next Minister to Senior Adults. They did an outstanding job; and I could not be more pleased with the outcome of their prayerful and diligent process. I hope you will begin praying for Jerry now as he prepares to fill this important role on our church staff.

Once again, God has proven one of Carl's favorite sayings to be true: "*God is good all the time...and all the time God is good!*" Yes He is! And He has been good to our senior adult ministry! -- Bro. Gil

Contact Information Updates

As we strive to improve our communication with our church family, please help us keep your contact information current by sending us your phone numbers (home, work, cell) and email addresses that we may not have or any updates in your information. Parents, if you have young adult children (especially those married or not living at home), we need your help to update their information. For many young adults who grew up in our church, we still have them listed with their parents and therefore do not have their current information. Please contact Barbara Smith with any updates at Barbara@fbctuscaloosa.org or 345-7554.

"Thank You!" From Carl Wells

As I reflect on my ministry with the family called First Baptist and the special day Sunday, I do have much to be thankful for. Let me say first of all I am most thankful for my wife, Eleanor. She has been with me all the way. She has been my partner in ministry and my greatest supporter. She is one of a kind and I do thank her for so, so much.

Thank you for letting me come back and serve with our Senior Adults. It has been one of the highlights of my ministry. The services Sunday morning and the reception were so special. The gift, the plaque and kind words blessed my heart. As a church family, you have a unique place in my heart and as always I thank God for you and the opportunity to serve. I am excited about the "yet to be". Yes, loving, serving and magnifying His Name.

- *Keep The Son In Our Eyes, Carl*



Revealed
41 Hours of Spiritual Growth

Disciple Now 2009
January 23-25
Ryan John & Antjuan Marsh
Great Bible Study Leaders
DNow Recreation
Amazing Worship
Life-Changing Bible Study

Cost: \$50
\$75 after January 14

Young Men's Class

First Baptist Church has just started a new Sunday School class for young men (early-mid 20's). Led by Bill Miller and Steve Zark, this innovative class meets each Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. in room MP 324 (third floor of the Multi-Purpose Building). Young men, please join Bill and Steve this Sunday morning.

Drawing Class

Have you ever wanted to learn to draw? Anyone interested in a drawing class should attend an informational meeting on Wednesday, January 21 at 3:00 p.m. in room 228, Multi-Purpose Building. The lessons are free, and the materials cost should be \$25 or less. We'll be using black graphite pencil on white paper creating realistic drawings of objects found in the home and in nature. For more information, please call the Senior Adventure Ministry office at 366-4402 or the class instructor, Ray Rayfield, at 339-5579.

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 and February 8. Please contact Donna McCown for more information.

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 01/13/09:

DCH Regional Med Center:

Ninette Cannon Carl Mackey
Henrietta Marshall Kathryn Phillips

Northport Med Center:

Wayne Patrick

Forest Manor:

Midy Holt

Sympathy to:

- Jeanne Hodgins and family in the death of her aunt.
- Johnye McGee and family in the death of her husband, Sam McGee.

January 18 Volunteers

TV Ministry

Mark Gurganus, Jim Hamner, Mike Cornett, Randy Glover

Russell Special Education

Larry Suttles

Wednesday Nights at First

Wednesday Nights at First (WNF) activities have already kicked off in 2009, but it is not too late for your entire family to join in! For a Wednesday schedule including details about Adult DiscipleLife studies currently offered, please pick up a "Wednesday Nights at First" brochure from the literature racks throughout the church or visit our website, www.firsttuscaloosa.org.

Wednesday Menu

January 21, 2009

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

Poppyseed Chicken

with rice, lima beans, congealed salad, cookies

Baked Chicken

with same sides

Salad Bar

Kids: Hamburgers and chips

No reservations are needed.



January 11, 2009

Weekly Ministry Plan Need	\$76,089.45
Ministry Plan Gifts	\$49,752.87
Difference	(\$26,336.58)

Touching Tomorrow Today	\$2,459.25
Designated Gifts	\$1,035.00
Total Gifts for Week	\$53,247.12

2009 Mission/Ministry Plan Summary

Year-to-Date Need	\$152,178.90
Actual Year-to-Date Gifts	\$117,187.13
Difference for Year	(\$34,991.77)

Touching Tomorrow Today

Total Amount Pledged	\$2,778,495.20
Contributions to Date	\$2,439,495.19
Remaining Balance	(\$339,000.01)

Gifts given in Memory of:

Georgja Hathcock, Gloria Plott, Jay Ricks, Dr. Tommy Russell, Cubelle Stell, Edward K. Wood

Gifts given in Honor of:

George Hodgson, Carl and Eleanor Wells

Bible Study Attendance

Sunday School - January 11, 2009

	Enrollment	Attendance
Preschool	179	126
Children	204	117
Students	213	140
College	229	110
Adults	1422	704
Total	2247	1197

Welcome New Member

by Letter/Statement:

8: Leah Garner

Word of Thanks

Dear First Ladies:

Your Christmas gifts to the International children were truly a blessing. Your thoughtfulness and hard work in getting nearly double the usual number of gifts prepared was a very generous effort. Your kindness added greatly to the joy our International students learning to speak English experienced in 2008. The students repeatedly asked that we assure you of their gratefulness. - Mission Ministry

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Carl Wells

Associate Pastor Emeritus

Sunday, January 18

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30-11:00 Library Open
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship
4:30 ESL classes
4:30 Committee Meetings
5:00 DivorceCare
6:00 Evening Worship
6:00 Bible Skills, Drills, Thrills
6:00 Student Ministry FBU

Monday, January 19

9:30 a.m. Women on Mission Bible study

Tuesday, January 20

6:30 p.m. Colorado Mission Meeting
7:00 Epic: College Bible Study

Wednesday, January 21

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer (Chapel)
9:00 Quilters
9:00 First Ladies Bible study
2:00-7:30 Library Open
3:00 p.m. Drawing class
3:00 Pregame for students
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 22

6:00 a.m. Men's Fraternity
kick-off breakfast
9:30 ESL Classes
5:30 p.m. DiscipleNow weekend
begins
6:30 p.m. Ukraine mission meeting

Friday, January 23

7:00 p.m. Chinese Bible Study

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.

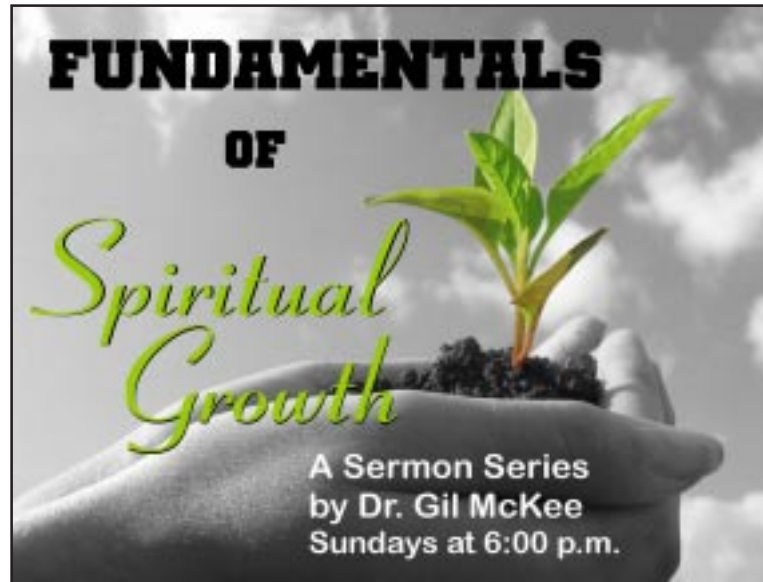
Mission Trip Discovery Meetings

This Week:

Colorado Family Trip - Tuesday, January 20

Ukraine - Thursday, January 22

Please attend any of these informational meetings for details on upcoming mission trips. All meetings are at 6:30 p.m. in the First Baptist International Center.



*The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary this Sunday
in memory of Brandon Black
by John and Joanna Jacobs and Savanna Black.*

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