



# First Servant Weekly

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## Spring Forward!

The beginning of Daylight Saving Time makes us think of Spring, the season of renewal, new life and growth. As the time changes, here are some things to consider:

- Don't forget to move your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night (March 7.)
- Take this opportunity to renew your commitment to attend Sunday School, and to invite others, especially during our March Gladness emphasis.
- Help us make Sunday, March 8 a day to "catch-up" on our financial commitments by bringing your offering from

last Sunday as well as this week's tithes and offerings. ("Thank you" to those who have already mailed or dropped off your offering.) You may also use this day to bring your 2009 pledge to the Mission and Ministry Plan up to date and recommit to give from the "First Fruits" of your financial blessings.

## This Sunday:

**8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

Prelude

Donna McCown (8:30)  
Orchestra (11:00)

Baptism

*He Keeps Me Singing  
Victory in Jesus*

Welcome to Worship  
Dr. Gil McKee

*Friend of God*

*When His Presence Fills  
This Place*

Worship Choir and  
Orchestra  
Soloist - Greta Bryant

*Amazing Grace, My Chains  
are Gone*

Offertory Prayer  
Vial Fontenot  
Minister of Missions

*Let the Worshippers  
Arise*  
Fortress and Orchestra

**Morning Message**  
Dr. Gil McKee

*The Heart of Worship*

*The Doxology*

**LIVE WITH URGENCY**  
SOWING TOGETHER FOR HARVEST  
JOHN 4:35-37

**Annie Armstrong  
Offering**  
**Our Goal: \$25,000**

**North American Missions Emphasis: March 8-15\***  
\*Due to winter weather, First Baptist did not have services on Sunday, March 1.  
The prayer emphasis will begin on March 8 instead of March 1.



## Vacation Bible School is Coming!

**June 8-11, 8:30-11:30 a.m.**

Please prayerfully consider where you will serve.

**Director's Meeting: Sunday, March 29 at 4:30 p.m.**

**Leadership Meeting: Sunday, April 26 at 4:00 p.m.**

## Word from the Pastor...

Well, last Sunday was one of those inclement weather days that only happen in the form of snow about once every ten years or so here in Tuscaloosa – but it happened! And as you know, based on the information we received from our local television station weather team and police department, we decided to cancel our services and activities for the day. Our thinking was that if we erred we wanted to err on the side of safety and good sense. So I hope you enjoyed the beauty of the falling snow and were able to spend some meaningful time with your family.



Unfortunately, we missed the first Sunday of **March Gladness**, our emphasis on inviting as many people to Sunday School and Worship as possible during the month of March. I hope you will work extra hard this week in inviting some of your neighbors, friends, co-workers, and family members to church. We still have four Sundays in the month so let's keep inviting people.

Of course, canceling our services and other activities last Sunday also means that we didn't receive any tithes and offerings. Therefore, if we are going to make up for the financial loss of one week, we will need to double up this week. So please come prepared to not only give what your tithe and regular offerings should be for this week but also what your tithe and offerings should have been last week as well.

Thank you for your faithfulness to the Lord and His Church. I look forward to seeing you Sunday!

**Bro. Gil**

## Visited Our Website Lately?

Be sure to visit [www.firsttuscaloosa.org](http://www.firsttuscaloosa.org) often for the latest news and information about church activities and on-going church ministries. Many of our print publications and brochures (including this newsletter) are also available online.

You may also download Dr. Gil McKee's sermons for free to your iPod, iPhone or Mp3 player, or listen online using our RSS feed. Scroll down to the bottom of the home page and locate the purple symbol like the one shown here. Click "Get Started" to visit our Podcast page and follow the instructions. Sermons from the last 12 months are located in the archive (bottom of the podcast page).



## Senior Adventure Ministry

• **Naomi's Sisters:** As widows we have truly experienced our Lord's love and grace for us. This new ministry will help us come together and share ideas, needs, and get to know each other better. Please join us for an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 10 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There will be refreshments as we meet to decide activities we may enjoy doing together.

• **"Line dance" Exercise Classes** - Begin Monday, March 16 and meet weekly from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in room C107 (under the Chapel). The group will begin learning the steps slowly and add a little each week. Come participate in a fun way to exercise mind and body!

## Builders' Yard Sale

Once again the Builders' Mission team is hosting a yard sale here at First Baptist Church. It will be on a Saturday in June, but we need to start collecting good, saleable items NOW! These items will be collected and stored until the big day. Please do not bring items to the church, but call Lewis Ray (242-6696, 339-8272) or Grady Friday (758-0267, 799-0423) to arrange for pick up of larger items. Thanks for your support of missions by helping provide these gifts.

## Dominican Republic Meeting

Tuesday, March 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the International Center. We will discuss a new date for this mission trip to the Dominican Republic.

## Adult Volleyball

Every Monday at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

## Committees in Focus

*Each week a different committee is highlighted, along with its primary responsibilities.*

### Hospitality Committee

Members: Linda Gibson (chair), Brooke Bunn, Teresa Madden, Linda Martin, Virginia Norred, Susan Wilkin, Candy Hocutt, Carla Wilhite, Linda Carroll, Terri Malone, Amy Walker, Libby Uzzell.

This committee, along with the Church Hostess, plans and manages receptions and other social functions for the church body, and ensures adequate arrangements for welcoming visitors to the church.

## 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 03/03/09:

### DCH Regional Med Center:

Lanny Gamble  
Pat McKee  
Lynn Wilson

### Forest Manor Rehab:

Deryl Barnhill

## Sympathy to:

- Buna Woodruff and family in the death of her sister.
- Heather Zark and family in the death of her uncle.
- Gene Marshall and family in the death of his wife, Henrietta Marshall; Vickie Dockery and family in the death of her mother; Rachel Dockery and Tyler Savage and family in the death of their grandmother.

## March 8 Volunteers

### TV Ministry

Ken Faught, David Kendrick, Rick Dowling, Randy Glover

### Russell Special Education

Brian and Mary Jane Turner

## Wednesday Menu

March 11, 2009

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

### Catfish

with baked potatoes, slaw, corn-on-the-cob, hushpuppies, apple pie

### Baked Chicken

with purple-hull peas, cornbread, slaw, corn-on-the-cob, apple pie

### Salad Bar

Kids: Hamburger and chips

*No reservations are needed.*

Meal Prices:

Adult Meal or Salad Bar: \$5.00

Kid's Meal: \$3.00



### Week of March 1, 2009

Weekly Ministry Plan Need	\$76,089.45
Ministry Plan Gifts	\$40,918.25
Difference for week	(\$35,171.20)

Touching Tomorrow Today	\$977.00
Designated Gifts	\$1,075.00
<b>Total Gifts for Week</b>	<b>\$42,970.25</b>

### 2009 Mission/Ministry Plan Summary

Year-to-Date Need	\$684,805.05
Actual Year-to-Date Gifts	\$510,002.58
Difference for Year	(\$174,802.47)

### Touching Tomorrow Today

Total Amount Pledged	\$2,778,495.20
Contributions to Date	\$2,450,465.17
Remaining Balance	(\$328,030.03)

Annie Armstrong Offering Goal	\$25,000.00
Given to Date:	\$540.00

### Gifts given in Memory of:

Eugene Bush  
Henrietta Marshall  
Pete Pierson  
Ellie Stokes

### Gifts given in Honor of:

Minnie Bell Mills



## Bible Skills, Drills and Thrills

For First - Fifth Grade  
Sundays from 6:00-7:00 p.m.  
Children's Center Room 216



## First Baptist University

Small-group Bible Studies for students in grades 6-12  
6:00-7:00 p.m. Sundays  
Student Ministry Building

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## Sunday, March 8

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

## Monday, March 9

- 6:00 p.m. Volleyball for adults

## Tuesday, March 10

- 10:00 a.m. Widows' Ministry organizational meeting
- 1:30 p.m. Body Recall
- 7:00 Epic: College Bible Study

## Wednesday, March 11

- 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
- 7:15 Overtime for students
- 8:00 Chinese Prayer Service

## Thursday, March 12

- 6:00 a.m. Men's Fraternity
- 9:30 ESL Classes
- 1:30 Body Recall

## Friday, March 13

- 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.



**March  
GLADNESS**

*I was glad when they said to me,  
"Let us go into the house of the Lord."  
Psalm 122:1*

**Join us on the  
"Road to Sunday School"  
during the month of March.**



*The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary this Sunday in celebration of the 91<sup>st</sup> birthday of John Oswalt by his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

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