



First Servant Weekly

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This Sunday:

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

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

Baptism (11:00)

Who Can Satisfy

Give Me Jesus
Worship Choir and
Orchestra

Welcome to Worship
Dr. Gil McKee

To God Be the Glory
How Great Is Our God
How Great Thou Art

Offertory Prayer
John Lowe
Minister to Students

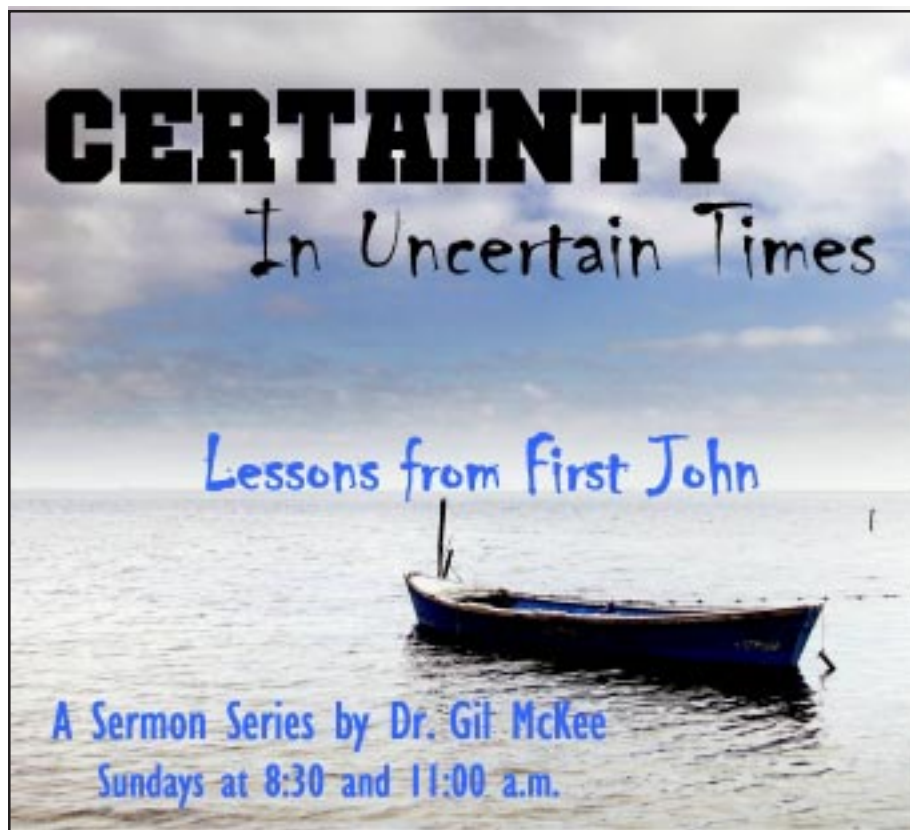
Offertory
Barbara Smith (8:30)
Rhythm Section (11:00)

Morning Message
Dr. Gil McKee

I Surrender All

My Tribute

Postlude
Donna McCown



Don't Miss Sunday School!

March Gladness is our church-wide Sunday School emphasis. If you don't regularly attend Sunday School, this is the ideal time to get involved. Bible study classes for all ages meet each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. Please visit our website at www.firsttuscaloosa.org for a complete description of classes.

If you are already involved in Sunday School, be sure to invite someone to come with you.



From the Pastor...

Believe it or not, the end of the first century, during which time the apostle John wrote his gospel, three epistles, and the Revelation, was a time not so very different from our own. This was especially true in the Roman province of Asia. The region of that province, which is modern Turkey, was a melting pot of ideas, philosophies, and religions, including the worship of numerous false gods and the occult.



Like our post-modern culture today, the idea of absolute truth was not tolerated by a pre-second century society that had become totally pluralistic. Therefore, there was a lot of religious and spiritual uncertainty in the world. And unfortunately, the competing ideologies of the day had begun to take a toll even on the Christian churches of the day. To say the least, there was a cloud of uncertainty hovering over the Christians of that day.

So the apostle John picked up his pen, and under the divine inspiration of the Holy Spirit, wrote his first epistle to the church addressing the uncertainties of their day. What is so incredible about this letter is how relevant it is to our day.

Beginning this Sunday morning, March 15, I will begin a new series of sermons entitled, "***Certainty in Uncertain Times.***" As we study this first epistle of John I think you will be amazed, encouraged, and blessed by its relevance for the uncertain time in which we are living.

Please tell someone about this new series and invite them to come. It will be just another way to bring them some gladness during the month of *March Gladness*.

I'll see you Sunday!

Bro. Gil

First Baptist Website

Be sure to visit www.firsttusalooosa.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.



Senior Adventure Ministry

"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!

Thank You Notes

First Ladies Noon Luncheon Group would like to say a huge 'Thank You' to all the Sunday School classes, Bible study groups, children's mission groups, and individuals who donated money and items to send to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Our group is overwhelmed with the generosity that everyone demonstrates with this project each year. The men and women who receive these boxes will surely feel the Christian love that went into filling each box and our appreciation to them for serving there.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your many acts of kindness during my recent surgery and hospital stay. Your prayers, visits, cards, notes and calls were coveted and deeply appreciated. Nancy and I felt the power of your many prayers on our behalf and ask you to continue to lift us up. It's a blessing to be a part of such a caring church. - *God Bless, Lanny Gamble*

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.

Committees in Focus

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

Kitchen Committee

Members: Katharine Brown (chair), Doris Dickinson, Gerri Prentice, Margaret Wascomb, Helen Lake, Peggy Sexton, Ernestine Walker.

This committee is responsible for the administration of policies and procedures regarding the kitchen, and for equipment management.

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 03/10/09:

DCH Regional Med Center:

Mary Jones
Ashley Nelson
Lynn Wilson
Faye Wood

Forest Manor Rehab:

Deryl Barnhill

Sympathy to:

- Bill Burroughs and family in the death of his father, Leland Burroughs.
- Loretia Mitchell and family in the death of her cousin.

Adult Volleyball

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

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 - June 22-29.

Wednesday Menu

March 18, 2009

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

Beef Spaghetti

with green beans, tossed salad, garlic bread, cheese cake

Baked Chicken

with same side items plus rice pilaf

Salad Bar

Kids: Hot dogs and fries

No reservations are needed.

Meal Prices:

Adult Meal or Salad Bar: \$5.00

Kid's Meal: \$3.00



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Weekly Ministry Plan Need	\$76,089.45
Ministry Plan Gifts	\$110,518.54
Surplus for week	\$34,429.09

Touching Tomorrow Today	\$4,462.66
Designated Gifts	\$4,356.00
Total Gifts for Week	\$119,337.20

2009 Mission/Ministry Plan Summary

Year-to-Date Need	\$760,894.50
Actual Year-to-Date Gifts	\$620,521.12
Difference for Year	(\$140,373.38)

Touching Tomorrow Today

Total Amount Pledged	\$2,777,995.20
Contributions to Date	\$2,454,927.83
Remaining Balance	(\$323,067.37)

Annie Armstrong Offering Goal	\$25,000.00
Given to Date:	\$3,991.00

Gifts given in Memory of:

Leland B. Burroughs, Sr.
Joe McCrary
Henrietta Marshall
Bill Patrick
Ellie J. Stokes
Jim Wascomb
Britni Wilhite

Bible Study Attendance

Sunday School - March 8, 2009

	Enrollment	Attendance
Preschool	179	120
Children	204	119
Students	213	140
College	229	80
Adults	1422	706
Total	2247	1165

Welcome New Members

by Letter/Statement:

20-23: Ed, Janice, Stefanie and Evan Back
24: Jackie Ray

March 15 Volunteers

TV Ministry

Bryan Owings, Ben Owings, Rick Dowling,
Randy Glover

Russell Special Education

Kelley Lea

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Sunday, March 15

- 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 16

- 9:30 a.m. Women on Mission Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Volleyball for adults
- 6:30 Line Dancing Exercise classes

Tuesday, March 17

- 6:30 a.m. Deacons' Advisory Council
- 1:30 p.m. Body Recall
- 7:00 Epic: College Bible Study

Wednesday, March 18

- 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, March 19

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

Friday, March 20

- 7:00 p.m. Chinese Bible Study
- 7:00 Student Ministry's Friday Night Lights

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.



Vacation Bible School is Coming!

June 8-11, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Please prayerfully consider where you will serve.

Director's Meeting: Sunday, March 29 at 4:00 p.m.

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

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

Annie Armstrong Offering for **North American Missions**

Our Goal: \$25,000 **Given to Date: \$3,991**



The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary this Sunday in loving memory of Larry Park by his family.

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