



# First Servant Weekly

Dr. Gil McKee, Senior Pastor

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## This Sunday:

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

Prelude

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

*Come, Christians,  
Join to Sing*

*Majestic*

*The Word*

Worship Choir, Orchestra,  
Children's Choirs (11:00)

Welcome to Worship  
Dr. Gil McKee

*Sweeter  
'Tis So Sweet*

Offertory Prayer  
Matt Rouse  
Minister of Music

*He's Always Been Faithful*  
Robin Ford

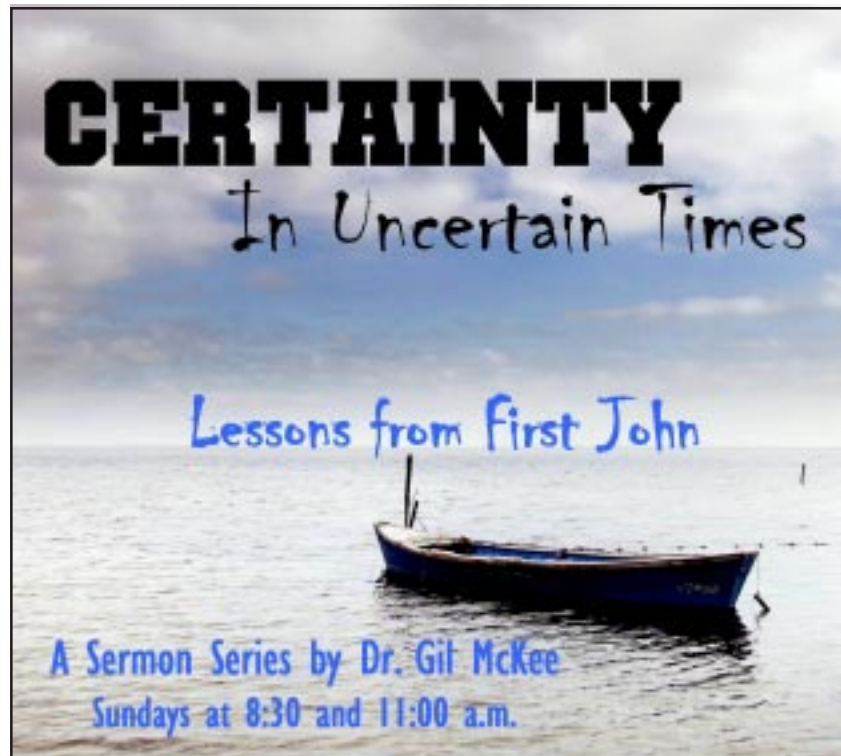
**Morning Message**  
Dr. Gil McKee

*Here I Am to Worship*

*The Word*

Worship Choir, Orchestra,  
Children's Choirs (8:30)

*The Doxology*



**Annie Armstrong  
Easter Offering**  
for North American Missions  
**Our Goal: \$25,000**  
**Given to date: \$6,891**



**Vacation  
Bible School**

**Directors' Meeting**  
Sunday, March 29  
4:00 p.m.  
Room 216, Children's Center  
(VBS is June 8-11.)

**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.**

**Make someone glad.  
Invite them to Sunday School!**

## From the Pastor...

Not long after our group returned from Israel last November, several people began asking me to look into a trip to Greece and Turkey that would retrace some of the Apostle Paul's missionary journeys. Of course, I certainly realize that the current economic situation may limit the number of people that would want to make a trip like this right now; but enough people have continued to express interest that I have set the tentative dates for this trip for August 15-25, 2009.



We will retrace Paul's second missionary journey and tour places such as Thessaloniki, Amphipolis, Philippi, Delphi, Corinth and other historic Biblical sites. We will also tour Athens and the spectacular Greek Isles including Rhodes, a number of other beautiful islands, and the Isle of Patmos where the Apostle John was exiled and received Revelation. We will also stop in Turkey and tour Ephesus – a true archaeological wonder with deep Biblical significance. In fact, it was in Ephesus where John lived when he wrote his first epistle that we are studying right now on Sunday mornings.

Without question, this will be an incredible trip. However, we only have 25 spaces available. On Saturday, March 28 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall we will have an information meeting for those interested in this trip. Dr. Gary Frazier, President of Discovery Ministries, will conduct the meeting and share all the details you will need to know about the trip. So if you have any interest in making this trip, please plan to attend the meeting.

I will look forward to seeing you there!

Bro. Gil

## Committees in Focus

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

### Library Committee

Members: Don Norton (chair), Betty Richardson, Becky Espey, Mary Angelyn Fisher, Annette Walker, Alice Patrick, Mary Helen Terry, Sue Mobley, Betty Edwards.

This committee is responsible for maintaining the facilities and inventory of the church library, as well as promoting the use of the library by church members.

## Mission News

### Colorado Family Trip, April 13-17

There is room for one more family, but this week is the deadline for families to get present ticket rates.

The final preparation meeting is Tuesday, March 31.

### Ukraine Price Drop

An excellent rate in Ukraine airline prices has enabled the initial advertised cost for this trip to drop from \$2000 to \$1600. Available for a limited time only.

### Dominican Republic Date Change

The dates for the Dominican Republic trip have changed to June 22-29. A special meeting to explain this and additional travel/ministry plans will be in the International Center Tuesday, March 24.

### Hearing Aids Needed

Many of you have asked in the past if we needed used hearing aids. Until now we have not had a way to make use of them, but that has changed. The team traveling to Dominican Republic this summer will be taking as many as can be collected. The need is very great. Please bring any hearing aids and batteries you wish to donate to the Missions Office.

## Disaster Relief Training

- Thursday, April 16: General introductory class - Necessary for anyone participating in Southern Baptist Relief programs. Cost: \$25.
- Friday and Saturday, April 17-18: Advanced classes in Chainsaw Operation. Cost: \$16. Classes will be held at the Tuscaloosa County Baptist Association's office at 4300 Highway 69 N in Northport. Please contact 339-2273 for more information or to sign up. You may also register online at [www.sbdr.org](http://www.sbdr.org). Payment should be labeled "Disaster Relief Registration" and sent directly to the Tuscaloosa County Baptist Association.

## Children's Choirs

On Sunday, March 22 our first-fifth grade children's choirs will sing with our adult choir and orchestra at the end of the 8:30 a.m. service and at the beginning of the 11:00 a.m. service. Parents, if possible, we would like to have your child sing in both services.

9:00 a.m.: Children assemble in the **Chapel**. (Children attending the early service will leave during the offertory for the Chapel.)

9:20: Children will sing in the early service following the invitation.

10:50 a.m.: Children will assemble in **Room 216**, Children's Center immediately after Sunday School. They will walk as a group to the Sanctuary at 11:00 and sing following the first hymn. Children whose families attend the early service will then be dismissed to the foyer where parents may pick them up.

## 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 03/17/09:

### DCH Regional Med Center:

Lanny Gamble

### Forest Manor Rehab:

Deryl Barnhill

## Sympathy to:

- Allen and Kay McGiffert and family in the death of his father; Sara Francis and Katherine McGiffert in the death of their grandfather.
- Buddy and Buna Woodruff and family in the death of his sister; Woody Woodruff and family in the death of his aunt.

## Congratulations to:

Jeff and Brandy Maxwell in the birth of twin boys, Jeffrey Barten Maxwell and Jackson Lee Maxwell, on Friday, March 13, 2009.

## Word of Thanks:

Dear First Baptist Family Members:

Words cannot express my appreciation for all the kind and thoughtful things you did for me after my surgery and during my recovery. Thanks so much for all the prayers, visits, hugs, cards, phone calls, Valentines, food, baskets and bags of goodies, flowers and the prayer shawl. I'm feeling much better now and hope after a few more sessions of therapy that I will soon be able to be back at church. I'm thankful to be a part of a caring and loving church. - Emmie Steele Avery

## Wednesday Menu

March 25, 2009

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

**Fried Chicken OR Baked Chicken** with rice and gravy, congealed salad, mixed vegetables, biscuits, cookies

**Salad Bar**

**Kids:** Corn dog and fries

*No reservations are needed.*



### March 15, 2009

Weekly Ministry Plan Need \$76,089.45  
Ministry Plan Gifts \$67,364.83  
Difference for week \$8,724.62

Touching Tomorrow Today \$2,744.00  
Designated Gifts \$15,125.00  
**Total Gifts for Week \$85,233.83**

### 2009 Mission/Ministry Plan Summary

Year-to-Date Need \$836,983.95  
Actual Year-to-Date Gifts \$687,885.95  
Difference for Year (\$149,098.00)

### Touching Tomorrow Today

Total Amount Pledged \$2,777,995.20  
Contributions to Date \$2,457,671.83  
Remaining Balance (\$320,323.37)

Annie Armstrong Offering Goal \$25,000.00  
Given to Date: \$6,891.00

### Gifts given in Memory of:

Leland B. Burroughs, Sr.  
Henrietta Marshall  
Mable Turner

## Bible Study Attendance

### Sunday School - March 15, 2009

	Enrollment	Attendance
Preschool	179	103
Children	204	111
Students	213	122
College	229	19
Adults	1422	677
<b>Total</b>	<b>2247</b>	<b>1032</b>

## Welcome New Members

### by Letter/Statement:

25: Joshua Stokley  
26-27: Barry and Jenny Wallace

## March 22 Volunteers

### TV Ministry

Mark Gurganus, Jim Hamner, Rick Dowling, Randy Glover

### Russell Special Education

Frances Crow

## 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.

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## Sunday, March 22

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:30-11:00 Library Open
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship
- 12:00 p.m. 5th Grade Pizza Party
- 4:30 ESL classes
- 5:00 DivorceCare
- 6:00 Evening Worship
- 6:00 Bible Skills, Drills, Thrills
- 6:00 FBU for Students
- 7:15 Deacons' Meeting

## Monday, March 23

- 2:00 p.m. Randall Group
- 5:15 Nightlighters
- 6:30 Line Dancing Exercise classes

## Tuesday, March 24

- 10:00 a.m. Girlfriends group
- 1:30 p.m. Body Recall
- 6:30 Dominican Republic meeting
- 7:00 Epic: College Bible Study

## Wednesday, March 25

- 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
- 5:00 First Ladies Prayer
- 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 26

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

## Friday, March 27

- 7:00 p.m. Chinese Bible Study

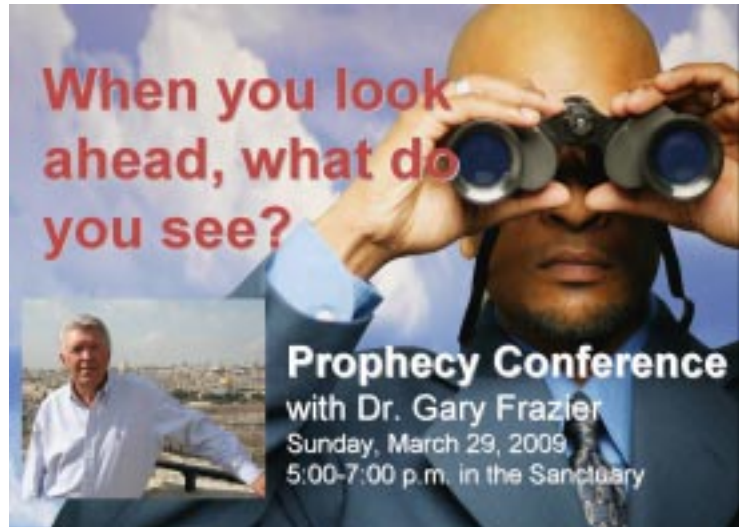
## Saturday, March 28

- 8:00 a.m. Senior Adult trip - Atlanta
- 6:00 p.m. Greece trip meeting

## Senior Recognition

The 2009 High School Senior Class will be honored by First Baptist Church on Sunday, May 17. If you know of a candidate for graduation who is not listed below, you please take a moment to call John Lowe or Jo Hebson in the church office. We do not want to leave anyone out of this significant occasion.

*Senior Class of 2009:* Kayla Chastine, Elizabeth Davis, Marcy Davis, Forrest Ford, Tori Gordon, Morgan Kendrick, Christine Nichols, Gary Prohaska, KendyllAn Reed, Sara Ringo, Amanda Shugarts, Taylor Skelton, Leigh Anna Solomon, Rebekah Spencer, Will Tinsley, Holly Todd, Young Tutwiler, Cody Walker, Mallory White, Jimbo Wilhite, David Wilson.



*The flowers are placed in the Foyer this Sunday in loving memory of Wyatt Frank Skinner and Edna Carney Skinner by the estate of Bill Skinner.*

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