



# First Servant Weekly

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### This Sunday:

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

*Glory to His Name Medley*  
Orchestra

Baptism (11:00)

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*O Worship the King with He Is the King*

Welcome to Worship  
Dr. Gil McKee

*Shout to the Lord*

*For the Lord Our God Reigns*  
Worship Choir and Orchestra

*Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners*

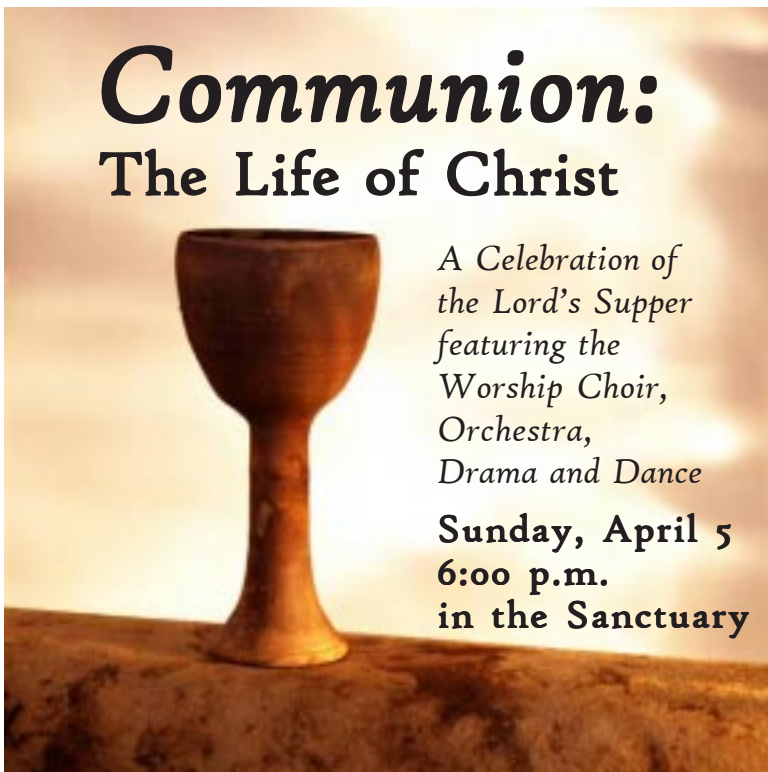
Offertory Prayer  
Kris Sullivan  
Business Administrator

Instrumental Offertory  
Andy Pettus

**Morning Message**  
**Dr. Gil McKee**

*We Fall Down He Is Lord*

Organ Postlude



## Communion: The Life of Christ

*A Celebration of the Lord's Supper featuring the Worship Choir, Orchestra, Drama and Dance*

**Sunday, April 5  
6:00 p.m.  
in the Sanctuary**

### Foundation Election

When you come to worship this Sunday, April 5, you will have the opportunity to elect four Directors to serve on the Board of Directors for the First Baptist Foundation. A change in the by-laws of the Foundation has expanded the Board from five to nine Directors. In accordance with the Foundation's by-laws **Terry Bunn, John Hogue, Milton Marcum, Allen McGiffert, Charles Orr, Brad Stuart and Carl Wells** have been nominated by the Foundation's current Board of Directors for consideration by the church. Please vote for four of these men. Ballots will be available in your worship guide Sunday morning. Completed ballots should be placed in the offering plate. More details concerning changes in the structure of the Foundation are forthcoming.

### Student Ministry Summer Camp

at Hargis Retreat  
Registration is open with a \$50 Deposit.  
Total Cost is \$210.  
Details available at  
**[www.thearenafirst.com](http://www.thearenafirst.com)**



## From the Pastor...

This Sunday, April 5, is **Palm Sunday**. This is always a very special time of the year for us as Christians; and this year will be no different.

This Sunday morning I plan to preach a message titled, *"The Last Seven Words of Christ."* In that message we will examine the last words Jesus spoke before His death on the cross. Those words were full of significance and meaning and will enrich our observance of Christ's death and resurrection.

On Sunday evening we will gather again for a very special time of worship. This Sunday night will not be a typical Sunday evening worship service. Our Worship Choir and Orchestra will be sharing some beautiful music that will be accompanied by drama that will stir and bless our hearts. We will also observe the **Lord's Supper** together during that service.

Then next Sunday, of course, is **Easter Sunday**. That morning we will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. It is the special day of the year that we set aside especially for commemorating the fact that Jesus Christ is alive. He was killed on a cross for your sins and mine, buried in a borrowed tomb, but on the third day came out of that tomb alive and victorious over sin and death. Hallelujah! Our Savior lives!

I hope you will make every effort to be here the next two Sundays. I realize that Spring Break coincides this year with Easter. However, I want to ask every member of our church to make Sunday worship the next two weeks an absolute priority in your family's schedule. Let our witness and example be that nothing is more important on Easter than celebrating the resurrection of our Lord.

Hallelujah! Our Savior Lives! Bro. Gil



**Sunday, May 3, 2009**  
**Downtown Tuscaloosa**

## Discover First

*Learn More about First Baptist Church!*

An orientation session called "Discover First" will meet Sunday morning, April 26. This special class is for new adult members of First Baptist Church and for those interested in learning more about our church and the Baptist faith. Beginning at 8:45 a.m. in Room 301 on the third floor in the Children's Center, participants will "discover" about our Baptist faith and heritage and about the staff, the ministries, and the ministry opportunities at First Baptist. We will conclude with a luncheon for the entire family at 12:00 noon followed by a brief tour of our church facility. Bible study and activities will be provided for children and youth during the morning session of Discover First. Reservations are required by Wednesday, April 13. For more information or to sign up, please contact Barbara Smith in the church office at 345-7554 or [barbara@fbctuscaloosa.org](mailto:barbara@fbctuscaloosa.org).

## Mission Derby

**Wednesday, April 29 in the Family Life Center**

Girls and boys in grades 1-5 may participate in the race using the wooden cars they design and build. Car kits are available for purchase on Wednesday nights on the second floor of the Children's Center. Kits are \$6 each; weights and graphite tubes are \$3 each. Cars must be turned in by 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28 to qualify for the race. More information is available during RA's and GA's on Wednesday nights.

## First Ladies Bible Study

*Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed: A Study of David*  
Taped at Deeper Still 2007, Kay Arthur, Beth Moore, and Priscilla Shirer explored three stages of David's life in six Bible study sessions. You'll laugh with them, cry with them, and learn to love God with them. These authors' messages are divided into three segments, two lessons each. The study begins Wednesday, April 22 and will meet from 5:45-7:15 p.m. in Room 311, Children's Center. Facilitator is Celeste Wells.  
Cost: \$13.00

## Committees in Focus

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

### Missions Committee

Members: Judy Wilhite (chair), Rosalind Holloman, Sammie Barstow, Kim Murphy, Dan Shay, Jimmy Duren

This committee is responsible for planning mission opportunities and distributing money to worthy mission causes.

## 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 03/31/09:

### DCH Regional Med Center:

Clara Campbell  
Joy Orr

## Sympathy to:

- Martha Mackey and family in the death of her husband, Carl Mackey; April Vest in the death of her father; Miranda Mackey in the death of her grandfather.
- Mable Glover and family in the death of her sister.

## Senior Ministry Cruise

This cruise of the Western Caribbean is scheduled for January 25-30, 2010. The cost for an Interior room is \$378.21; an Ocean view room is \$428.21. The deadline for the \$200.00 deposit is April 3. Please contact Donna McCown at 366-4400 for more information.

## Sweet Dreams Ministry

### Pillowcase Workday

Monday, April 13, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

No prior sewing experience is necessary to help create these pillowcases that are given to clients at Children's Hospital in Birmingham.

## Wednesday Menu

April 8, 2009

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

### Barbecued Pork

with baked beans, corn-on-the-cob, cole slaw, BBQ bread, cake

### Baked Chicken

with green beans, creamed potatoes, slaw, BBQ bread, cake

### Salad Bar

Kids: Chicken fingers and fries

*No reservations are needed.*



### March 29, 2009

Weekly Ministry Plan Need	\$76,089.45
Ministry Plan Gifts	\$44,726.25
Difference for week	(\$31,363.20)

Touching Tomorrow Today	\$2,315.00
Designated Gifts	\$3,490.36
<b>Total Gifts for Week</b>	<b>\$50,531.61</b>

### 2009 Mission/Ministry Plan Summary

Year-to-Date Need	\$989,162.85
Actual Year-to-Date Gifts	\$778,329.20
Difference for Year	(\$210,833.65)

### Touching Tomorrow Today

Total Amount Pledged	\$2,777,995.20
Contributions to Date	\$2,460,848.83
Remaining Balance	(\$317,146.37)

Annie Armstrong Offering Goal	\$25,000.00
Given to Date:	\$9,073.50

### Gifts given in Memory of:

Lillie Baggett  
Robert Crow  
Cubelle Stell  
Rebecca Welch

## Bible Study Attendance

### Sunday School - March 29, 2009

	Enrollment	Attendance
Preschool	179	119
Children	204	105
Students	213	122
College	229	122
Adults	1422	727
<b>Total</b>	<b>2247</b>	<b>1195</b>

## Welcome New Members

### by Baptism:

13: Alec Adamczyk  
14: Lisa Harris  
15: Jalisa McCaa Harris  
16: Chris McCaa Harris  
17: Cody Ringo

### by Letter/Statement:

28: Charles Harris

## April 5 Volunteers

### TV Ministry

Mike Cornett, Ken Fought, Rick Dowling,  
Randy Glover

### Russell Special Education

Randy and Libby Uzzell

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## Sunday, April 5

8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30-11:00 Library Open  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship  
4:30 p.m. ESL classes  
5:00 DivorceCare  
6:00 Evening Worship:  
Lord's Supper Service

## Monday, April 6

6:30 p.m. Line Dancing Exercise  
classes

## Tuesday, April 7

10:30 a.m. Triple L Monthly Meeting  
1:30 p.m. Body Recall  
7:00 Epic: College Bible Study

## Wednesday, April 8

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 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 (Students)  
8:00 Chinese Prayer Service

## Thursday, April 9

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

## Friday, April 10

7:00 p.m. Chinese Bible Study

## Saturday, April 11

11:00 a.m. Easter Eggstravaganza  
at Camp Tuscoba

### ***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.



**Easter  
Eggstravaganza**

**Saturday, April 11**  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
at Camp Tuscoba  
*Union Chapel Road in Northport*

Egg Hunts  
Bouncy Games  
Train Rides  
FREE Hot Dog Lunch

Bring your Easter basket,  
a lawn chair and a friend!

Invite your friends and neighbors  
to this fun event for the entire family!

*For more information, contact the Children's Center at  
391-3115 or visit our website: [www.firsttuscaloosa.org](http://www.firsttuscaloosa.org).*

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