



First Servant Weekly

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Easter Celebration

Worship Services

at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

(No evening worship service on Sunday, April 12.)

This Sunday:

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Organ Prelude

Baptism (11:00)

Congregational Singing

Yahweh

Worship Choir, Orchestra and Dance Troupe

Welcome to Worship
Dr. Gil McKee

Worship Hymns

Offertory Prayer
Tim Simpson
Minister to College

He Loved Me with a Cross

Candy Hocutt and
Worship Orchestra

Morning Message
Dr. Gil McKee

Invitation Hymn

Organ Postlude
Donna McCown

Colorado Mission Trip

Please pray for the mission team traveling to Aurora, Colorado to work with North American missionary Ryan Heller and his family April 13-18. They will participate in a Block Party for the South Denver area (Aurora), do survey work along with a Bible school and service project, and help clean schools and parks in Aurora, Colorado. They will also take gifts from our church to a new church being planted by Southern Baptists and the Colorado Baptist Convention.

Team members are: Vial Fontenot, Diane Gaddy, Bob and Pam Gross, Mike Gross, Rob Gross, Megan Morgan and Rhonda Morgan.

Student Ministry Summer Camp

at Hargis Retreat
Registration is open with a \$50 Deposit.
Total Cost is \$210.
Details available at

www.thearenafirst.com



From the Pastor...

What an incredible service we had this past Sunday night as we observed the Lord's Supper together. The worship led by the Worship Choir and Orchestra, the Student Praise Team, the drama cast and dance troupe, and all the others involved was so very meaningful. Thanks for leading us into the presence of God!



This Sunday, of course, is **Easter**

Sunday. As I have mentioned on a number of occasions now, Easter Sunday coincides with the beginning of Spring Break week. I realize that many of our members will be traveling and taking some needed vacation time. However, I want to ask those of you who will be traveling this next week to consider delaying your departure until after the morning worship services on Sunday.

Easter Sunday is the single-most celebrated day of the year for Christians because of what the day commemorates. Let me encourage those of you who will be traveling to come and celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and then do your traveling after the morning services. There will not be any evening activities so all of us will have an opportunity to spend time with family and friends on this special day.

I also want to remind you about the **T-Town Block Party** on May 3. Please be praying every day for the following things related to this exciting event:

- Good weather!
- Successful preparation and implementation of the Block Party.
- Rick Burgess, as he prepares to speak.
- The salvation of many that day.
- The people YOU plan to invite and bring to the Block Party.

Remember...May 3 is not about us or about what we normally do on Sunday mornings here at FBC. It's about inviting as many of our lost or unchurched friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family members as possible to come downtown that day for a fun and non-threatening event during which they will have the opportunity to experience the fellowship of the Church and hear the message of hope in the gospel of Jesus Christ presented by Rick Burgess.

Who do you know that needs to experience that? Who do you know that needs to hear the gospel? Please continue praying for them and INVITE them to come on Easter Sunday and May 3.

I'll See You on Resurrection Morning! Bro. Gil

Builders for Christ

Anyone interested in participating in this year's Builders for Christ trip to Monroe, Ohio scheduled for August 3-8 is invited to attend the team meeting on Tuesday, April 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the International Center.

Adult Bible Study

To Live is Christ, a journey into the life and heart of the Apostle Paul, will begin on Wednesday, April 29. This 11-week study, written by Beth Moore, tracks Paul's three missionary journeys. Anyone is welcome, but this information will be especially relevant for those who will participate in the FBC trip to Turkey and Greece in August. Choose either a morning session (9:00 - 11:00 a.m.) or evening session (5:45 - 7:15 p.m.) in Room 310, Children's Center. To register, email Sammie Barstow at: sjbarstow@charter.net. Cost: \$15.00.

First Ladies Bible Study

Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed: A Study of David Kay Arthur, Beth Moore, and Priscilla Shirer explore 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.

First Baptist Foundation Board Member Election

The following men have been elected to the Board of Directors of the First Baptist Church Foundation. The length of each man's term is listed beside his name. Carl Wells, 4 Years; Charles Orr, 3 Years; Milton Marcum, 2 Years; John Hogue, 1 Year.

Sweet Dreams Ministry Pillowcase Party

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

No prior sewing experience is necessary to help create these colorful pillowcases for children in the hospital for cancer treatments. Pillowcases completed during this workday will be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

Committees in Focus

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

Personnel Committee

Members: Milton Marcum, Ken Fitzgerald, Jerry Humber, T.I. Jones, Lanny Gamble, Terry Bunn, Billy Sharp, Grady Friday, Allen McGiffert, Maurice Kennedy, Debra McCrary, Sharon Stipe.

This committee is responsible for administering personnel policies and procedures for church staff, and for assisting the Pastor and Business Administrator in calling new staff and evaluating the performance of current staff.

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 04/07/09:

DCH Regional Med Center:

Lloyd Wood

Northport Med Center:

Clara Campbell

Sympathy to:

- The family and friends of Dr. Jack Roberts.
- Jeff Graham and family in the death of his grandmother.
- Rachel Watts and family in the death of her brother.

Word of Thanks

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for all the cards, visits, flowers, prayers and other expressions of your love and concern during my recent illness. - *Deryl Barnhill*

Discover First

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, ministries, and 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 Monday, April 13. For more information or to sign up, please contact Barbara Smith in the church office at 345-7554 or barbara@fbctuscaloosa.org.



April 5, 2009

Weekly Ministry Plan Need	\$76,089.45
Ministry Plan Gifts	\$90,642.75
Surplus for week	\$14,553.30

Touching Tomorrow Today	\$1,889.96
Designated Gifts	\$2,531.00
Total Gifts for Week	\$95,063.71

2009 Mission/Ministry Plan Summary

Year-to-Date Need	\$1,065,252.30
Actual Year-to-Date Gifts	\$868,971.95
Difference for Year	(\$196,280.35)

Touching Tomorrow Today

Total Amount Pledged	\$2,777,995.20
Contributions to Date	\$2,462,738.79
Remaining Balance	(\$315,256.41)

Annie Armstrong Offering Goal	\$25,000.00
Given to Date:	\$10,894.50

Gifts given in Memory of:

Carl Mackey
Bill Patrick
Pete Pierson

Gifts given in Honor of:

James Kyzer

Bible Study Attendance

Sunday School - April 5, 2009

	Enrollment	Attendance
Preschool	179	119
Children	204	108
Students	213	114
College	229	103
Adults	1422	661
Total	2247	1105

Welcome New Member

Melissa Hale (watchcare)

April 12 Volunteers

TV Ministry

Ben Owings, Bryan Owings, Rick Dowling,
Randy Glover

Russell Special Education

Joe Powell

Newsletter by Email

Please contact Barbara Smith (345-7554 or barbara@fbctuscaloosa.org) if you would like to begin receiving this newsletter by email on Wednesday of each week.

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Sunday, April 12

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30-11:00 Library Open
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship

Monday, April 13

Colorado Mission Team departs
6:30 p.m. Line Dancing Exercise classes

Tuesday, April 14

9:30 a.m. Senior Adult Bible Study
10:00 Naomi's Sisters group
7:00 Epic: College Bible Study

Wednesday, April 15

No afternoon or evening activities due to Spring Break.

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer (Chapel)
9:00 Quilters

Thursday, April 16

No regular activities due to Spring Break.

Friday, April 17

7:00 p.m. Chinese Bible Study

**Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering
For
North American
Missions**

**Our Goal: \$25,000
Given to Date: 10,894**

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.

**Who will
you invite
to this
special
event?**



Sunday, May 3, 2009

**Downtown Tuscaloosa
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Featuring:

Rick Burgess (Rick and Bubba Show)

Live Music with the **Keith Williams** Band

Inflatable Games and Petting Zoo for Children • Free Food

Volleyball and Basketball • Antique Cars • Autographs by UA Football legends

This event will take the place of our regular worship services, Sunday School and other activities on May 3. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors who normally don't attend church.

Games and other activities begin at 9:00 a.m.

Lunch will be served beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Rick Burgess will share a message of hope at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Games and activities will continue until 1:00 p.m.

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