



# First Servant Weekly

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## This Sunday:

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

Piano Prelude  
Barbara Smith

*Come, Thou Fount  
of Every Blessing*

*Who Can Satisfy*

Welcome to Worship  
Dr. Gil McKee

*Praise Him! Praise Him!*

*At the Name of Jesus*  
Worship Choir and  
Orchestra

*In Christ Alone*

Offertory Prayer  
Jerry Lake  
Minister to Senior Adults

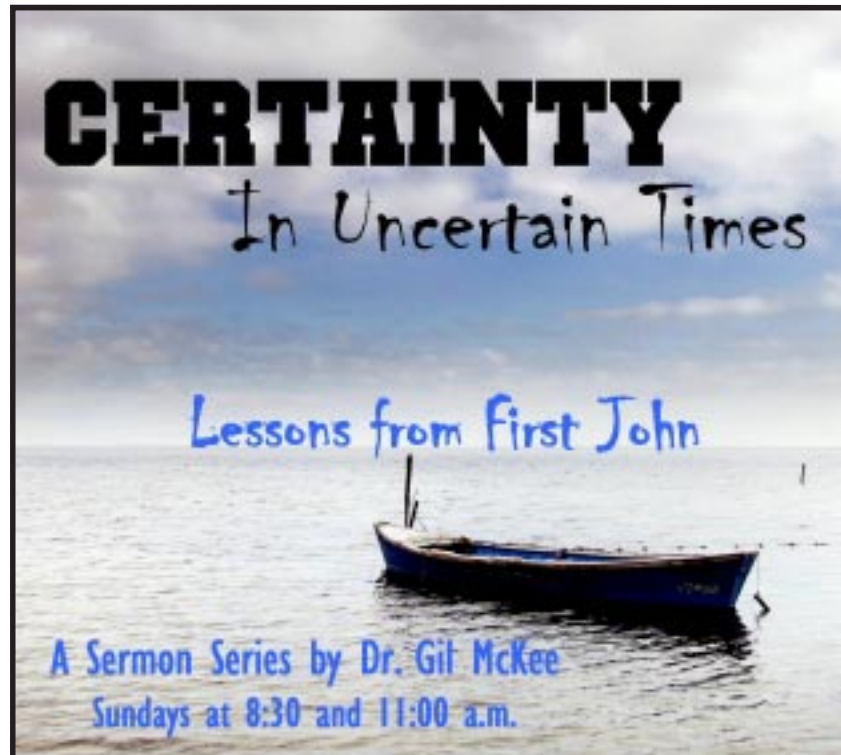
Offertory  
Russell Hodgins

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

*I Have Decided  
to Follow Jesus*

*My Tribute*

Organ Postlude  
Donna McCown



## T-Town Block Party

- **Rick Burgess** (Rick and Bubba Show)
- Live Music with the **Keith Williams** Band
- Inflatable Games and Petting Zoo for Children
- Free Food (hamburgers, hot dogs, pies)
- 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. Don't miss this great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors who normally don't attend church. Games and other activities begin at 9:00 a.m., with lunch 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.



**Sunday, May 3**

**7th Street in Downtown Tuscaloosa  
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

## From the Pastor...

I want to thank you for your wonderful faithfulness this past **Easter Sunday**. While Easter coincided with Spring Break for our public schools and many of you have traveled this week, most of you waited until after the services on Sunday morning to leave. Our crowds may have been the greatest in number in the last several years on Easter Sunday. Thank you for making the celebration of the Resurrection a priority in your time and schedules.



**The T-Town Block Party** is just two weeks away (May 3). Who are you bringing? I talked with a lady this morning who is not even a member of our church who told me that she is planning to come and invite an unchurched family in her neighborhood to come with her because she thought it would be a good way to get them introduced to church. I thought to myself, *“Wow! What if every MEMBER of First Baptist Church got that excited about this opportunity to introduce an unchurched guest to the Lord and His church?”* I hope you are praying and planning to bring someone with you!

I also want to remind you about the exciting trip to **Greece and Turkey** in August. If you are interested in more information about this trip and how you can register, please pick up a brochure in the church office or in one of the information racks found in the foyer of the Sanctuary, the HUB, or by the north elevator in the west lobby. You can also go to our church website ([www.firsttuscoalaosa.org](http://www.firsttuscoalaosa.org)) where you will find a link to *Discovery Ministries* and online registration. Sharon and I would love for you to join us on this wonderful trip retracing the second missionary journey of Paul.

This Sunday I will resume my sermon series in both the morning and evening services. Sunday morning we will continue our series in 1 John titled, **“Certainty in Uncertain Times”**. Sunday night we will continue the series titled, **“Fundamentals of Spiritual Growth”**. I look forward to seeing you then.

Bro. Gil

## First Baptist Website

Be sure to visit [www.firsttuscoalaosa.org](http://www.firsttuscoalaosa.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.

## Children’s Ministry Day

Sunday, April 26

### Parent/Child Dedication

Our next Parent/Child (Baby) Dedication will be during the morning worship services on Sunday, April 26. Please contact the Children’s Ministry office at 391-3115 by Sunday, April 19 to participate.

### Parents’ Night Out

Friday, May 1, 6:00-9:30 p.m. for babies - Grade 5  
Cost: \$6 per child (\$18 family maximum)  
Please register in the Children’s Center office by Sunday, April 26. Payment is required at time of registration.

### 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.

### 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](mailto:sjbarstow@charter.net). Cost: \$15.00.

### Committees in Focus

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

#### Preschool/Sunday School Committee

Members: Stefanie McGuire (chair), Vicki Miller, Shannon Stubbs, April Smith, Rebecca Mason, Gretchen Langkawel, Brandy Walker, Tyler Savage, Ellen Turnipseed.

This committee assists the Preschool Ministry Associate in developing and maintaining an effective Sunday School and Extended Session ministry for the preschool children.

## 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 04/14/09:

### DCH Regional Med Center:

Sue Barnett  
Lloyd Wood

### Northport Med Center:

Clara Campbell

## Sympathy to:

- Deryl Barnhill and Lester Ferguson and families in the death of their sister, Thelma Myrle Sullivan.
- Steve Herrington and family in the death of his grandmother.
- Oleta Hayes and family in the death of her sister-in-law.

## Congratulations to:

Andy and Ashley Morrison Kocher in the birth of a baby boy, Austin Paul Kocher, on Monday, April 13, 2009.

## 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.

## Wednesday Menu

April 22, 2009

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

### Beef Spaghetti

with green beans, tossed salad, garlic bread, ice cream sandwiches

### Baked Chicken

with same side plus rice pilaf

### Salad Bar

Kids: Hot dogs and fries

*No reservations are needed.*



### April 12, 2009

Weekly Ministry Plan Need	\$76,089.45
Ministry Plan Gifts	\$75,482.34
Difference for week	(\$607.11)
Touching Tomorrow Today	\$1,161.00
Designated Gifts	\$1,032.00
<b>Total Gifts for Week</b>	<b>\$77,675.34</b>

### 2009 Mission/Ministry Plan Summary

Year-to-Date Need	\$1,141,341.75
Actual Year-to-Date Gifts	\$944,454.29
Difference for Year	(\$196,887.46)

### Touching Tomorrow Today

Total Amount Pledged	\$2,777,995.20
Contributions to Date	\$2,463,899.79
Remaining Balance	(\$314,095.41)

Annie Armstrong Offering Goal	\$25,000.00
Given to Date:	\$11,561.50

### Gifts given in Memory of:

Carl Mackey  
Ruby McHugh  
Myrle Sullivan

### Gifts given in Honor of:

Eleanor and Carl Wells

## Bible Study Attendance

### Sunday School - April 12, 2009

	Enrollment	Attendance
Preschool	179	134
Children	204	128
Students	213	140
College	229	49
Adults	1422	763
<b>Total</b>	<b>2247</b>	<b>1214</b>

## Welcome New Members

### by Baptism:

18: Matthew Langston  
19: Trent Robinson

## April 19 Volunteers

### TV Ministry

Jim Hamner, David Kendrick, Rick Dowling,  
Randy Glover

### Russell Special Education

Patsy Davis

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Associate Pastor Emeritus

## Sunday, April 19

- 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
- 6:00 Bible Skills, Drills, Thrills
- 6:00 FBU for Students

## Monday, April 20

- 9:30 a.m. Women on Mission Bible study
- 4:00 p.m. Associational Bible Drill
- 6:30 p.m. Line Dancing Exercise classes

## Tuesday, April 21

- 6:30 a.m. Deacon Advisory Council
- 1:30 p.m. Body Recall
- 6:00 Builders for Christ meeting
- 7:00 Epic: College Bible Study

## Wednesday, April 22

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer (Chapel)
- 9:00 Quilters
- 2:00-7:30 Library Open
- 3:00 Pregame for students
- 4:45-6:00 Family Night Meal
- 5:00 First Ladies Prayer Ministry
- 5:30 Spanish Bible study
- 5:45-6:30 Mid-Week Devotion
- 5:45-6:30 Children's Choirs
- 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, April 23

- 6:00 a.m. Men's Fraternity
- 9:30 ESL Classes
- 1:30 p.m. Body Recall
- 4:00 State Bible Drill

## Friday, April 24

- 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.



## College Ministry Road Trip

Our College Ministry took their annual Spring Road Trip with 72 college students to Gatlinburg. Thank you for your continued prayers and support for our college ministry. Our students are continuing to grow in their relationship with Christ and their love for the students on their campuses. - *Thank you, Tim Simpson*

## Newsletter by Email

Please contact Barbara Smith (345-7554 or [barbara@fbctuscaloosa.org](mailto:barbara@fbctuscaloosa.org)) if you would like to begin receiving this newsletter by email on Wednesday of each week. If you do not have email and wish to continue receiving this publication by U.S. mail, please also contact Barbara Smith to confirm your address is on our mailing list.



*The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary this Sunday in loving memory of Tommy Todd by Margaret Todd, Deborah Todd, and Thomas and Tracy Todd and family.*

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