



First Servant Weekly

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This Sunday:

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

Piano Prelude
Barbara Smith

Happy Day
Worship Choir and
Orchestra

Parent/Child Dedication
Lecretia Mitchell
Preschool Ministry Associate

Testimony
Carolyn & Jonathan Lowery

Welcome to Worship
Dr. Gil McKee

Blessed Be Your Name

*When I Survey the
Wondrous Cross with
The Wonderful Cross*

Offertory Prayer
Beth Yates
Minister of Childhood Education

I Am the Way
Children's Ensemble

Morning Message
Dr. Gil McKee

Just As I Am

The Doxology

Organ Postlude
Donna McCown



Children's Ministry Day

Sunday, April 26

You will not want to miss this exciting day in the life of our church. Specifics of the day include:

- Parent/Child Dedications in both morning worship services
- Testimonies from volunteer leaders in both morning worship services
- Special music from our children's music ministry
- Special snacks for children in Sunday School
- Gifts for all the preschoolers and children who attend Sunday School

Plan now to be a part of this special day as we celebrate our Preschool/Children's Ministry!

Parents' Night Out

Friday, May 1

6:00-9:30 p.m., for Babies - Grade 5
Your children will enjoy a fun night of activities and crafts while you enjoy an evening out. Snacks and a light meal will be provided for the children.

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.

Quarterly Communication & Business Meeting

Wednesday, April 29

5:45-6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Our regular quarterly business session will also include updates from various ministry areas and information about upcoming events and activities.

Vacation Bible School Workers' Meeting

Sunday, April 26

4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
All directors, teachers, workers and other volunteers should attend this important meeting.



From the Pastor...

We are just one week away from the **T-TOWN BLOCK PARTY!** Have you invited an unchurched or unsaved friend? Have you signed up for a 30-minute prayer slot on the 24-Hour Prayer Vigil? Don't forget that activities that morning, Sunday, May 3, will begin at 9:00 a.m. Dress will be casual and the cost is FREE!



Speaking of cost...some of you have asked what we will do that day about collecting tithes and offerings. Because the setting is outside that day we will not be passing offering plates or "taking up" an offering of any kind that day. As you know, this will not negate or cancel any of our church's financial obligations that week and it will be critically important that we are all faithful to bring our regular tithes and offerings either during the week or the next Sunday.

This event is a step of faith for us in a number of ways. We are trusting God for good weather. We are trusting God for a great attendance that day. In fact, we are preparing for 2500. We are trusting God for all of the logistical preparation to go smoothly. And we are trusting God to take care of the financial needs of our church in spite of our not taking an offering that day.

This event has been financially underwritten by the 2009 Mission and Ministry Plan and a supplemental gift by one of our church members who wanted to make a designated offering in support of this special day. So there will be no cost to anyone that attends. However, it is YOUR faithful giving to the Lord through First Baptist Church that makes events like this possible. So THANK YOU!

Thank you for praying! Thank you for giving! Thank you to those who volunteered to provide pies or work on one of the volunteer teams. Thank you for inviting an unchurched friend or neighbor or family member. Thank you for being open to our church doing something "outside of the box" for the purpose bringing others to Christ.

It was the apostle Paul who said: ***"I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings."***

1 Corinthians 9:22-23 (NIV) That is exactly what the *T-Town Block Party* is all about! It is about using *all possible means* to save some! What we do on May 3 is *for the sake of the gospel*. My prayer is that men, women, boys, and girls will be saved, God will be glorified and we will share in the blessings of the day!

Brother Gil

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. You may bring your cars to the gym on Monday, April 27 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for a trial run and pre-inspection. Cars must be turned in by 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28 to qualify for the race. The races begin Wednesday, April 29 at 6:00 p.m. in the gym.

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.

Women on Mission Groups

- Randall Group: Meets Monday, April 27 at 2:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor.
- Nightlighters: Meet Monday, April 27 at 5:15 p.m. in the Church Parlor.

Used Laptops for Ukraine Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry workers in Ukraine are in need of used laptops to aid in their outreach efforts. If you have a laptop computer in working condition that you would be willing to donate, please contact Rosalind Holloman at 752-8781 or Raholloman@aol.com for more information.

Committees in Focus

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

Scholarship Committee

Members: Kevin Almond (chair), Carol Wright, Carol Park

This committee considers requests for scholarship funds for members and former members contemplating studies related to full-time Christian service.

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 04/21/09:

DCH Regional Med Center:

Donald Brown
Louise McCracken
Lloyd Wood

Northport Med Center:

Clara Campbell

Sympathy to:

- Wanda Tippins and family in the death of her mother.
- Jeremy and Tiffany Brassard and family in the death of their daughter, Adia.
- Odessa Adams and family in the death of her brother-in-law.
- Shirley Campbell and family in the death of her mother.
- Ben Barnett and family in the death of his wife, Sue Barnett; Susan Duckworth, Elizabeth Clark and Martha Barnett and families in the death of their mother.

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. 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.

Wednesday Menu

April 29, 2009

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

Poppyseed Chicken

with rice, broccoli spears, rolls, pear salad, cookie

Baked Chicken

with same side items

Salad Bar

Kids: Chicken fingers and fries

No reservations are needed.



April 19, 2009

Weekly Ministry Plan Need	\$76,089.45
Ministry Plan Gifts	\$60,093.47
Difference for week	(\$15,995.98)
Touching Tomorrow Today	\$9,082.44
Designated Gifts	\$2,125.00
Total Gifts for Week	\$71,300.91

2009 Mission/Ministry Plan Summary

Year-to-Date Need	\$1,217,431.20
Actual Year-to-Date Gifts	\$1,004,547.76
Difference for Year	(\$212,883.44)

Touching Tomorrow Today

Total Amount Pledged	\$2,777,995.20
Contributions to Date	\$2,472,982.23
Remaining Balance	(\$305,012.97)

Annie Armstrong Offering Goal	\$25,000.00
Given to Date:	\$13,576.50

Gifts given in Memory of:

Marilee Summerville
Dr. Jack C. Roberts

Gifts given in Honor of:

Jerry Lake

Bible Study Attendance

Sunday School - April 19, 2009

	Enrollment	Attendance
Preschool	179	111
Children	204	95
Students	213	99
College	229	94
Adults	1422	625
Total	2247	1024

Welcome New Members

by Baptism:

20: Parker Hancock

April 26 Volunteers

TV Ministry

Ben Owings, Bryan Owings, Mark Gurganus,
Mike Cornett

Russell Special Education

Melissa Roberts

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Associate Pastor Emeritus

Sunday, April 26

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 8:45 Discover First
- 9:30-11:00 Library Open
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship
- 4:00 p.m. VBS Leadership Meeting
- 4:30 ESL classes
- 4:30 Stewardship Committee
- 5:00 DivorceCare
- 6:00 Evening Worship
- 6:00 *Bible Skills, Drills, Thrills*
- 6:00 FBU for Students
- 7:15 Deacons' Meeting

Monday, April 27

- 2:00 p.m. Randall Group
- 5:15 Nightlighters
- 6:00-8:00 Mission Derby Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Line Dancing Exercise classes

Tuesday, April 28

- 10:00 a.m. First Ladies Girlfriends
- 10:00 Senior adult day trip
- 1:30 p.m. Body Recall
- 6:00 Mission Derby deadline
- 6:30 Brazil team meeting
- 7:00 Epic: College Bible Study

Wednesday, April 29

- 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
- 5:30 Spanish Bible study
- 5:45-6:30 Mid-Week Devotion
- 5:45 Mission Derby
- 5:45-6:30 Preschool Choir
- 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 Preschool Missions
- 8:00 Chinese Prayer Service

Thursday, April 30

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

Friday, May 1

- 6:00 p.m. Parents' Night Out
- 7:00 Chinese Bible Study

Saturday, May 2

Block Party Blitz

Featuring:

- **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.

Neighborhood Outreach

Attention Adult Sunday School classes: This Sunday, April 26 be sure to pick up your Block Party doorhangers from your Sunday School classrooms for distribution in Tuscaloosa-Northport area neighborhoods on Saturday, May 2.

24-Hour Prayer Vigil

Visit the table in the 8th Street Welcome Center to select a 30-minute time between 6:00 a.m. Saturday, May 2 and 6:00 a.m. Sunday, May 3 to pray for the Block Party.



Sunday, May 3

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

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