



First Servant Weekly

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Who Have You Invited?

T-Town Block Party Features:

- **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



Sunday, May 3

7th Street

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

This event will take the place of our regular worship services, Sunday School and other activities on May 3. **There will not be a formal time of offering during the T-Town Block Party this Sunday morning. Please remember to mail your tithes and offerings to God's Mission to the church office.**

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.

24-Hour Prayer Vigil

Visit our website (www.firsttuscaloosa.org) 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.

Coming in May

Thursday, May 7: National Day of Prayer observance, 11:45-1:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Sunday, May 10: Mothers' Day Recognition in morning worship, no evening service

May 14-20: Ukraine Mission Trip

Sunday, May 17: High School Senior Recognition in morning worship, Children's Choir program in evening service

Wednesday, May 20: Last night for Children's Choir and missions; 5th grade Music and Missions graduation

Sunday, May 24: No evening worship service

Monday, May 25: Memorial Day, Church office and Children's Center closed.

Wednesday, May 27: Summer Schedule begins, all activities 5:45-7:15 p.m.

Sunday, May 31: Senior Adult Day with Luncheon

Worship Orchestra Concert in evening service, featuring music of John Williams



This Sunday:

**Block
Party
This
Sunday**

**No
regular
morning
or
evening
services.**

From the Pastor...

THIS SUNDAY IS THE BIG DAY – T-Town Block Party! Everything kicks off at 9:00 a.m. Let me give you a quick *T-Town Block Party Check List*:



- **INVITE** and bring someone!
- Go online at www.firsttuscaloosa.org to sign up for a 30-minute prayer time for the Block Party.
- Participate with your Sunday School class in the Door Hanger Blitz this Saturday. (We have 10,000 door hangers to distribute.)
- **INVITE** and bring someone!
- Pray for good weather!
- Pray for Rick Burgess.
- **INVITE** and bring someone!
- Pray for the person(s) you plan to bring.
- Come Saturday afternoon at 4:00 and help set up 2000 chairs.
- **INVITE** and bring someone!
- Be a gracious host to all our guests on Sunday.
- Plan to park on streets and in lots on Greensboro Avenue and EAST of our church campus. (We do not want to infringe on the parking lots of neighboring downtown churches.)
- **INVITE** and bring someone!
- Pray for God to do something only He can do.
- Pray for many people to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior.
- **INVITE** and bring someone!

I hope you are anticipating an exciting day this Sunday here at FBC! I look forward to seeing you! Thank you for everything you are doing to help make the *T-Town Block Party* all that God wants it to be.

To God be the glory!

Brother Gil

Senior Adventure Ministry

Don't forget to bring your pies on Saturday, May 2 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. for the Sunday Block Party.

Tuesday, May 5: Trip to the Hahndarosa, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. This event takes the place of this month's regular Triple L meeting.

Wednesday, May 6: Computer classes, 2:30-4:30 p.m. in Room 228, Multi-Purpose Building.

Tuesday, May 19: Mystery Trip, reservations needed.

Tuesday, May 26: Weekly Bible study begins, 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

Sunday, May 31: Senior Adult Day Luncheon, music provided by 4given, cost: \$5.00.

Bible Drill Team



Congratulations to our 2009 Children's Bible Drill Team!

4th Graders: Jane Frances Armour, Daniel Bryant

5th Graders: Harrison Armour, John Michael Ford, Kaitlyn Strachan, Joshua Rouse, Tyler Lowe

Since the fall, the Children's Bible Drill Team has been working with our Drill Team Leaders, Michele Johns and Greta Bryant, on Sunday nights. During this time they have memorized 25 verses and their references, 10 key passage titles and their references, and have learned all the books of the Bible in order.

At the **Church Drill** they all advanced to the **Association Drill** by responding correctly to at least 12 of the 24 drill calls. At the **Association Drill** they all advanced to the **State District Drill** by responding correctly to at least 16 of the 24 drill calls. They all participated in the State District Drill and they all did a great job. Harrison Armour and Tyler Lowe were both state perfect – meaning they responded correctly to all 24 calls at the State District Drill.

Each Children's Bible Drill Team member was presented with a certificate from the Discipleship/Family Ministries of the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions and a medal at a party in their honor during *Bible Skills, Drills & Thrills* last Sunday night.

Committees in Focus

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

Stewardship Committee

Members: Jerry Humber (chair), Jerry Thomas, Bill Lawley, Martha Thurmond, Leslie Almond, Tom Bolden, Jack Rutledge, Paul Nelson, JoAnne Martin, Carol Myers, Walt Robbins, Jane Friday, Wayne Hocutt, Stanley Park, Joanne Robertson, Gordon Walker, Bill Lamb.

This committee completes and approves the annual Mission and Ministry budget, recommends this budget to the church, supports stewardship emphases and monitors expenditures.

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 04/28/09:

DCH Regional Med Center:

Kitty Pittard
Lloyd Wood

Sympathy to:

- Archie Meeks and family in the death of his wife, Velma; Jimmy Meeks and family in the death of his mother.
- Mary Hamner and family in the death of her brother; Jim Hamner and family in the death of his uncle.

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.

Used Laptops for Ukraine

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.

Wednesday Menu

May 6, 2009

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

Sliced Ham

with macaroni and cheese, purple-hull peas, fried okra, sliced tomatoes and onions, cornbread, cake

Baked Chicken

with same side items

Salad Bar

Kids: Hamburgers and chips

No reservations are needed.



April 26, 2009

Weekly Ministry Plan Need	\$76,089.45
Ministry Plan Gifts	\$80,937.28
Surplus for week	\$4,847.83

Touching Tomorrow Today	\$1,462.00
Designated Gifts	\$1,842.00
Total Gifts for Week	\$84,241.28

2009 Mission/Ministry Plan Summary

Year-to-Date Need	\$1,293,520.65
Actual Year-to-Date Gifts	\$1,085,485.04
Difference for Year	(\$208,035.61)

Touching Tomorrow Today

Total Amount Pledged	\$2,777,995.20
Contributions to Date	\$2,474,444.23
Remaining Balance	(\$303,550.97)

Annie Armstrong Offering Goal	\$25,000.00
Given to Date:	\$14,553.50

Gifts given in Memory of:

Annie Andrews
Sue Barnett
Alice Carson
Bill Patrick
Mr. and Mrs. Bert Pierson
Myrle Sullivan

Gifts given in Honor of:

Minnie Bell Mills
Mary Alma Wood

Bible Study Attendance

Sunday School - April 26, 2009

	Enrollment	Attendance
Preschool	179	137
Children	204	123
Students	213	129
College	229	95
Adults	1422	713
Total	2247	1197

Welcome New Members

by Letter/Statement:

29-30: Anthony and Tracy Perkins
31: Michael E. Rea

by Baptism:

21: Abby Atkins
22: Anna Claire Bentley

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Sunday, May 3

9:00 a.m. **Block Party**
(until 1:00 p.m.)

Monday, May 4

6:30 p.m. Line Dancing Exercise
classes

Tuesday, May 5

9:30 a.m. Senior Adult trip to the
Hahndarosa (in place of
regular Triple L meeting)

1:30 p.m. Body Recall

7:00 Epic: College Bible Study

Wednesday, May 6

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

9:00 Quilters

2:00-7:30 Library Open

2:30 p.m. Seniors computer class

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 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 for students

8:00 Chinese Prayer Service

Thursday, May 7

9:30 a.m. ESL Classes

10:00 First Ladies Prayer Shawl

11:45 Day of Prayer Observance

1:30 p.m. Body Recall

6:00 Holy Land trip reunion


Friday, May 8

11:30 a.m. CDP Mother's Day Tea

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.



**National
Day of Prayer**
Thursday, May 7

**Community-wide
Observance**
11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
First Baptist Sanctuary



Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 8 - Thursday, June 11

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

for Kindergarten - 5th Grade

VBS Downtown Block Party:

Sunday, June 7, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

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