



First Servant Weekly

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Happy Mother's Day

Sunday, May 10



This Sunday:

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

Organ Prelude
Donna McCown

Love Lifted Me

He Lives

I Stand Upon the Rock
Worship Choir
and Orchestra

Welcome to Worship
Dr. Gil McKee

Arise

Offertory Prayer
Dr. Gil McKee

Perfect Peace
Fortress

Morning Message
Dr. Gil McKee

*Grace Greater
Than Our Sin*

The Doxology

Organ Postlude
Donna McCown

Ukraine Mission Trip

Pray for Bill Keith and Vial Fontenot as they travel to Belgorod-Dnestrovskiy, Ukraine to provide ministry and construction support to the leaders and workers of the Baptist church there. They will serve May 14-20.



Sunday, May 17

6 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Presented by the Children's Choirs (age three - fifth grade)

Wednesday, May 13 Rehearsal

- Preschool Choirs will practice during their regular time (5:45-6:30 p.m.). Three-year-olds will meet in the Sanctuary and return to their rooms by 6:30. Four and Five-year-olds will practice in their rooms.
- Grades 1-5 will have extended rehearsal from 5:45-7:30 p.m. (No RA's and GA's on May 13.)

From the Pastor...

As I sit and reflect today on the success of the *T-Town Block Party*, my heart can only be filled with gratitude and praise. First, I want to thank the Lord and give all the praise for the day to Him. A person would have to be totally blind to not see God's hand and provision in the day.

While all of us had responsibilities over which we had complete control, none of us could control the weather. But God did! The inclement weather was certainly a major concern but God held off the rain long enough for everyone to enjoy all the recreational activities. Not only that, the cloudy and overcast conditions provided a temperature that could not have been more pleasant.

Of course, when the rain did start we were able to move everyone indoors. I am convinced that God had a plan for that as well. We may not ever understand all the reasons, but one thing is for sure. Even though the sanctuary and fellowship hall were packed with "wall to wall" people, I believe being inside to hear Rick Burgess speak allowed people to be far more focused and attentive than they would have been outside.

In fact, had we elected to remain outside, the downpour of rain that occurred about ten minutes into Rick's message would have been a major distraction and probably resulted in many people leaving the premises. Instead, two thousand people, although crammed tightly together, heard a powerful message to which many responded through varied and sincere commitments.

Second, I want to thank YOU, the wonderful congregation called First Baptist Church. I have never been more proud of you than I was yesterday. Hundreds of you rolled up your sleeves and worked hard pouring your lives into other people yesterday. Thank you for inviting the hundreds of unchurched guests who were here. Thank you for serving on cooking teams, lunch assembly teams, neighborhood door hanger teams, chair and stage set-up teams, pie-cutting teams, greeter teams, counselor teams, and various other teams. You did an outstanding job!

While many people were saved and many other spiritual commitments were made, I told someone this morning that an equally important result of the Block Party was the opportunity it provided for us as a church family to work together. Our church was strengthened, and we saw first-hand what we're made of. When the weather caused us to make quick changes, I didn't hear a single complaint or word of frustration. You adjusted and did so with a gracious and Christ-like spirit and attitude. That may have been one of the strongest witnesses our unsaved guests could have seen – trusting God through adversity with grace and a positive spirit!

So I want to thank you, along with our entire, wonderful staff for helping to make the day such a wonderful experience. And I want to give all the glory and praise for the day to our awesome God. We have all been reminded again that with God nothing is impossible. (Luke 1:37)

See you Sunday! Brother Gil



Teacher Training for ESL (English As A Second Language)

In August the Mission Ministry will offer certified ESL training for prospective and active teachers. This accredited course will be taught by experienced leaders Dr. John and Frances Carter. The course will involve two separate weekends - August 14-15 and August 28-29. It will last seven hours each weekend (Friday evening and Saturday). Both weekends are necessary for accreditation. The only cost for the course is \$20 for the material. Please contact the Mission office if you are interested. Material will be ordered immediately.

Men's Ministry

Men's Ministry needs workers to help with a roofing project on Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9. We need as many men as are willing to help with this important task. Please see Grady Friday or Vial Fontenot to join this roofing gang. We'll leave from the church at 7:00 a.m. each day. Bring hammers, gloves, hats, and plenty of water.

Senior Adventure Ministry

Tuesday, May 12: Naomi's Sisters, a fellowship and encouragement group for widows, 10:00 a.m.

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.

Child Development Program

The First Baptist Child Development Program (CDP) is always in need of new or gently used bibs, blankets, burp cloths and clothing (size 4T and smaller). Please keep this in mind as you clean out closets and drawers. Donations may be dropped off in the Children's Center office.

Committees in Focus

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

Transportation Committee

Members: Claude Wright (chair), Pleas Davis, Bill O'Bryant, Wendell Prentice, Greg Holt, Tommy Spencer, Craig Wilson, Fred Fisher, Dick Johnson.

This committee oversees the maintenance and policies for the church's vehicles.

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 05/05/09:

DCH Regional Med Center:

Lloyd Wood

Sympathy to:

Betty Onstott and family in the death of her brother.

Congratulations to:

Ben and Michelle Truitt in the birth of a baby boy, Heath Owen Truitt, on Monday, May 4, 2009.

Word of Thanks

Thank you for all the prayers, flowers, cards and visits during my recovery from a broken hip. God bless you all,
Clara Campbell

The family of Myrle Sullivan is so very grateful for the many prayers, visits, calls, cards and food during our recent grief and loss.

May 10 Volunteers

TV Ministry

Jim Hamner, David Kendrick, Rick Dowling, Randy Glover

Wednesday Menu

May 13, 2009

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

Fried Chicken

with creamed potatoes, English peas, congealed salad, biscuits, cookies

Baked Chicken

with same side items

Salad Bar

Kids: Pizza and chips

No reservations are needed.



Since we did not have our regular offering time during the May 3 Block Party, please help us "catch up" with our Mission and Ministry Plan needs this next week by mailing or bringing your offering to the church office or placing it in the offering plate on Sunday, May 10.

May 3, 2009

Weekly Ministry Plan Need	\$76,089.45
Ministry Plan Gifts	\$27,901.42
Difference for week	(\$48,188.03)

Touching Tomorrow Today	\$500.00
Designated Gifts	\$2,895.00
Total Gifts for Week	\$31,296.42

2009 Mission/Ministry Plan Summary

Year-to-Date Need	\$1,369,610.10
Actual Year-to-Date Gifts	\$1,113,386.46
Difference for Year	(\$256,223.64)

Touching Tomorrow Today

Total Amount Pledged	\$2,777,995.20
Contributions to Date	\$2,474,944.23
Remaining Balance	(\$303,050.97)

Annie Armstrong Offering Goal	\$25,000.00
Given to Date:	\$14,878.50

Gifts given in Memory of:

Sue Barnett	Max Davis
Ricky McHugh	Velma Meeks
Ellie Stokes	Myrle Sullivan

Builders for Christ Yard Sale

Saturday, May 30

Begins at 7:00 a.m. in the International Center parking lot (corner of 8th Street and Greensboro Ave.) Proceeds from the yard sale help fund our August Builders mission trip. Please plan to attend and buy back all the stuff you gave us. We will still accept donations of sale items through Wednesday, May 27. Please call if you need someone to pick up your donation. This is a very large team, and we appreciate all you can do. This event is our only mission fund raiser for the year.

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Sunday, May 10

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:30-11:00 Library Open
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship
- 4:30 p.m. ESL classes
- 6:00 NO Evening Worship

Monday, May 11

- 6:30 p.m. Line Dancing Exercise classes

Tuesday, May 12

- 10:00 a.m. Naomi's Sisters group
- 1:30 p.m. Body Recall
- 7:00 Epic: College Bible Study

Wednesday, May 13

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer (Chapel)
- 9:00 Quilters
- 9:00 Adult Bible study
- 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 Adult Bible study
- 5:45-6:30 Mid-Week Devotion
- 5:45-6:30 Preschool Choirs
- 5:45-7:30 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
- 6:15 Building and Grounds
- 6:35 Choir/Orchestra rehearsal
- 6:40-7:30 Preschool Missions
- 7:15 Overtime for students
- 8:00 Chinese Prayer Service

Thursday, May 14

- Ukraine Mission Trip (14-20)
- 9:30 a.m. ESL Classes
- 11:45 First Ladies Luncheon
- 1:30 p.m. Body Recall

Friday, May 15

- 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.

First Ladies Luncheon

First Ladies Noon Luncheon group will meet Thursday, May 14 in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will begin serving at 11:45 a.m. Please call the church office (345-7554) for your lunch reservation.

We will prepare bags of toiletry items to be used at DCH Regional Medical Center to give to family members when they stay over with accident victims and emergency patients.

We need **travel size** lotion, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap, deodorant, razors, tissues, combs, soap powder for washing, dryer sheets, Tylenol and Advil. We will also need plastic storage bags in gallon, quart and pint sizes.



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.



The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary this Sunday in memory of Pat Kyzer by Buck, Jimmy, Carolyn and Charlotte.

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