



First Servant Weekly

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Graduate Recognition

Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track.

Proverbs 3:5-6
(The Message)



This Sunday:

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

Prelude
Hosanna

Come, Christians
Join to Sing (8:30)

Hosanna

Feels Good to be Free
Worship Choir
and Orchestra
Lisa Brantley, soloist

Welcome to Worship
Dr. Gil McKee

Open the Eyes
of My Heart, Lord (8:30)

Happy Day (11:00)

Graduate Recognition
John Lowe
Minister to Students (11:00)

Amazing Grace
(My Chains are Gone)

Offertory Prayer
Dusty Jones

Offertory

Morning Message
Dr. Gil McKee

We Fall Down

We will recognize all our High School Graduates during the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 17.



Sunday, May 17

6 p.m. in the Sanctuary

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

Parent Reminders:

- Fourth/fifth grade choir needs to be in the Sanctuary at 4:30 p.m.
- First-third grade choirs meet in the Fellowship Hall at 5:15 p.m.
- Preschool choirs meet at 5:15: 3's in the Chapel; 4's and 5's in the Sanctuary

Hatchel Offering for Local Missions

Our Goal: \$3000

The Hatchel offering, named in memory of long-time First Baptist member Rev. Carol Hatchel, helps support the community ministries of the Tuscaloosa County Baptist Association. These include the Good Samaritan Clinic and the Christian Ministry Center.

Coming in May

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. Special music at the luncheon provided by 4given.

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 need to continue receiving this publication by U.S. mail, please also contact Barbara Smith to confirm your address on our mailing list.

Child Development Program

The First Baptist Child Development Program is always in need of new or gently used bibs, blankets, burp cloths and clothing (up to size 4T). Donations may be dropped off in the Children's Center office.

ESL Teacher Training

(English as a Second Language)

The Mission Ministry will offer certified ESL training for prospective and active teachers August 14-15 and August 28-29. The course will last seven hours each weekend (Friday evening and Saturday). Both weekends are necessary for accreditation. This accredited course will be taught by leaders Dr. John and Frances Carter. The only cost for the course is \$20 for the material, which must be ordered immediately. Interested? Please contact the Mission office.

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.

Senior Adventure Ministry

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.

Special Need for African Orphanage

In 2005 one of our mission teams visited an orphanage in Uganda. As you can imagine they had and still have a variety of needs. The children were covered with mosquito bites and many had already contracted malaria. We took special gifts from the church at that time and plan to return there this summer. We will be taking mosquito nets, bug spray and other items. One highly requested gift is a MICROSCOPE. While team members have been able to purchase and supply most of their other needs, the microscope continues to be difficult for us to find. Please contact the mission office as soon as possible if you have access to a used or new microscope for this orphanage. We are happy to supply letters of donation for tax purposes. The Uganda mission trip is June 22-30.

The Case for Christ

Leader: Bob Henderson

Begins Wednesday, May 27

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. MP 246 (Boyd's SS Classroom)

In this six-session video-driven adult Bible study based on his award-winning book, *The Case for Christ*, Lee Strobel uses his experience as a reporter for the Chicago Tribune to interview experts about the evidence for Christ from the fields of science, philosophy and history. This study invites us to sift and analyze the fascinating historical evidence about Jesus. What participants discover can transform their relationship with Christ and equip them to help others along their spiritual journey. Cost of study book: \$10.

Ministry in Focus

Second-Hand Rose Ministry

Volunteers in this ministry meet on Monday mornings to prepare bud vases of flowers which they then deliver to church family and friends in area nursing and retirement homes. They use the flower arrangements from Sunday worship services as well as donated flowers. For more information about volunteering with Second-Hand Rose, please contact Donna McCown at 366-4402.

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 05/12/09:

DCH Regional Med Center:

Mel Espey

UAB:

John Wade

Sympathy to:

Faye Wood and family in the death of her husband, Lloyd Wood; Terria Plott and family in the death of her father; Hunter Plott in the death of his grandfather; Minnie Bell Mills and family, Martha Pierson and family and Mary Alma Wood and family in the death of their brother-in-law; Lynn Wilson and family in the death of her uncle.

- Candy Hocutt and family in the death of her mother; Jennifer, Meredith and Jesse Hocutt in the death of their grandmother.
- Nikki Abston and family in the death of her grandmother.
- Sharon Carnes and family in the death of her mother.
- Casey Rea and family in the death of his father.

May 17 Volunteers

TV Ministry

Ben Owings, Bryan Owings, Rick Dowling, Randy Glover

Wednesday Menu

May 20, 2009

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

Almond Chicken

with rice and gravy, green beans, tossed salad, rolls apple pie

Baked Chicken

with same side items

Salad Bar

Kids: Hot dogs and fries

No reservations are needed.



Thank you for your continuing efforts to help us "catch-up" on our Mission and Ministry Plan giving following the T-Town Block Party. As you recall, we did not collect an offering on Sunday, May 3. If you have not yet had an opportunity to give your tithe from that date, simply mail or bring it to the church office.

May 10, 2009

Weekly Ministry Plan Need	\$76,089.45
Ministry Plan Gifts	\$93,682.38
Surplus for week	\$17,592.93

Touching Tomorrow Today	\$5,581.13
Designated Gifts	\$2,863.00

Total Gifts for Week \$102,126.51

2009 Mission/Ministry Plan Summary

Year-to-Date Need	\$1,445,699.55
Actual Year-to-Date Gifts	\$1,207,069.84
Difference for Year	(\$238,629.71)

Touching Tomorrow Today

Total Amount Pledged	\$2,777,995.20
Contributions to Date	\$2,480,525.36
Remaining Balance	(\$297,469.84)

Annie Armstrong Offering Goal	\$25,000.00
Given to Date:	\$15,454.50

Hatchel Offering Goal	\$3,000.00
Given to Date:	\$566.00

Gifts given in Memory of:

Annie Andrews	Sue Barnett
Myrle Sullivan	Jim Wascomb
Lloyd Wood	

Gifts given in Honor of:

Margaret Copeland

Bible Study Attendance

Sunday School - May 10, 2009

	Enrollment	Attendance
Preschool	179	105
Children	204	104
Students	213	128
College	229	47
Adults	1422	651
Total	2247	1035

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Sunday, May 17

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:30-11:00 Library Open
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship: Graduate Recognition
- 4:30 p.m. ESL classes
- 6:00 Children's Choir program

Monday, May 18

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Line Dancing Exercise classes

Tuesday, May 19

- 6:30 a.m. Deacons' Advisory Council
- 10:00 Senior Adult Mystery Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Body Recall

Wednesday, May 20

- 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 5th Grade Music & Missions Graduation
- 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
- 6:15 Building and Grounds
- 6:35 Choir/Orchestra rehearsal
- 6:40-7:30 Children's Missions
- 8:00 Chinese Prayer Service

Thursday, May 21

- 9:00 a.m. ESL Graduation Picnic
- 1:30 p.m. Body Recall

Friday, May 22

- 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.



Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 8 - Thursday, June 11
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
for Kindergarten - 5th Grade

Online Registration Now Available!

Visit our website: www.firsttuscaloosa.org to register for Vacation Bible School. All learners (children) and volunteers should register.

VBS Downtown Block Party

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

Greensboro Avenue between 8th and 9th Streets
Sponsored by the Children's Ministries of Christ Episcopal, First Baptist, First Methodist and First Presbyterian churches.

Enjoy free hotdogs, popcorn, cotton candy and VBS-themed snacks.



The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary this Sunday in loving memory of Mr. Johnny Walker by Mrs. Maxine Walker, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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