



First Servant Weekly

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Memorial Day

Our morning worship services on Sunday, May 24 will feature several elements to honor those who served in the Armed Forces. There will be no evening service on May 24. The Church Office and Children's Center will be closed on Monday, May 25.



This Sunday:

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

Organ Prelude
Donna McCown

Holy, Holy, Holy

*Crown Him
with Many Crowns*

Welcome to Worship
Tim Simpson
Minister to College

Majestic

The Mansions of the Lord
Worship Choir and Orchestra

America the Beautiful

Offertory Prayer
Steve Yarber

I Salute You
Andrew Bryant

Morning Message
Rev. Vial Fontenot
Minister of Missions

*Amazing Love
(You Are My King)*

My Tribute

Organ Postlude
Donna McCown

Congratulations Graduates!



First Row: Leigh Anna Solomon, Cody Walker, Mallory White, Christine Nichols, KendyllAn Reed, Sara Ringo, Amanda Shugarts, Mallory White

Second Row: Jimbo Wilhite, David Wilson II, Young Tutwiler, Kayla Chastine, Elizabeth Davis, Forrest Ford, Ben Owings

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 to Ohio. We will still accept donations of sale items through Wednesday, May 27. Please call if you need someone to pick up your donation.

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.

Wednesday Nights This Summer

Our Summer Schedule begins Wednesday, May 27. Supper will be served from 4:45-6:00 p.m. Mid-week devotion, worship choir and orchestra rehearsal, The Arena for students, W.O.W. (Worship on Wednesdays) for children and preschool care will meet from 5:45-7:15 p.m. through August 5. Adult DiscipleLife classes will meet from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

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.

First Ladies Bible Study

Jude: Contending for the Faith, A Precept study of the book of Jude. This six-week study begins Wednesday, June 17 and will meet at 9:00 a.m. in Room 228 MP. Facilitator is Rosalind Holloman. Please call Rosalind at 752-8781 to register and reserve a book.

DivorceCare

Divorced? Separated? You don't have to go through it alone. Through the ministry of DivorceCare – Find Help...Discover Hope...Experience Healing. Thirteen-session study beginning Sunday, June 14, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., room 311 of the Children's Center. Led by Jimmy and Vickie Duren. Childcare available.

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.



Congratulations to David Wilson II, recipient of the 2009 Thomas H. Todd, Jr. Memorial Scholarship.

Senior Adventure Ministry

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. 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. Please contact the mission office at 366-4403 as soon as possible if you have access to a used or new microscope for this orphanage. The Uganda mission trip is June 22-30.

Ministry in Focus

English as a Second Language Program

The ESL classes are part of our International Ministry. These free classes meet on Sunday and Wednesday evenings year round, and on Thursday mornings August-May. Focusing on building conversational English skills, leaders guide classes through various discussions and activities. Our current students represent at least 15 different countries. Volunteers to teach classes, provide childcare, drive buses or set-up refreshments are always needed. No prior experience is required and training is available. Please contact Vial Fontenot or Angie Vitt at 366-4403 for more information.

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 05/19/09:

UAB:

John Wade

Glen Haven Rehab:

Shirley Anderson

Mel Espey

Sympathy to:

- Odessa Adams and family in the death of her son-in-law.
- Andy Pettus and family in the death of his grandmother.

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.

May 24 Volunteers

TV Ministry

Mark Gurganus, Ken Faught, Rick Dowling, Randy Glover

Wednesday Menu

May 27, 2009

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

Fried Fish

with baked potato, corn-on-the-cob, hush puppies, slaw, cheese cake

Baked Chicken

with same side items

Salad Bar

Kids: Corn dogs and fries

No reservations are needed.



May 17, 2009

Weekly Ministry Plan Need \$76,089.45
Ministry Plan Gifts \$60,430.91
Difference for week (\$15,658.54)

Touching Tomorrow Today \$1,273.00
Designated Gifts \$2,386.00
Total Gifts for Week \$64,089.91

2009 Mission/Ministry Plan Summary

Year-to-Date Need \$1,521,789.00
Actual Year-to-Date Gifts \$1,271,619.69
Difference for Year (\$250,169.31)

Touching Tomorrow Today

Total Amount Pledged \$2,777,995.20
Contributions to Date \$2,481,798.36
Remaining Balance (\$296,196.84)

Annie Armstrong Offering Goal \$25,000.00
Given to Date: \$15,609.50

Hatchel Offering Goal \$3,000.00
Given to Date: \$1,487.00

Gifts given in Memory of:

Sue Barnett
Velma Meeks
Louise Nolen

Bible Study Attendance

Sunday School - May 17, 2009

	Enrollment	Attendance
Preschool	179	105
Children	204	105
Students	213	131
College	229	37
Adults	1422	607
Total	2247	985

Welcome New Member

by Baptism:

23: Addison Jones

Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and praise your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

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Associate Pastor Emeritus

Sunday, May 24

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 25

Church office and Children's Center closed for Memorial Day.

Tuesday, May 26

9:30 a.m. Senior Adult Bible study
10:00 First Ladies' Girlfriends
1:30 p.m. Body Recall

Wednesday, May 27

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
4:30 First Ladies Prayer
4:45-6:00 Family Night Meal
5:45 Adult Bible study
5:45 W.O.W. for Children
5:45-6:30 Mid-Week Devotion
5:45-7:15 Worship Choir/Orchestra
5:45-7:15 First Ladies Bible Studies
6:00-7:00 Adult DiscipleLife
6:00-7:15 The Arena (Students)
6:15-7:45 ESL classes
7:15 Overtime for Students
8:00 Chinese Prayer Service

Thursday, May 28

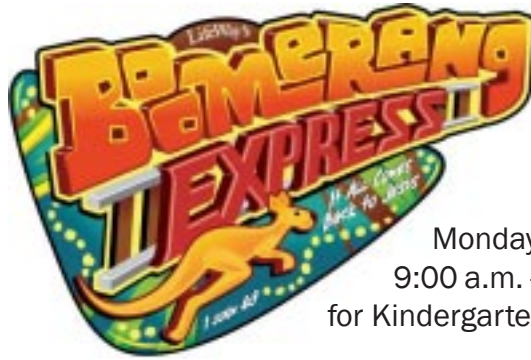
1:30 p.m. Body Recall
5:30 CDP Graduation

Friday, May 29

6:00 p.m. Friday Night Lights for students
7:00 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.



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