



First Servant Weekly

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Vacation Bible School

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

Register Online Today!

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

This Sunday:

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

Organ Prelude
Donna McCown

Awesome in This Place

When His Presence
Fills This Place
Worship Choir and
Orchestra
Greta Bryant, soloist

Welcome to Worship
Dr. Gil McKee

Majestic

Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty

To God Be the Glory

Offertory Prayer
Matt Rouse
Minister of Music

Offertory

Morning Message
Dr. Gil McKee

I Surrender All

My Tribute

Organ Postlude
Donna McCown

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 fun VBS-themed snacks, plus popcorn, cotton candy and hot dogs.

VBS Family Night

Thursday, June 11
7:15 - 9:15 p.m.

University of Alabama Outdoor Pool Complex
(On Campus Drive near the UA Softball Complex)



Join us for free swimming and snocones for the whole family!

The facility features a large pool, "lazy river", giant slide, preschool pool, plus inner tubes, deck chairs and picnic tables. There will be trained lifeguards on duty.

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

1 John 4:9

From the Pastor...

It's hard to believe but summer has arrived once again. Among other things that means **Vacation Bible School** is about to begin. In fact, VBS will kick off this Sunday evening with a joint VBS Block Party hosted by the downtown churches (First Baptist Church, First Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church, and Christ Episcopal Church). The Block Party will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Greensboro Avenue. There will be food, fun, and fellowship as our churches prepare to conduct VBS June 8-11. Please see the other details in this publication about VBS or go to our church website, www.firsttuscaloosa.org for all the information you need.



Another sign of summer in Tuscaloosa is the heat. As you know, we are already experiencing temperatures in the nineties and the summer has just begun. So we're going to try something during the months of June and July that we have never tried before. We are going to declare June and July "**No Coat & Tie**" months at FBC. Not only will slightly more casual dress make our members a little more comfortable during these hot months but it may also help some of our guests and prospects feel more at home in our church. Besides, I think we all realize that God is far more interested in the condition of one's heart than He is the brand of clothing on one's back.

Pray for Vacation Bible School this next week. Pray for children to be saved. Pray for safety of all the children. Pray for the more than 150 workers who will be loving on the kids and sharing the good news of Jesus with them. And thank you for making ministries such as VBS possible through your investment of your time, talents, and financial resources through First Baptist Church. Without you ministries like VBS would not be possible.

I'll look forward to seeing you Sunday!

Brother Gil

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.



Senior Adventure Ministry

Jubilee Conference in Gatlinburg: September 28-30
Cost: \$159 (Per Person/Double Occupancy), plus transportation and meal costs. A \$50 Non-refundable deposit is due by Monday, June 15. Scheduled speakers and musical guests include Charles Stanley, Johnny Hunt, Chondra Pierce, Larnelle Harris, The Hoppers, The Kingsmen and George Beverly Shea. Call 366-4402 for more information.

Wednesday Nights This Summer

Summer Schedule:

Supper is 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 manners classes meet from 5:45-7:15 p.m. through August 5. Adult DiscipleLife classes meet from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

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.

Recreation Ministry

Open Gym for all ages:

Every Thursday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (June 18-July 30) Gym available other dates by reservation.

Adult Basketball:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights beginning at 8:00 p.m. By reservation only. (June 15-July 30)

Adult Volleyball:

Mondays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. (June 15-July 27)

Child care will not be available for activities. For more information about these and other summer recreation options, please contact Dusty Jones at 345-7554.

Ministry in Focus

First Impressions Ministry (Greeters)

Volunteers in the First Impressions Ministry greet those who enter our buildings on Sundays. They are ready to offer a warm welcome as well as information about Sunday School classes and directions to rooms. This initial contact is vital, especially for those visiting our church for the first time. If you would be interested in volunteering with this ministry, please contact Joe Armour at 345-7554 or JArmour@fbctuscaloosa.org.

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 06/02/09:

DCH Regional Med Center:

Roy Crowder Archie Meeks
John Wade

Glen Haven Rehab:

Shirley Anderson Mel Espey

Thank You Notes

Words are inadequate to express thanks to each of you for your donated merchandise and to all of you for the time given to make our mission team's yard sale an overwhelming success. A special thanks to Lewis and Pat Ray for picking up, repairing broken items and storing them until the sale date. Thank you to Roland Mouchette for letting Bill O'Bryant use his truck to transport sale items to the church. The sale would not have been possible without each of you.
- Builders for Christ

The family of Sue Burns Barnett received countless expressions of kindness through cards and letters, phone calls, visits, and food throughout her illness. We cherish all the personal notes and intend to keep them in loving memory of her. Numerous donations have been made in her honor and the family deeply appreciates them all.

Wednesday Menu

June 10, 2009

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

Meat loaf

with creamed potatoes, green beans, pear salad, rolls, cookies

Baked Chicken

with same side items

Salad Bar

Kids: Hot dog and fries

No reservations are needed.



May 31, 2009

Weekly Ministry Plan Need	\$76,089.45
Ministry Plan Gifts	\$66,320.93
Difference for week	(\$9,768.52)

Touching Tomorrow Today	\$1,877.66
Designated Gifts	\$1,637.00
Total Gifts for Week	\$69,835.59

2009 Mission/Ministry Plan Summary

Year-to-Date Need	\$1,673,697.90
Actual Year-to-Date Gifts	\$1,373,229.19
Difference for Year	(\$300,738.71)

Touching Tomorrow Today

Total Amount Pledged	\$2,777,995.20
Contributions to Date	\$2,484,174.18
Remaining Balance	(\$293,821.02)

Hatchel Offering Goal	\$3,000.00
Given to Date:	\$2,882.00

Gifts given in Memory of:

Herman Bonner
Lloyd Wood

Gifts given in Honor of:

Elaine Appleby	Marianne Bryan
Frances Crow	Nona Crowder
Tulane Duke	Paul and Jane O'Mary

Bible Study Attendance

Sunday School - May 31, 2009

	Enrollment	Attendance
Preschool	179	96
Children	204	93
Students	213	97
College	229	39
Adults	1422	694
Total	2247	1019

Welcome New Member

by Letter/Statement:

32: Elizabeth Clark

Sympathy to:

- Donna Bailey and family in the death of her father; Lee Bailey and family in the death of his grandfather.
- Thad Turnipseed and family in the death of his grandfather.

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Associate Pastor Emeritus

Sunday, June 7

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30-11:00 Library Open
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship
2:00 p.m. VBS setup
4:30 p.m. ESL classes
6:00 VBS Block Party

Monday, June 8

9:00-12:00 Vacation Bible School
6:30 p.m. Line Dancing Exercise classes

Tuesday, June 9

9:00-12:00 Vacation Bible School
10:00 Naomi's Sisters

Wednesday, June 10

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer (Chapel)
9:00-12:00 Vacation Bible School
9:00 Quilters
9:00 Adult Bible study
2:00-7:30 Library Open
2:30 p.m. Seniors drawing class
3:00 Pregame for students
4:45-6:00 Family Night Meal
5:45 Adult Bible study
5:45 W.O.W. for Children
5:45 Preschool Manners class
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)
6:15-7:15 ESL classes
7:15 Overtime for Students
8:00 Chinese Prayer Service

Thursday, June 11

9:00-12:00 Vacation Bible School
7:15-9:15 p.m. VBS Family Night
at UA Outdoor Pool

Friday, June 12

9:00 a.m. VBS Clean-up
2:00 p.m. Christian Writers' Conference begins
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.

*Because you have played
such an important part in their lives
please join us for
a 50th Wedding Anniversary
on honour of our parents
Ron and Doris Henry
on Friday, the twelfth of June
two thousand and nine
at six o'clock in the evening
Phelps Center
2200 Rock Quarry Drive
The Henry Children
No gifts, please.*



Next week's newsletter will contain details about several new works of art depicting First Baptist Church's buildings. These paintings will be unveiled on Sunday, June 14 at 4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



*The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary this Sunday
in celebration of Ken and Arrice Faught's
34th Wedding Anniversary.*

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