



First Servant Weekly

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Students and Third-Fifth Graders Prepare for Camp

Please pray for the 49 children and chaperones attending Centri-Kid camp at Mississippi College July 13-17. The theme for the week is Jesus 360°. Through fun activities and worship experiences they will learn that life is really all about Jesus.



Please also pray for the 140 students and chaperones who will participate in the Student Ministry's Hi-Def Camp at Camp Hargis near Chelsea.

Through recreation, Bible study and worship they will discover that the greatest definition in their lives can be found in being identified as belonging to God.



This Sunday:

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

Organ Prelude
Donna McCown

*Brethren, We Have
Met to Worship*

*How Can I Keep
from Singing*
Worship Choir and
Orchestra

Welcome to Worship
Dr. Gil McKee

Hosanna

Blessed Be the Name

*All Hail the Power
of Jesus' Name*

Offertory Prayer

*No Not One
Fortress*

**Morning Message
Dr. Gil McKee**

*Grace Greater Than
Our Sin*

The Doxology

Organ Postlude

Wyatt Williams Receives Award

First Baptist Church member Wyatt Williams was recently surprised to be honored at the Alabama Pharmacy Association meeting in Destin, Florida. He received the **Bowl of Hygeia Community Service Award**. This annual award is given to "recognize pharmacists across the nation for outstanding service to their communities. Selected through their respective professional pharmacy associations, each of these dedicated individuals has made uniquely personal contributions to a strong, healthy community which richly deserves both congratulations and our thanks for their high example." Wyatt has generously given of his time and skill in the Good Samaritan Clinic pharmacy for ten years, consistently volunteering 16-20 hours each week. He worked tirelessly in the recent move of the clinic, organizing and setting up the pharmacy in its new setting. The Good Samaritan Clinic is supported in part by First Baptist Church.



Wyatt and Betty Williams

From the Pastor...

On my recent trip to Uganda, Africa God taught me some important lessons from which I thought all of us might benefit. Let me share just a few. First...God taught me once again just how blessed we are to live in the United States of America. For the most part...it's the simple things we so often take for granted...like ice in our tea, hot water for a shower or bath, beds without mosquito nets, electric outlets beside a mirror so you can actually see to dry your hair, four-lane interstates, roads constructed of asphalt or concrete instead of dirt, and air conditioning...just to name a few. We take so much for granted in America!



Second...God taught me that He likes to use us outside our comfort zones sometimes. For instance, I watched God use a pharmacist on our team to lead a marriage enrichment seminar for a pastor's conference. I am always stretched beyond my comfort zone when I am called upon to preach or teach through a language interpreter. And certainly the fact of simply being outside the comfort of our own surroundings, family, conveniences and friends leads to some uncomfortable moments. However, it is in those moments that I find myself most dependent upon the Lord. And that leads me to one other lesson.

God certainly taught me that He desires for me to live every moment of every day in total dependence upon Him. When God moves us outside our comfort zones that is when we really learn what it means to walk by faith and to live in constant communication with Him. While in Uganda it was as if Jesus and I were walking hand in hand the entire way. I was so conscious of my need for Him and His guidance, strength, health and protection.

Unfortunately, I don't always live that way here at home. I am comfortable here. I don't need the Lord as much. I don't have to depend upon Him as much. Or at least...that is what my life sometimes reflects. But God wants me to be just as dependent upon Him in Tuscaloosa, Alabama as I was in Ishaka, Uganda. He wants me to stay in constant communication with Him. He wants me to step outside my comfort zone and go next door to share the gospel with my neighbor or try serving Him in a way that I have never tried before. He wants me to experience that awesome reality of His strength being manifested in my weaknesses.

Let God move you out of your comfort zone this week! Ask Him to use you in some ways that you have never imagined or thought possible. Ask God to put you in a situation or circumstance that forces you to be totally dependent upon Him. You'll never do anything more unsettling yet more fulfilling and rewarding. Thanks for your prayers!

— Bro. Gil

July at Nite

Sunday Nights

July 12, 19 and 26

Activities for kids in grades 1-5 (completed)

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Room 216, Children's Center



Children's Discovery Class

Sunday, July 26

4:30-5:30 p.m. in room 215, Children's Center

This class is designed for children in grades 1-5 who have recently made a profession of faith or have questions about becoming a Christian and baptism. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend with their child. Please contact the Children's Center at 391-3115 if you are interested in enrolling in this class, or email Leigh Anne Darnell at leigh@fbctuscaloosa.org

Builders for Christ

There will be a Builders for Christ team meeting on Monday, July 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the International Center. We have a great deal of information to pass along. All participants need to attend and must bring their completed application including all MEDICAL INFORMATION. If you have already returned this information to the Mission Office, team leaders will have your forms available for your review. **Beginning at 5:00 p.m.** the medical personnel from the Brazil mission team will be in the International Center's "map" room to provide free blood pressure checks and medicine reviews. It is essential that all team members participate in this health check before going on the Builders trip to Ohio August 1-8.

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.

Senior Adventure Ministry

Senior Adult Lock-In: Tuesday, July 21 from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Cost: \$15.00 (Reservations needed.)

Senior Adult Choir begins July 23!

Anyone age 55 and up is invited to be part of the Senior Adult Choir. Beginning July 23, join us for rehearsals every Thursday from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in Room 240, Multi-Purpose Building.

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 07/07/09:

DCH Regional Med Center:

Jane O'Mary

Northport Med Center:

John Wade

Glen Haven Rehab:

Shirley Anderson

Doris Novatnak

Brookwood:

DeWitt Gamble

Sympathy to:

Lane Reece and family in the death of her grandfather.

Congratulations to:

Tim and Shelley Simpson in the birth of a baby boy, Gideon Carter Simpson, on Thursday, July 2, 2009.

Wednesday Menu

July 15, 2009

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

Catfish

with baked potato, corn-on-the-cob, slaw, hush puppies, assorted pudding

Baked Chicken

with same side items

Salad Bar

Kids: Corn dog and fries

No reservations are needed.



July 5, 2009

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| Weekly Ministry Plan Need | \$76,089.45 |
| Ministry Plan Gifts | \$74,933.32 |
| Difference for week | (\$1,156.13) |

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|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Touching Tomorrow Today | \$2,122.66 |
| Designated Gifts | \$855.00 |
| Total Gifts for Week | \$77,910.98 |

2009 Mission/Ministry Plan Summary

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|---------------------------|----------------|
| Year-to-Date Need | \$2,054,415.15 |
| Actual Year-to-Date Gifts | \$1,709,009.54 |
| Difference for Year | (\$345,405.61) |

Touching Tomorrow Today

| | |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Total Amount Pledged | \$2,777,995.20 |
| Contributions to Date | \$2,493,286.34 |
| Remaining Balance | (\$284,708.86) |

Gifts given in Memory of:

Ed Wood

Gifts given in Honor of:

Helen Lake

Visit our church's website,
www.firsttuscaloosa.org.

Bible Study Attendance

Sunday School - July 5, 2009

| | Enrollment | Attendance |
|--------------|-------------|------------|
| Preschool | 179 | 84 |
| Children | 204 | 79 |
| Students | 213 | 76 |
| College | 229 | 27 |
| Adults | 1422 | 537 |
| Total | 2247 | 803 |

Welcome New Member

by Letter/Statement:

40: Frances Norris

But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.

Psalm 33:11

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Thank You Note

Dear First Baptist Friends,

Thank you so very much for all the cards, phone calls, visits, flowers, food, hugs and prayers that I received during my two eye surgeries and recovery. You are all so wonderful and thoughtful. I love every one of you and appreciate everything.
--Elizabeth Mills

Sunday, July 12

8:30 a.m. Worship
 9:30-11:00 Library Open
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship
 4:30 p.m. ESL classes
 5:00 DivorceCare
 6:00 Evening Worship
 6:00 July @ Nite for kids
 6:00 Student Ministry FBU

Monday, July 13

Centri-Kid Camp for grades 3-5,
 Hi-Def Camp for students (thru 7/17)
 6:00 p.m. Prospect Visitation

Tuesday, July 14

10:00 a.m. Naomi's Sisters group
 6:00 p.m. Epic: College Bible study
 6:30 Line Dancing Exercise classes

Wednesday, July 15

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 drawing class
 4:45-6:00 Family Night Meal
 5:45 Adult Bible study
 5:45 Preschool Manners class
 5:45-6:30 Mid-Week Devotion
 5:45-7:15 First Ladies Bible Studies
 6:00-7:00 Adult DiscipleLife
 6:15-7:15 ESL classes
 8:00 Chinese Prayer Service

Thursday, July 16

8:00-4:30 Gym open

Friday, July 17

1:00 p.m. Children's Choir leadership training (*also Saturday*)
 7:00 Chinese Bible Study
 7:00 College Game Night

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.

**BEGINS Sunday, August 23!**

This exciting new weekly worship experience for kids in grades 1-5 will meet on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. in the Children's Worship Center (3rd Floor, Children's Center).

Worship KidStyle Information Lunches:

Sunday, July 26, 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Learn more about *Worship KidStyle* by attending one of these luncheons with your family. To sign up, contact the Children's Ministry office at 391-3115, visit our website (www.firsttuscaloosa.org) or complete and return a reservation form from inside the *Worship KidStyle* brochures located in our church literature racks.

Did you know?

You can read and print the latest edition of this newsletter from our church website on **Wednesday** of each week. **Simply visit www.firsttuscaloosa.org** and click on the **Publications** photo at the bottom left. This will take you to a listing of all the newsletters, brochures and other publications available for download. Select the *First Servant Weekly* to read this newsletter.

We also send this newsletter and other church publications by email. If you do not yet receive email notifications of the latest newsletter, please contact Barbara Smith at 345-7554 or barbara@fbctuscaloosa.org.



The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary this Sunday in celebration of the wedding of Jonathan Rogers and Melissa Duren.

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