



# First Servant Weekly

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## Builders for Christ Mission Trip

August 1-8, 2009

Please pray for the Builders mission team serving in Monroe, Ohio next week. This 60-member team will work on the construction of a new multi-use Worship/Activity Center for First Baptist Church, Monroe.



*Consider now, for the Lord has chosen you to build a temple as a sanctuary. Be strong and do the work. 1 Chronicles 28:10*

## This Sunday:

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

*To God Be the Glory*

*I Stand Upon the Rock*  
Medley  
Worship Choir  
and Orchestra

Welcome to Worship  
Dr. Gil McKee

*Happy Day*

Worship *KidStyle*  
Testimony  
Matt and Hollie Glover

*How Great Is Our God*

Offertory Prayer  
Dusty Jones  
Student Ministry Associate

Offertory  
Kaye Sutton

**Morning Message**  
Dr. Gil McKee

*You Are My All in All*

*The Doxology*

## Sunday School Leadership Training

Sunday, August 2 4:00-7:00 p.m.

In preparation for a new Sunday School year there will be Sunday School Leadership Training for the various age groups.

**Preschool:** Leaders will meet in room 309, Children's Center. They will receive new materials and the names of new class members, and share ideas for creative and effective teaching.

**Children:** Leaders for grades 1-5 will meet in room 313, Children's Center. They will receive new materials and a class listing, meet in their teaching teams, and discuss methods for transitioning children from their Sunday School classes to Worship KidStyle.

**Students:** Leaders for grades 6-12 will meet in the Student Building.

**Adults** (In the Fellowship Hall): Featuring special guest, Dr. Eric Pratt, Vice-President of Christian Development at Mississippi College in Clinton, MS. Dr. Pratt's topic will be "Teaching People the Bible."



## Men's Fraternity Kick-Off Breakfast

Thursday, August 13  
6:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
Cost for Meal: \$5.00

**Guest Speaker: James Spann**

First regular session begins August 27.

## From the Pastor...

I want to tell you about two of the many exciting events coming to First Baptist Church in August. The first is a new semester of **MEN'S FRATERNITY**. *Men's Fraternity* will kick off on Thursday, August 13 at 6:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A full breakfast will be provided for \$5.00. Our guest speaker that morning will be **James Spann**, Chief Meteorologist for ABC33/40 in Birmingham. James is a dynamic Christian and speaker who will challenge and encourage any man. Please begin making your plans now to invite a friend and attend *Men's Fraternity* on August 13.



Second, of course, is **WORSHIP KIDSTYLE**, which begins on Sunday, August 23. We have heard testimonies the last two Sunday mornings from individuals who plan to participate in this new and exciting ministry for children in grades one through five. *Worship Kidstyle* will take place in the new children's worship area on the third floor of the Children's Center at 11:00 every Sunday morning.

Kids will be engaged in worship on their level of expression that will include high-impact music, drama, stories and activities. Worship of Jesus Christ will take on a fresh and personal meaning for kids who may currently struggle with worshiping on an adult level. They will be excited about coming to church and staying for worship! Parents will be able to worship without the feelings of frustration that often accompany trying to help today's young children stay focused during a worship service. *Worship Kidstyle* will be another wonderful addition to the great ministries to children at First Baptist Church.

Please be praying for these two ministries in particular and all the ministries of our church. If you have not found a place of personal service and ministry at First Baptist Church, please contact a staff member of your choice today and let us help you find that special place of service and ministry for you.

I love you! Brother Gil



**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 Preview**

Wednesday, August 12  
6:40 p.m. in the Children's Worship Center



## Child Development Program

The Half-Day program has spaces available for the Fall semester in our classes for children aged two, three and four. The half-day program is 8:30 a.m. -12:15 p.m., Monday-Friday. Tuition is \$180 per month. Classes begin Monday, August 17. Please contact Lecretia Mitchell at 391-3115 for more information.

## Wednesday Night DiscipleLife

Adult Studies Beginning August 19:

*Fireproof: The Love Dare Bible Study*

Based on the movie, *Fireproof*, this eight-week study will provide a powerful marriage enrichment opportunity unlike any other. Led by Jon and Rebekah Mason from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in room CC 313. Cost of the study book and the Love Dare journal: \$15.00.

*The Faith Given Once, For All (Jude 3)*

This six-week study is based on the book, *The Faith*, by Charles Colson and Harold Fickett. Led by Joe Armour from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in room MP 236. Cost of study book is \$9.00.

*Psalms*

Join Bible teacher Greg Tippins as he leads this survey class on this beautiful book of the Old Testament. This study will meet at 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in room MP 240.

## International Ministry Needs

We are in need in the two key volunteers in the International Ministry. If you have an interest or feel the Lord leading you into one of these important roles, please contact the Mission Ministry Office at 366-4403. Thursday English Classes begin August 20.

**Thursday Food Coordinator:** We have been blessed by the generosity of many groups in the church to help us provide food for Thursday ESL classes. We need a person who can coordinate these groups and purchase additional snack food weekly for 40-50 people. Food needs to be prepared and set out in the International Center by 10:30 a.m. each Thursday, which is when these classes take their break. We thank all who have helped us in the past. Special appreciation to Gerri Prentice who has served in this role for over four years. **Thursday Bus Driver:** Our Thursday morning classes provide transportation for students who have no other way to attend English class. We are in need of at least two drivers every week. A CDL is not required.

## 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 07/28/09:

### DCH Regional Med Center:

Joy Orr  
Cecil Stallings  
Faye Wood

### Glen Haven Rehab:

Shirley Anderson  
Don Norton

### UAB:

Bille Jo Henry

## Sympathy to:

- Sandra Simpson and family in the death of her mother; Tim Simpson and family in the death of his grandmother.
- Vicki Miller and family in the death of her grandmother.
- Sandy Clarke and family in the death of her mother.

## Sanctuary Flowers

Anyone interested in placing flowers in the Sanctuary in memory or honor of someone on either Sunday, August 23 or Sunday, August 30 should contact Donna McCown at 366-4402.

Visit our church's website, [www.firsttuscaloosa.org](http://www.firsttuscaloosa.org).

## Wednesday Menu

August 5, 2009

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

### Barbecued Pork

with baked beans, corn-on-the-cob, cole slaw, BBQ bread, cake

### Baked Chicken

with rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, cole slaw, BBQ bread, cake

### Salad Bar

Kids: Pizza and chips

*No reservations are needed.*



### July 26, 2009

Weekly Ministry Plan Need	\$76,089.45
Ministry Plan Gifts	\$46,350.55
Difference for week	(\$29,738.90)

Touching Tomorrow Today	\$1,955.20
Designated Gifts	\$10,336.00
<b>Total Gifts for Week</b>	<b>\$58,641.75</b>

### 2009 Mission/Ministry Plan Summary

Year-to-Date Need	\$2,282,683.50
Actual Year-to-Date Gifts	\$1,880,888.20
Difference for Year	(\$401,795.30)

### Touching Tomorrow Today

Total Amount Pledged	\$2,777,995.20
Contributions to Date	\$2,498,428.54
Remaining Balance	(\$279,566.66)

### Gifts given in Memory of:

Merla Watson Elliott

### Gifts given in Honor of:

Andrew & Greta Bryant's 25th Anniversary  
David and Joanne Sloan

## Bible Study Attendance

### Sunday School - July 26, 2009

	Enrollment	Attendance
Preschool	179	97
Children	204	94
Students	213	108
College	229	48
Adults	1422	632
<b>Total</b>	<b>2247</b>	<b>979</b>

## Welcome New Member

### by Letter/Statement:

43: Linda Conklan

## Senior Adventure Ministry

**Biscuit Sunday:** All Sunday School classes for adults age 55 and up will meet in the Fellowship Hall during Sunday School on August 9. Guest speaker is Tollie Meggs, with special music by Caleb Lamb.

**Triple L Monthly Meeting:** Tuesday, August 11 (please note date change). Begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall with lunch immediately following. Guest speaker: Gail Jennings West, 2009 Ms. Senior Tuscaloosa.

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**Sunday, August 2**

8:30 a.m. Worship  
 9:30-11:00 Library Open  
 9:45 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship  
 4:00-7:00 Sunday School Leadership  
 Training  
 4:30 ESL classes  
 5:00 DivorceCare

**Monday, August 3**

11:00 Student Ministry 11-2  
 6:00 Prospect Visitation  
 6:00 Adult volleyball/basketball

**Tuesday, August 4**

6:30 p.m. Line Dancing Exercise  
 classes

**Wednesday, August 5**

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer (Chapel)  
 9:00 Quilters  
 2:00-7:30 Library Open  
 3:00 Student Ministry Pregame  
 4:45-6:00 Family Night Meal  
 5:45 W.O.W. for grades 1-5  
 5:45 Preschool Manners class  
 5:45-6:30 Mid-Week Devotion  
 5:45-7:15 Worship Choir/Orchestra  
 6:00-7:00 Adult DiscipleLife  
 6:00 The Arena for students  
 6:15-7:15 ESL classes  
 8:00 Chinese Prayer Service

**Thursday, August 6**

8:00-4:30 Gym open  
 11:00 a.m. Senior Adult Choir

**Friday, August 7**

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.

# August Events

**Sunday, August 9:** Promotion for Student Ministry

Biscuit Sunday for Senior Adults with guest speaker Tollie Meggs;  
 special music by Caleb Lamb

**Tuesday, August 11:** Triple L Monthly Meeting and Lunch

**Wednesday, August 12:** Regular Wednesday Schedule resumes.

Missions and Music Kickoff for children - Preschool and Children's  
 Choirs begin at 5:45 p.m.; Preschool Missions begins at 6:40 p.m.

*Worship Kidstyle* Preview for grades 1-5, 6:40 p.m.

**Thursday, August 13:** Men's Fraternity Kickoff Breakfast, 6:00 a.m.

**Sunday, August 16:** New Sunday School year begins.

Promotion for Preschool and Children

*Discover First* session and luncheon

**Wednesday, August 19:** Adult Bible studies/First Ladies studies begin.

RA's and GA's for children begin, 6:40 p.m.

**Thursday, August 20:** English as a Second Language classes begin.

**Sunday, August 23:** *Worship KidStyle* begins, 11:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, August 25:** First Ladies weekly LunchTime Study begins.

**Thursday, August 27:** Men's Fraternity begins, 6:00 a.m.

*The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary this Sunday in loving  
 memory of Mr. Dan Avery by Mrs. Emmie Steele Avery,  
 Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Avery and Dr. and Mrs. Dan Avery.*



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