



First Servant Weekly

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New Ladies Sunday School Class

First Meeting: Sunday, September 6

9:45 a.m., Room 241, Multi-Purpose Building (second floor above the Fellowship Hall)

Ladies, are you looking for a new Sunday School/Bible study class on Sunday mornings? If so, join experienced Bible study leader Celeste Wells on September 6 for the start of this new Ladies Sunday School class. For more information, contact Celeste Wells (391-0026) or Sammie Barstow (758-3570). Sammie is the coordinator for the class.



A Worship Experience

for Grades 1-5

Sundays, 11:00 a.m.

Children's

Worship Center

(3rd Floor, Children's Center)

This Sunday:

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

Piano Prelude
Barbara Smith

Glorious Is Thy Name

Majestic

Hear Our Praises
Worship Choir & Orchestra

Welcome to Worship
Dr. Gil McKee

Friend of God

In Christ Alone

Offertory Prayer
Jerry Lake
Minister to Senior Adults

*Mighty Is the Power
of the Cross*
Bill Yeager

Morning Message
Dr. Gil McKee

The Heart of Worship

Because He Lives

Organ Postlude
Donna McCown

First Grade Family Fellowship

Friday, September 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

First Graders will be officially welcomed into the Children's Ministry at the First Grade Family Fellowship. At this event they will learn about the various ministries and activities designed for them and meet their leaders for Sunday School, Choir and Missions. The First Grade Bible Presentation will also take place during the fellowship. This event will include a meal for first graders, their family members and their teachers. (Childcare activities will be provided for preschoolers after the meal.) To sign up, please call 345-7554 or 366-4418 or email Leigh Anne Darnell at Leigh@fbctuscaloosa.org. Reservations are needed by Monday, September 7.



New Department for Young Couples

Starting Sunday, September 13 9:45 a.m.

Room 311, Children's Center Building

First Baptist's Adult Sunday School Ministry is starting a Young Couples' Department targeting couples

(engaged, newly married, and "not-so-newly" married) in their 20's. The desire is to provide an "exciting place" for these young adults to experience Sunday School with their peers. Excellent leadership has been secured! Paul and Melissa Bentley are the Department Directors. Teachers/Mentors for this group include Steve and Andrea Edmonds, John and Tyler Savage, and Brian and Mary Jane Turner. Help spread the word! Encourage that twentysomething young couple you know to join us for the kickoff of this new Young Couples' Department on Sunday, September 13!

From the Pastor...

On August 21, 1989 Vial Fontenot returned to the staff of First Baptist Church for a second tenure of ministry. During these past 20 years Vial has served our congregation through a variety of roles, none of which have been any more important than the one in which he currently serves - Minister of Missions.



Under Vial's wonderful leadership, the mission ministry of our church has grown and broadened to now include ministry literally around the globe. Next year we will send out ten mission teams from our church, including teams to five foreign countries. Right here at home Vial oversees a weekly ESL (English as a Second Language) ministry that touches individuals from nearly 30 different nationalities not only with the language of English but with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Vial also coordinates monthly and/or quarterly mission projects in Tuscaloosa County that provide vital and practical assistance to those in need.

Of course, Vial's duties also include working alongside our church's mission and stewardship committees in developing annual mission-giving goals and mission education programs. Vial's heart beats with the beat of missions! And he is helping First Baptist Church to develop an even greater commitment to missions here and around the world.

Vial...we congratulate you on your 20th Anniversary of ministry here at First Baptist Church. Thank you for all you mean to our church, our city, and God's Kingdom!

Sincerely,

Brother Gil

Senior Adventure Ministry

- **Computer Class** - Begins Wednesday, September 9 and will meet weekly at 2:30 p.m. in the Student Building. This four-week class, taught by Jim Roebuck, will cover the basics of word processing and email. Word processing instruction will include Notepad, Wordpad, Word 2000 and Word 2007. Email will be composed and sent, received and forwarded using Outlook Express and Thunderbird. Limited seating is available. Please contact Donna McCown at 366-4400 to register.

- **Body Recall** - A new 10-week session of this exercise class for seniors which focuses on flexibility and mobility begins Tuesday, September 8. Classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in Room 313, Children's Center. Contact Donna McCown to sign up.

Labor Day

The Church Office and Children's Center will be closed on Monday, September 7 for the Labor Day holiday. In case of an emergency ministry need, please contact the Minister on Call at 535-5988.

Single Adult Luncheon

Sunday, September 13

12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall (following the 11:00 a.m. service)

For Single Adults in their 20's, 30's, 40's and 50's In an effort to enhance and strengthen its Single Adult Ministry, First Baptist Church is having this special luncheon for single adults within the church and in the community. This will include all single adults (never married, divorced, widowed, single parent, etc.) in their 20's, 30's, 40's and 50's. At the luncheon we will ask everyone to complete a survey to help us better serve the single adults in our church and in the community. There will be door prizes, too! Spread the word! Invite your friends, family members and co-workers! Reservations are not necessary, but helpful. Contact Barbara Smith at Barbara@fbctuscaloosa.org or 345-7554.

Parent/Child Dedication

Sunday, September 13 in morning worship services

Please contact the Children's Center by Tuesday, September 8 if you would like your family to participate in one of these dedication services.

Discover the
Habits of Highly Authentic Men

MEN'S FRATERNITY

Thursdays at 6:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall
Beginning August 27

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 09/02/09:

DCH Regional Med Center:

Ruby Sutton

Northport Med Center:

Bernice Snow

Sympathy to:

- Kathy Hershman and family in the death of her mother.
- Laura Graham and family in the death of her father.
- The family and friends of Juanita Bryant.
- The family and friends of Shirley Anderson.

Congratulations to:

Joe and Jodi Williams in the birth of a baby boy, Preston Joseph Williams, on Thursday, August 27, 2009.

The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing.

Zephaniah 3:17

Wednesday Menu

September 9, 2009

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

Almond Chicken

with rice and gravy, broccoli spears, pear salad, cookies

Baked Chicken

with same side items

Salad Bar

Kids: hot dogs and fries

No reservations are needed.



Promises In Giving

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

August 30, 2009

Weekly Ministry Plan Need	\$76,089.45
Ministry Plan Gifts	\$58,518.36
Difference for week	(\$17,571.09)

Touching Tomorrow Today	\$818.00
Designated Gifts	\$2,545.76
Total Gifts for Week	\$61,882.12

2009 Mission/Ministry Plan Summary

Year-to-Date Need	\$2,663,130.75
Actual Year-to-Date Gifts	\$2,181,979.06
Difference for Year	(\$481,151.69)

Touching Tomorrow Today

Total Amount Pledged	\$2,777,995.20
Contributions to Date	\$2,506,610.54
Remaining Balance	(\$271,384.66)

Bible Study Attendance

Sunday School - August 30, 2009

	Enrollment	Attendance
Preschool	179	108
Children	204	109
Students	213	141
College	229	157
Adults	1422	650
Total	2247	1165



Student Ministry Fellowships

Invite our friends and join us in the Student Building following high school football games on September 4, 18 and 25; and October 16 and 23.

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

In recognition of the Labor Day holiday, the flowers are placed in the Sanctuary this Sunday in honor of the employees of First Baptist Church.

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Sunday, September 6

8:30 a.m. Worship
 9:30-11:00 Library Open
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship
 11:00 *Worship KidStyle*
 4:30 p.m. ESL classes
 6:00 No evening worship

Monday, September 7

*Church office and Children's Center
 Closed for Labor Day Holiday.*

Tuesday, September 8

10:00 a.m. Naomi's Sisters
 12:00 p.m. First Ladies LunchTime
 Study
 1:30 Body Recall
 6:30 Line Dancing Exercise
 classes
 7:00 Epic: College Bible Study

Wednesday, September 9

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer (Chapel)
 9:00 Quilters
 9:00 First Ladies Bible Studies
 3:00-7:30 Library Open
 3:00 Student Ministry Pregame
 4:45-6:00 Family Night Meal
 5:45-6:30 Children's Choirs
 5:45-6:30 Mid-Week Devotion
 5:45-7:15 First Ladies Bible Studies
 6:00 The Arena for students
 6:00-7:00 Adult DiscipleLife
 6:15-7:45 ESL classes
 6:35-8:00 Worship Choir/Orchestra
 6:40-7:30 Children's Missions
 8:00 Chinese Prayer Service

Thursday, September 10

6:00 a.m. Men's Fraternity
 9:30 ESL classes
 11:00 Senior Adult Choir
 1:30 p.m. Body Recall

Friday, September 11

6:00 p.m. First Grade Fellowship
 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.

Wednesday Nights at First

Wednesday Meal

served 4:45-6:00 p.m.
 Adults: \$5.00
 Children: \$3.00

The Arena

6:00-7:30 p.m.
 grades 6-12

Children's Choirs

5:45-6:35 p.m.
 Age 3 - 5th grade

Adults

DiscipleLife studies
 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 First Ladies studies
 5:45-7:15 p.m.
 Mid-Week Devotion
 5:45-6:30 p.m.

**Worship Choir
& Orchestra**

6:35-8:00 p.m.

Children's Missions

6:40-7:30 p.m.
 Preschool Mission Friends
 RA's and GA's (grades 1-5)

English as a Second Language

6:15-7:45 p.m.



Visit the Library

Sundays, 9:30-11:00 a.m. and Wednesdays, 3:00-7:30 p.m.

The library is located on the second floor of the Children's Center. To access the library from the main building, simply take the crosswalk from the second floor over to the Children's Center, turn left and then take the second right. The library is on the right side of the hallway past the elevators.

Check out the library's page on the First Baptist website, www.firsttuscaloosa.org. Click on the **Media Center** photo at the bottom left of the home page.

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