



First Servant Weekly

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This Sunday:

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Prelude
Donna McCown

Lord, I Lift Your Name
on High

Glorious Is Thy Name

Welcome to Worship
Dr. Gil McKee

Forever

Amazing Grace
(My Chains are Gone)
Worship Choir

Fairest Lord Jesus

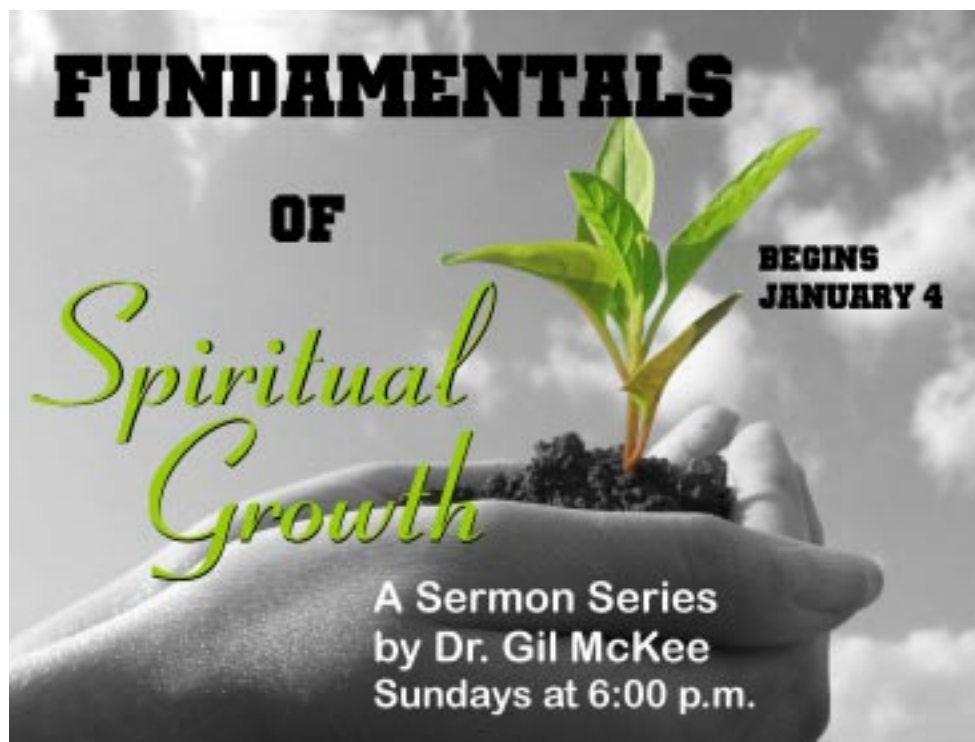
Offertory Prayer
John Lowe
Minister to Students

Offertory
Barbara Smith

Morning Message
Dr. Gil McKee

I Give You My Heart

The Doxology



Reception for Carl and Eleanor Wells

Sunday, January 11
4:00-6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Parent/Child Dedication

Our next Parent/Child (Baby) Dedication will be during the morning worship services on Sunday, January 18. Please contact the Children's Ministry office at 391-3115 before January 11 to participate.

Church Newsletter Online

In 2009 we will begin delivering our weekly newsletter and other publications by email. On Wednesday of each week you will receive an email containing the link to the week's newsletter. You may also directly access this newsletter and other church publications by visiting our church website at www.firsttuscaloosa.org. 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.

Please contact Barbara Smith at 345-7554 or Barbara@fbctuscaloosa.org if you would like to give us your email address and receive this newsletter by email, or if you need to continue receiving First Baptist publications by U.S. mail.



Pledge Update

Through Sunday, December 21 we have received pledges totaling **\$1,924,238** toward the plan total of **\$3,956,651**. There is still time to make your pledge to the 2009 Mission and Ministry Plan.

Children's Choir Leadership Workshop

Saturday, January 10
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

(Includes a three-hour session for preschool workers and a three-hour session for children's workers, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.)

Led by Darlene Abbot, Children's Choir Coordinator, Brentwood Baptist Church in Tennessee.

Men's Fraternity in 2009

Men, mark your calendars! Men's Fraternity will resume in 2009 on Thursday, January 22, 6:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall with a kickoff breakfast.

Disciple Now 2009
January 23-25
 Ryan John & Antjuan Marsh
 Great Bible Study Leaders
 DNow Recreation
 Amazing Worship
 Life-Changing Bible Study

41 Hours of Spiritual Growth

Cost: \$50
 \$75 after January 14

DiscipleNow Registration Form

Student Name _____

Grade: **6 7 8 9 10 11 12**

T-Shirt Size: **YL S M L XL 2X 3X**

Check Number: _____ (Cost: \$50)

Please return this slip along with your registration fee.

2009 Wednesday Nights at First

Begin the New Year by attending Wednesday Nights at First! Wednesday Nights at First (WNF) kicks off in 2009 on Wednesday, January 7, with a full slate of activities and studies for preschoolers, children, and youth. **Adult DiscipleLife studies begin the following week on Wednesday, January 14.** Adult studies include *Foundations: Essential Truths of the Christian Faith*, *One Month to Live: 30 Days to a No-Regrets Life*, *Isaiah and Micah*, and *Faith and Culture*. Also beginning Wednesday evening, January 14, are the following First Ladies' Bible Studies: *Adventurous Prayer*, *Esther*, and *Captivating*. Another special study beginning on January 14 is **Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University (FPU)**. Orientation sessions for FPU will be Wednesday, January 7, at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, January 11, at 5:00 p.m. For a complete schedule for WNF and descriptions of these studies, please pick up a "Wednesday Nights at First" brochure from the literature racks throughout the church or visit the church's website, www.firsttuscaloosa.org.

First Baptist Foundation

Chuck Malone has been elected by the church to serve on the Foundation's Board of Directors. Members of the Board of Directors are elected to serve five-year terms.

First Ladies Noon Luncheon

Thursday, January 8 in the Fellowship Hall

Lunch is served beginning at 11:45 a.m. Please call the church office for reservations. The guest speaker is Mike Sullivan from Turning Point. For this month's mission project please bring household cleaning products and paper goods for donation to Turning Point.

Senior Adventure Ministry

Triple L Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, January 6 at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Special guest is pianist Grant Frederick.



**Lottie Moon Offering
 for International Missions
 Our Goal: \$75,000
 Given to Date: \$29,289**

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 12/29/08:

DCH Regional Med Center:

Velma Meeks

Forest Manor Rehab:

Katherine Phillips

Sympathy to:

- Jeanne Hodgins and family in the death of her father.
- The family and friends of Cubelle Stell.
- Tracy Johnson and family in the death of her grandmother.

January 4 Volunteers

TV Ministry

Ken Faight, David Kendrick, Rick Dowling, Randy Glover

Word of Thanks

We would like to thank all who participated in our 50th wedding anniversary celebration, and also to the church for providing the room for the occasion.

- Bobby & Sandra May

Wednesday Menu

January 7, 2009

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

Beef Spaghetti

with green beans, tossed salad, garlic bread, cookies

Baked Chicken

with same sides plus rice pilaf

Salad Bar

Kids: Hot dog and fries

No reservations are needed.



December 21, 2008

Weekly Ministry Budget Need	74,035.75
Ministry Plan Gifts	\$108,577.13
Surplus for week	\$34,541.38

Touching Tomorrow Today	\$4,676.72
Designated Gifts	\$7,307.00
Total Gifts	\$120,560.85

2008 Mission/Ministry Plan Summary

Year-to-Date Need	\$3,775,823.25
Actual Year-to-Date Gifts	\$3,288,711.28
Difference	(\$487,111.97)

Gifts given in Memory of:

Georgia Hathcock
Dorothy Hershman
Gloria Plott
Jay Ricks
Jim Sherwood
Marilee Summerville

Gifts given in Honor of:

Robert Bentley	Hayse Boyd
Ike and Carol Espy	Rosalind Holloman
Linda Humber	Burland Hutson
Bobby & Sandra May	Gil McKee
Matt Rouse	Tim Simpson
Carolyn Stewart	Carl Wells
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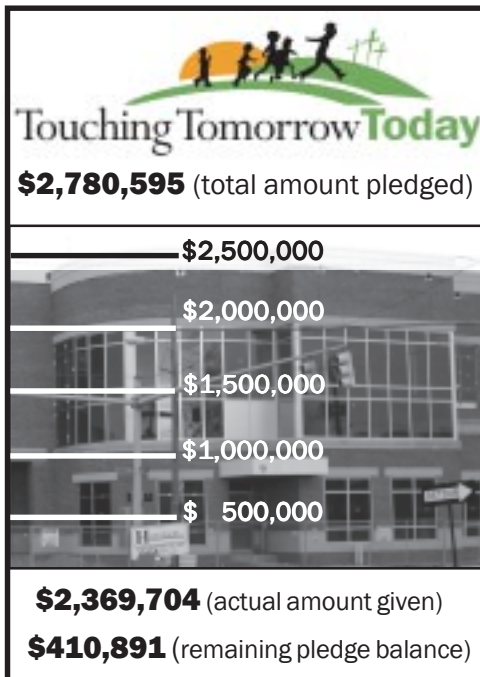
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Sunday, January 4

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30-11:00 Library Open
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship
12:00 p.m. Fifth grade ice skating trip
4:30 ESL classes
6:00 Evening Worship

Tuesday, January 6

10:30 a.m. Triple L Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, January 7

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer (Chapel)
9:00 Quilters
9:00 First Ladies Bible study
2:00-7:30 Library Open
4:45-6:00 Family Night Meal
5:30 Spanish Bible study
5:45-6:30 Mid-Week Devotion
5:45-6:30 Children's Choirs
6:00-7:15 The Arena (Students)
6:15-7:45 ESL classes
6:35 Choir/Orchestra rehearsal
6:40-7:30 Children's Missions
8:00 Chinese Prayer Service

Thursday, January 8

9:30 a.m. ESL Classes
11:45 First Ladies Luncheon

Friday, January 9

7:00 p.m. Chinese Bible Study

Saturday, January 10

8:00 a.m. Upward Basketball games
9:00 a.m. Children's Choir leadership training

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.

DivorceCare



Divorced? Separated? You don't have to go through it alone. Through the ministry of DivorceCare – Find Help... Discover Hope... Experience Healing. Group meetings begin Sunday, January 18 and meet weekly at 5:30 p.m. in Room 313, Children's Center. Leaders are Vickie and Jimmy Duren.

Mission Trip Discovery Meetings

Honduras - Thursday, January 15
Colorado Family Trip - Tuesday, January 20
Ukraine - Thursday, January 22
Dominican Republic - Tuesday, January 27
Uganda - Thursday, January 29
Thailand - Tuesday, February 3
Brazil - Thursday, February 19



Please attend any of these no-obligation informational meetings for details on the 2009 mission trips. All meetings are at 6:30 p.m. in the First Baptist International Center.



The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary this Sunday in loving memory of James A. (Mac) McCracken on his birthday by his family.

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