



First Servant Weekly

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Homecoming...

There's No Place Like Home!

Come Home to Sunday School

A Celebration for all Sunday School Classes

Sunday, November 2 at 9:45 a.m.

Invite friends, neighbors, other class members.

Bring your favorite breakfast food to share with your class.



This Sunday:

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Prelude
Orchestra

Give Me Jesus
Worship Choir & Orchestra

Stewardship Testimony
Trip Farmer

Welcome to Worship
Dr. Gil McKee

*All Hail the Power of
Jesus' Name*

Crown Him King of Kings

*Crown Him with
Many Crowns*

Offertory Prayer
Kris Sullivan
Business Administrator

Silent Strength
Kaye Sutton

Morning Message
Dr. Gil McKee

Here I Am to Worship

The Doxology



Reaching Goals. Changing Lives.

*Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched
by your completion of it, according to your means. 2 Corinthians 8:11*

Finish the year by Finishing Strong! This encouragement comes in face of uncertain economic times and uncertainty surrounding the upcoming election. Doesn't it make sense to lean on the One who is our very source of strength? Church, together let's depend on God, show Him our faithfulness and **Finish Strong!**

*Be strong and courageous. Don't tremble or be dismayed;
for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9*

2009 Mission & Ministry Plan Presentation

Sunday, November 2

6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

The proposed plan will be presented to the church, followed by a time of discussion. The church will vote on the proposed 2009 Mission and Ministry Plan during the morning worship services on Sunday, November 9.

Shoebox Dedication Day

Sunday, November 9

Bring your completed shoe boxes to the altar as you arrive for the 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. worship service on November 9. Instructional brochures containing box labels are available throughout the church.



Word from the Pastor...

Well, it's that time of the year again! The leaves are changing...and so is the TIME! Please do not forget to set your clocks back one hour this Saturday night. That means we should all look fresh and alert this Sunday morning after an extra hour of sleep.



There are also some special things happening this Sunday that you will not want to miss. First, in Sunday School we are celebrating **Homecoming...There's No Place Like Home**. What a great day it will be to come back to Sunday School if you've been away for a while. Come on back to that class that loves you and misses you. It will also be a great time to visit a class if you've never been involved in Sunday School. So take advantage of the time change and extra hour of rest and make an effort to be in Sunday School. You will be glad you did!

Second, on Sunday evening at 6:00 there will be a church-wide presentation and discussion of our **proposed 2009 Mission and Ministry Plan**. This will be a very informative time concerning the funding that will be needed in 2009 for our church to continue its mission and ministry in Tuscaloosa and around the world. If you've never attended one of these presentations I would highly recommend it, especially this year.

Kris Sullivan, our church's Business Administrator, our church staff, and our Stewardship Committee have done an outstanding job of prayerfully studying our church's mission and ministry needs along with the realities of our economic times and have constructed a proposed financial plan for next year that I believe you will be very impressed with. But we need your input and support. So please make every effort to be present for this important presentation this Sunday night.

Also, please pray for our group that is traveling to **Israel**. Forty-eight of us will leave Sunday afternoon for a ten-day experience of walking where Jesus walked. Please pray for our safety and that God will use this time to draw each of us closer to our Savior as we tread upon the ground He walked during His ministry here on earth.

And finally...**please do not forget to vote this Tuesday!** Remember that Scripture mandates that we be involved in the public and political affairs of our government. Remember that your vote can make a difference. And remember that what we do this Tuesday will determine the future in some significant ways. So PRAY and VOTE!

I love you! Bro. Gil

First Ladies Luncheon

Thursday, November 6 in the Fellowship Hall

Lunch served beginning at 11:45. Please call the church (345-7554) for lunch reservations.

Our mission project will be to pack Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Bring items to pack, shoeboxes, and Christmas paper. Items include small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, jump ropes, combs, wash cloths, hard candy, gum, mints, t-shirts, socks, hair clips, crayons, colored pencils, note pads. (Do not include war toys or knives, glass, chocolate or food, liquids or medications.) Each shoebox will be marked for a boy or girl and age appropriate for 2-4, 5-9, and 10-14.

Prayer for the Hurting

Thursday, November 6

7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Are you having problems? Are you sick? Struggling financially? Dealing with difficult family issues? Facing some significant life decisions? Feeling overwhelmed? If you would like some help, join us for this special prayer service.

Upward Basketball

for Boys and Girls in 1st - 6th Grade

Evaluations for grades 1-3 are Tuesday, November 18 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Evaluations for grades 4-6 are Thursday, November 20 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Registration is \$70 per child, and should be paid at the time of evaluation. Practices begin December 1, with games beginning Saturday, January 10.

For more information about *Upward*, please contact Dusty Jones at 345-7554 or Dusty@fbctuscaloosa.org.



Don't miss First Baptist's annual musical celebration of the Christmas season. Ticket request forms are now available from the Music Office and in various locations throughout the church. Tickets are free, but are recommended to guarantee seating.

Friday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 13 at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 14 at 4:00 and 7:00 p.m.

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 10/28/08:

DCH Regional Med Center:

Mildred Bailey

Forest Manor Rehab:

Henrietta Marshall

Sympathy to:

- Tom Myers and family in the death of his mother.
- René Sullivan and family in the death of her brother-in-law.
- The family and friends of Nell Reed.

November 2 Volunteers

Russell Special Education

Pat Kibbey

TV Ministry

Mark Gurganus, Ken Faught, Rick Dowling, Randy Glover

Visit Our New Website:

www.firsttuscaloosa.org

for details on all ministries and upcoming church events. You may also view current ministry brochures and newsletters, including the *First Servant Weekly*.

Wednesday Menu

November 5, 2008

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

Beef Spaghetti

with green beans, tossed salad, garlic bread, assorted pudding

Baked Chicken

with same sides plus rice pilaf

Salad Bar

Kids: Pizza and chips

No reservations are needed.



October 26, 2008

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|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Weekly Ministry Budget Need | \$74,035.75 |
| Ministry Plan Gifts | \$49,613.17 |
| Difference | (\$24,422.58) |
| ----- | |
| Touching Tomorrow Today | \$32,429.00 |
| Designated Gifts | \$795.00 |
| Total Gifts | \$82,837.17 |

2008 Mission/Ministry Plan Summary

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|---------------------------|----------------|
| Year-to-Date Need | \$3,183,537.25 |
| Actual Year-to-Date Gifts | \$2,692,003.17 |
| Difference | (\$491,534.08) |

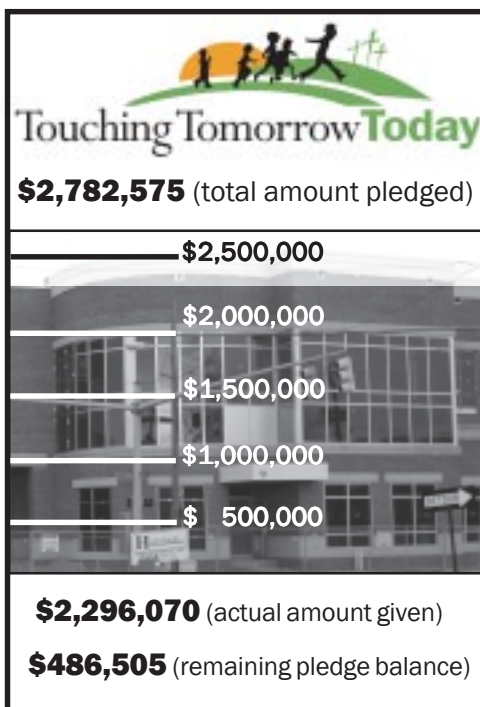
Gifts given in Memory of:

James H. Goostree
Albert May
Charlene Myers
Harold Willcutt, Sr.

Bible Study Attendance

Sunday School - October 26, 2008

| | Enrollment | Attendance |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Preschool | 179 | 111 |
| Children | 204 | 111 |
| Students | 213 | 170 |
| College | 229 | 71 |
| Adults | 1422 | 694 |
| Total | 2247 | 1157 |



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Sunday, November 2

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:30-11:00 Library Open
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship
- 4:30 p.m. ESL classes
- 6:00 First Baptist University (grades 6-12)
- 6:00 Bible Skills, Drills, Thrills
- 6:00 Budget Presentation in the Fellowship Hall
- 7:11 Freshman Bible Study

Tuesday, November 4

- 9:30 a.m. Triple L Thanksgiving Brunch
- 1:30 p.m. Body Recall
- 7:00 Epic: College Bible study

Wednesday, November 5

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer (Chapel)
- 9:00 First Ladies Bible Study
- 2:00-7:30 Library Open
- 3:00 p.m. Pre-Game (Students)
- 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
- 5:45-7:15 First Ladies Bible studies
- 6:00-7:00 Adult DiscipleLife
- 6:00-7:15 The Arena (Students)
- 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, November 6

- 6:00 a.m. Men's Fraternity
- 9:30 ESL Classes
- 1:30 p.m. Body Recall
- 7:00 Prayer for the Hurting
- 7:00 Young Single Adult Bible Study at the Yeagers'

Friday, November 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.



Blackout 2008

We are thankful that God blessed us with His presence at Blackout 2008! The 160+ students who participated were blessed with a beautiful day and great opportunities to experience God's presence and His Grace out at Camp Tuscocha this past Saturday, October 25. Many thanks are due to the adults who cooked, cleaned, led teams, and provided a memorable experience for all of our students. It is truly amazing to be a part of a church that supports its students like First Baptist Tuscaloosa! Thanks for your thoughts and prayers.

-- John Lowe, Minister to Students



The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary this Sunday in loving memory of Clyde and Ben Fulmer, and E.W. and Pearl Clarke by Frieda Fulmer.

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