



First Servant Weekly

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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

This Sunday:

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Prelude
Donna McCown

Indescribable
Worship Choir

*Come, Thou Fount
of Every Blessing*

Welcome to Worship
Dr. Gil McKee

Blessed Be Your Name

Who Can Satisfy

Offertory Prayer
Carl Wells
Minister to Senior Adults

The Healer
Andrew and Greta Bryant
and Bonnie Corbett

Morning Message
Dr. Gil McKee

I Give You My Heart

Prayer

Postlude

Have You Made a Pledge?

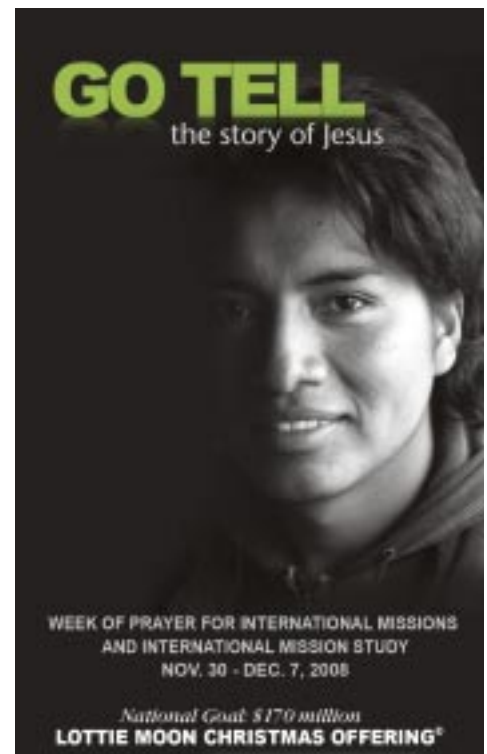
Last Sunday we celebrated Pledge Day for the 2009 Mission and Ministry Plan. If you have not yet had an opportunity to complete a pledge card to indicate your planned support of the mission and ministries of First Baptist Church, you may still do so. Simply mail or bring your completed pledge cards to the main church office.

Through Sunday, November 16 we have received pledges totaling **\$1,264,871** toward the plan total of **\$3,956,651**.



Coats for our Community

Share the warmth by donating new or gently used coats, jackets, hats, mittens, gloves and new socks. All sizes – infants through adults - are needed. Please be sure the items are clean and in good repair. We will have a collection box in the Children's Center Lobby for these items through Sunday, November 30.



Our Goal: \$75,000



Jim and Evelyn Sexton

International Mission Study

Wednesday, December 10

5:45-6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Special Guests: Jim and Evelyn Sexton

The Sextons serve with the International Mission Board in Santiago, Chile. They have served in various countries in South America for almost 20 years. Children will meet in the Fellowship Hall for this study and then go to Children's Choir to practice for *Christmas at First*. Anyone is welcome to attend the mission study. It will take the place of the Mid-Week Devotion.

Women on Mission Groups

- The Randall Group will meet Monday, November 24 at 2:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor.
- The Nightlighters will meet Monday, November 24 at 5:15 p.m. in the Church Parlor.

Christmas Gift to Parents

Parents Morning Out: Saturday, December 6 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Visit the Children's Center to sign up your children for this fun event.

Sunday Nights

November 23: Worship at 6:00 p.m. Message by Dr. Gil McKee. *Bible Skills, Drills and Thrills* for children, First Baptist University for Students

November 30: No evening activities

December 7: Worship at 6:00 p.m. Preschool choirs singing, followed by Dr. Gil McKee's message. *Bible Skills, Drills and Thrills* Christmas party.

December 14: *Christmas at First*, 4:00 and 7:00 p.m.

December 21: Candlelight Service, 6:00 p.m.

December 28: No evening activities.

Did you know?

You can read and print the latest edition of this newsletter from our church website on **Wednesday** of each week. That's two days BEFORE you receive it in the mail. **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. You can also visit the archive section to read earlier editions. Check the website often to keep up to date on the ministries of First Baptist Church.

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

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

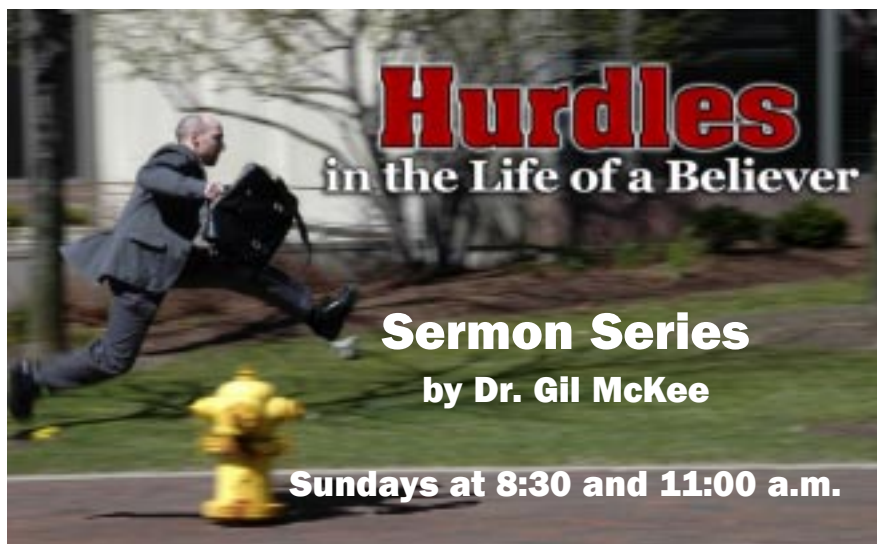
Sunday, December 14, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 14, 7:00 p.m.

There are four ways to request tickets:

1. Email your ticket request to Diane Gaddy at dgaddy@fbctuscaloosa.org.
2. Visit our website, www.firsttuscaloosa.org.
3. Place your completed form in the offering plate during any worship service.
4. Place your form in the drop-box located on the display table in the Eighth Street Welcome Center.

Completed ticket orders may be picked up from the table in the Welcome Center. Tickets are free, but are recommended to guarantee seating.



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 11/18/08:

DCH Regional Med Center:

Bettye Bambarger
Addison Brown
Henrietta Marshall

Northport Med Center:

Jeanie Newell

Baptist East - Memphis:

Summer Riles

Glen Haven Rehab:

Sam McGee

Hospice of West Alabama:

Jim Sherwood

Sympathy to:

- Donald Brown and family in the death of his brother.
- The family and friends of Mildred Bailey.
- Josie Watts and Clara Campbell and families in the death of their brother.
- Martha Mackey and family in the death of her brother.
- Malcolm McCracken and family in the death of his brother.
- Bennie Wells and family in the death of her mother.

November 23 Volunteers

Russell Special Education

Frances Crow

TV Ministry

Mark Gurganus, Ken Faught, Rick Dowling, Randy Glover

Wednesday Menu

November 26, 2008

No Wednesday Evening Meal
or other activities
this Wednesday night.



November 16, 2008

Weekly Ministry Budget Need	\$74,035.75
Ministry Plan Gifts	\$61,741.41
Difference	(\$12,293.34)

Touching Tomorrow Today	\$16,247.00
Designated Gifts	\$326.00
Total Gifts	\$78,314.41

2008 Mission/Ministry Plan Summary

Year-to-Date Need	\$3,405,644.50
Actual Year-to-Date Gifts	\$2,900,152.97
Difference	(\$505,491.53)

Gifts given in Memory of:

Nell Reed

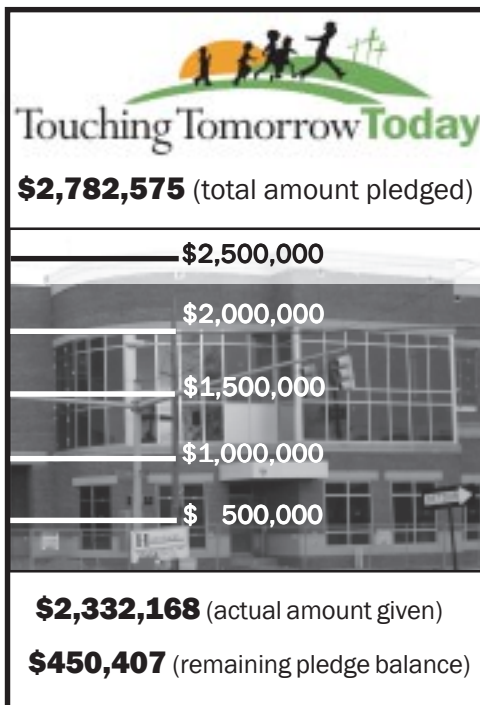
Gifts given in Honor of:

George Hodgson
Carl Wells

Bible Study Attendance

Sunday School - November 16, 2008

	Enrollment	Attendance
Preschool	179	114
Children	204	100
Students	213	131
College	229	108
Adults	1422	643
Total	2247	1096



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Sunday, November 23

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:30-11:00 Library Open
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship
- 3:30 p.m. Upward training
- 4:00 *Christmas at First* rehearsal
- 4:30 ESL classes
- 6:00 First Baptist University (grades 6-12)
- 6:00 *Bible Skills, Drills, Thrills*
- 6:00 Evening Worship
- 7:11 Freshman Bible Study
- 7:15 Deacons' Meeting

Monday, November 24

- 2:00 p.m. Randall Group
- 5:15 Nightlighters
- 6:00 Volleyball for Adults

Tuesday, November 25

- 1:30 p.m. Body Recall
- 7:00 Epic: College Bible study

Wednesday, November 26

No Wednesday evening activities

Thursday, November 27

Church office and Children's Center closed.

Friday, November 28

Church office and Children's Center closed.

Sunday, November 30

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:30-11:00 Library Open
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Spanish church luncheon
- 3:30 Upward training
- 4:00 p.m. *Christmas at First* rehearsal
- 6:00 NO evening worship or other activities

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.

Survival Sunday

December 7



Surviving the Holidays:

Help for the divorced and separated

5:00-7:00 p.m. in Room 313, Children's Center

If you're separated or divorced, the holidays can be a lonely, stressful and depressing time. But there's hope. Join us for an encouraging seminar to discover how to enjoy the holidays again.

Surviving the Financial Crunch:

Orientation for Dave Ramsey's *Financial Peace University*

5:00-6:00 p.m. in Room 236, Multi-Purpose Building

Our next FPU class will begin on Wednesday, January 14.

The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary this Sunday in loving memory of Eloyce McCracken by her children Joy and Elton Reece, Susan and Steve Richardson and grandchildren, Lane Reece, Todd and Kellie Reece, and Kristin Richardson.



The flowers are placed in the Foyer in celebration of the marriage of Katie Malone and Tom Schmaeling.

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