



First Servant Weekly

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Christmas at First

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH + TUSCALOOSA



Friday, December 12, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 13, 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 14, 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

This Sunday:

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Prelude
Donna McCown

Good Christian Men
Rejoice

Angels We Have Heard
on High

No Eye Had Seen
Worship Choir

Welcome to Worship
Dr. Gil McKee

Angels, from the
Realms of Glory

Offertory Prayer
John Lowe
Minister to Students

In the Manger
Grace Alone

Morning Message
Dr. Gil McKee

Wherever He Leads
I'll Go

O Come, Let Us
Adore Him



Enjoy
the sounds of our
Worship Choir,
Orchestra and
Children's Choirs
in this year's
celebration
of Christmas!

College Ministry:

New Orleans Mission Trip, December 14-19

Please pray for the members of the College Ministry who will be working with Operation Noah to help rebuild the communities of New Orleans. They will participate in the construction and deconstruction of houses. Team members are Robert Burgess, Kent Burton, Betsy Clark, Joy Doriety, Byron Fewell, Holly Gaddy, Olivia Gibson, Erin Grogan, Melissa Hale, Xiao Junjia, Beth Lester, Elizabeth Lewey, Laura Meherg, Ross Morgan, Kelley Roberts, Andrew Seay, Tim Simpson, Erin Smith, Josh Stokley, Cory Thomas, Newton Tinsley, Winston Tippins, Rachel Todd, Jessica Ussery, Heather Veasey, Heath Wilson, Katrina Windon and Raven Winston.

**Lottie Moon Offering
for International Missions
Our Goal: \$75,000
Given to Date: \$13,456**



Did you know?

You can read and print the latest edition of this newsletter from our church website on **Wednesday** of each week. **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.

In 2009 we will also begin sending this newsletter and other church publications by email. Contact Barbara Smith at 345-7554 or barbara@fbctuscaloosa.org to let her know if you would like to receive your publications from First Baptist by email, or if you need to continue receiving newsletters by U.S. mail.

Brunch for Preschool/ Children's Ministry Workers

Sunday, December 14, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

All workers should drop by one of the rooms listed below before or after Sunday School for a bite to eat.

Preschool Workers: Room 140

Children's Workers: Room 211

Senior Adult Ministry

Senior adults will go caroling in several local retirement centers on Monday, December 15. The group will leave from First Baptist Church at 9:30 a.m. and stop for lunch between singing appointments.



Birthday Party for Jesus

The preschool and children's Sunday School classes will participate in a Birthday party of Jesus on Sunday, December 21 during Sunday School. Each person should bring one of the items listed below as a gift to be donated to Sav-A-Life of Tuscaloosa, a ministry to pregnant women. Items include washcloths, hooded bath towels, baby lotion, baby wash, baby blankets, disposable diapers, sleepers, bodysuits, baby clothing, bottles, pacifiers, socks or booties.



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

Pledge Update

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, December 7 we have received pledges totaling **\$1,859,236** toward the plan total of **\$3,956,651**.

Canned Food Drive

The Community Soup Bowl is feeding more people than ever before and they need our help. Our church supports this important mission financially but we can also help by donating canned vegetables and fruit, and elbow macaroni. Sunday school classes may help by donating the large industrial-size cans and individuals may bring smaller cans. Please place the items in the marked bins throughout the church.



Christmas Gift Idea

First Ladies cookbook, *Pass the Plate Again*

Special Price: \$10

Available at this price Sunday, December 14 only. Look for the table near the Eighth Street Welcome Center.

Children's Choir and Missions

December 12, 13, 14 - Christmas at First

The first-fifth grade choirs will meet in the Fellowship Hall 30 minutes before each performance.

Wednesday, December 17

- Preschoolers will follow their regular choir and missions schedule.
- First-fifth grade children will carol at local nursing homes from 5:45-7:30 p.m.

There are no Wednesday night activities on December 24 and 31. Our regular Wednesday night schedule will resume January 7.

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 12/09/08:

DCH Regional Med Center:

Bessie Hamner

Children's Hospital:

Addison Brown

Forest Manor Rehab:

Jeanie Newell

Henrietta Marshall

Baptist Medical Center, Memphis:

Summer Riles

UAB:

Ron Henry

Sympathy to:

- Leslie Smith and Lisa Kilgore and families in the death of their grandmother.
- Raymond Beckham and family in the death of his aunt.
- Floy Ricks and family in the death of her husband, Jay Ricks; Jan McQuaig and family in the death of her father.

December 14 Volunteers

TV Ministry

Ken Faight, David Kendrick, Rick Dowling, Randy Glover

Welcome New Member

by Baptism:

3: Leah Dailey

Wednesday Menu

December 17, 2008

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

Turkey and Ham

with dressing, sweet potato patty, green beans, congealed salad, rolls, pecan and lemon pie

Salad Bar

Kids: Chicken fingers and fries

No reservations are needed.



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Weekly Ministry Budget Need	74,035.75
Ministry Plan Gifts	\$90,998.31
Surplus for week	\$16,962.56

Touching Tomorrow Today	\$12,433.16
Designated Gifts	\$16,186.00
Total Gifts	\$119,617.47

2008 Mission/Ministry Plan Summary

Year-to-Date Need	\$3,627,751.75
Actual Year-to-Date Gifts	\$3,094,182.21
Difference	(\$533,569.54)

Gifts given in Memory of:

Sid Averette, Louise Davis, Andy & Micah Hayes, Billy Jolliet, Nell Reed, Marilee Summerville, Jim Wascomb

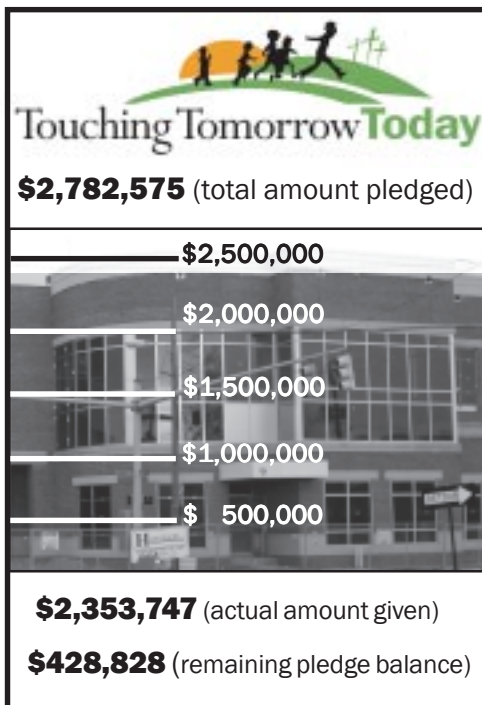
Gifts given in Honor of:

Dianne Bentley, Bobby & Sandra May, Jerry Thomas Class, Lydia Class

Bible Study Attendance

Sunday School - December 7, 2008

	Enrollment	Attendance
Preschool	179	105
Children	204	100
Students	213	122
College	229	60
Adults	1422	684
Total	2247	1071



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Sunday, December 14

8:30 a.m. Worship
8:45 Discover First
9:00 Preschool/Children's
Leadership Brunch
9:30-11:00 Library Open
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship
12:00 Discover First luncheon
4:00 p.m. *Christmas at First*
4:30 ESL classes
7:00 *Christmas at First*

Monday, December 15

9:30 a.m. Women on Mission
Bible study
9:30 Senior Adult Caroling

Tuesday, December 16

1:30 p.m. Body Recall

Wednesday, December 17

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer (Chapel)
9:00 Quilters
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 Preschool Choir
5:45-7:30 Children's Caroling
6:00-7:15 The Arena (Students)
6:15-7:45 ESL classes
6:40-7:30 Preschool Missions
7:00 Overtime (Students)
8:00 Chinese Prayer Service

Thursday, December 18

1:30 p.m. Body Recall
7:00 Young Single Adult Bible
Study at the Yeagers'

Friday, December 19

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.

Holiday Schedule/Events:

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

Wednesday, December 17: Children in grades 1-5 carol in nursing homes.

Sunday, December 21: During morning worship on December 21 and 28, we will experience a sermon series called "How Great is Our God." While Tim Simpson, our college minister, guides us into a better understanding of greatness and demonstrates the full extent of the love of Christ, Noel Mills, a local artist, will capture his words on huge canvases. Evening worship: Candlelight Service, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 24: Church office and Children's Center closed. No evening activities.

December 25 and 26: Church office and Children's Center closed.

Sunday, December 28: No Sunday School, one morning service at 10:00 a.m. Tim Simpson and Noel Mills will present part two of "How Great is Our God." No evening worship service.

Wednesday, December 31: Church office will be open. No evening activities.

Thursday, January 1 and Friday, January 2: Church office and Children's Center closed.

Sunday, January 4: Regular morning and evening services.

Wednesday, January 7: Children's Choir/Missions resume, 5:45-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 14: Adult DiscipleLife studies begin, 6:00 p.m.



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