



# First Servant Weekly

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## Promotion Day for Students

Those entering grades 6-12 will promote to their new Sunday School classes on August 9. Biscuits will be provided. (Promotion for Preschool and Children's classes is August 16.)



## Sixth Grade Orientation for Students and Parents

Sunday, August 9 at 4:30 p.m. in the Arena (Student Building worship area)

## This Sunday:

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

Organ Prelude  
Donna McCown

*How Firm a Foundation*  
Worship Choir  
and Orchestra

Welcome to Worship  
Dr. Gil McKee

*Blessed Be Your Name*

*Worship KidStyle*  
Testimony

*Come, Christians,  
Join to Sing*

*Sing to the King*

Offertory Prayer  
Vial Fontenot  
Minister of Missions

Instrumental Offertory  
Caleb Lamb

**Morning Message**  
**Dr. Gil McKee**

*I Have Decided  
to Follow Jesus*

*Because He Lives*

Piano Postlude  
Barbara Smith



## Biscuit Sunday

All Sunday School classes for adults age 55 and up will meet in the Fellowship Hall during Sunday School on August 9. Guest speaker is Tollie Meggs, with special music by Caleb Lamb.



## Kick-off for Children's Music & Missions Wednesday, August 12

5:45 p.m. Preschool and Children's Choirs  
6:40 p.m. Preschool Mission Friends  
6:40 p.m. *Worship KidStyle* Preview for children in first-fifth grade and their parents in the Children's Worship Center (3rd floor)  
*Children's Missions (RA's and GA's)*  
will begin Wednesday, August 19.

Online registration for choir and missions  
available at [www.firsttuscaloosa.org](http://www.firsttuscaloosa.org).



## Kick-Off Breakfast

Thursday, August 13  
6:00 a.m. • Fellowship Hall  
Cost for Meal: \$5.00

**Guest Speaker:**  
**James Spann**

This Semester's Theme:  
*Habits of  
Highly Authentic Men*  
Begins August 27

## From the Pastor...

MEN'S FRATERNITY will begin a new semester with a full breakfast kickoff on Thursday, August 13 at 6:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. **James Spann**, Chief Meteorologist for ABC 33/40 in Birmingham, will be our keynote speaker. Along with his duties at ABC 33/40, James is a very sought-after speaker by churches, schools and other organizations. He is a committed Christian who is not ashamed of his faith in Jesus Christ or hesitant about sharing his faith in Christ with others. I hope every man in First Baptist Church will make plans to be here next Thursday for this exciting morning with James Spann. I can guarantee you that you will be glad you got up early and came to Men's Fraternity.



The theme for the new semester of Men's Fraternity is **"Habits of Highly Authentic Men."** One of the things we strive for in Men's Fraternity is to teach men what it means to be an authentic man in the day in which we live. This semester we are going to raise the bar one more level by learning, developing, and implementing some habits that will help us become "highly authentic men."

The first actual session of the new semester of Men's Fraternity will begin on Thursday, August 27 at 6:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. At our kickoff breakfast on August 13 I will give more details about the new semester and our new theme.

This is a great time for all of us to invite men we work with or coach little league with or live across the street from to come with us to Men's Fraternity. So invite a friend to come with you on the 13<sup>th</sup>! Offer to pay the \$5.00 for his breakfast that morning. Start investing in the life of another man by bringing him to Men's Fraternity. He will be glad you did...and you will be glad you did, too!

I'll see you there, men!

**Brother Gil**



**BEGINS Sunday,  
August 23**

This exciting new weekly worship experience for kids in grades 1-5 will meet on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. in the Children's Worship Center (3rd Floor, Children's Center).

**Worship KidStyle Preview**

Wednesday, August 12

6:40 p.m. in the Children's Worship Center

## Leadership Training

**Sunday, August 9, 4:00-7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
For workers in Adult Sunday School**

Featuring special guest, Dr. Eric Pratt, Vice-President of Christian Development at Mississippi College in Clinton, MS. Dr. Pratt's topic will be "Teaching People the Bible." (This training was rescheduled from last Sunday.) Everyone is invited to attend the 5:45 p.m. session, when Dr. Pratt will be speaking.

**College Sunday School Leadership Training - 5:30 p.m.**

## Wednesday Night DiscipleLife

Adult Studies Beginning August 19:

*Fireproof: The Love Dare Bible Study*

Based on the movie, *Fireproof*, this eight-week study will provide a powerful marriage enrichment opportunity unlike any other. Led by Jon and Rebekah Mason from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in room CC 313. Cost of the study book and the Love Dare journal: \$15.00.

*The Faith: Given Once, For All (Jude 3)*

This six-week study is based on the book, *The Faith*, by Charles Colson and Harold Fickett. Led by Joe Armour, 6:00-7:00 p.m. in room MP 236. Study book: \$9.00.

*Psalms*

Join Bible teacher Greg Tippins as he leads this survey class on this beautiful book of the Old Testament. This study will meet at 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in room MP 240.

## Discover First

An orientation session called "Discover First" will meet Sunday morning, August 30. This special class is for new adult members of First Baptist Church and for those interested in learning more about our church and the Baptist faith. Beginning at 8:45 a.m. in Room 301 on the third floor in the Children's Center, participants will "discover" about our Baptist faith and heritage and about the staff, ministries, and ministry opportunities at First Baptist. We will conclude with a luncheon for the entire family at 12:00 noon followed by a brief tour of our church facility. Bible study and activities will be provided for children and youth during the morning session of Discover First. Reservations are required by Wednesday, August 19. For more information or to sign up, please contact Barbara Smith in the church office (345-7554 or [barbara@fbctuscaloosa.org](mailto:barbara@fbctuscaloosa.org)).

## International Ministry Volunteers

**Wanted:** Refreshment Coordinator and two drivers for Thursday mornings. Please contact Vial Fontenot at 345-7554 or [Vial@fbctuscaloosa.org](mailto:Vial@fbctuscaloosa.org) for more information.

## 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 08/04/09:

### DCH Regional Med Center:

Bernice Snow

### Glen Haven Rehab:

Shirley Anderson

Don Norton

### Forest Manor Rehab:

Theresa Avery

## Sympathy to:

- Terria Plott and family in the death of her mother, Faye Wood; Hunter Plott and family in the death of his grandmother; Minnie Bell Mills and Mary Alma Wood and families in the death of their sister; Martha Pierson and family in the death of her sister-in-law; and Lynn Wilson and family in the death of her aunt.
- Greg Tippins and family in the death of his mother.

## Worship Choir

### Fall Rehearsal Kickoff:

Wednesday, August 19, 6:35-8:00 p.m.

### Christmas Music Kickoff:

Saturday, August 29, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Visit our church's website,  
[www.firsttuscaloosa.org](http://www.firsttuscaloosa.org).

## Wednesday Menu

August 12, 2009

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

### Beef Spaghetti

with green beans, tossed salad, garlic bread and cookies

### Baked Chicken

with same side items plus rice pilaf

### Salad Bar

Kids: Hot dog and chips

*No reservations are needed.*



### August 2, 2009

Weekly Ministry Plan Need	\$76,089.45
Ministry Plan Gifts	\$67,257.04
Difference for week	(\$8,832.41)

Touching Tomorrow Today	\$2,743.00
Designated Gifts	\$2,393.00
<b>Total Gifts for Week</b>	<b>\$72,393.04</b>

### 2009 Mission/Ministry Plan Summary

Year-to-Date Need	\$2,358,772.95
Actual Year-to-Date Gifts	\$1,948,045.24
Difference for Year	(\$410,727.71)

### Touching Tomorrow Today

Total Amount Pledged	\$2,777,995.20
Contributions to Date	\$2,501,171.54
Remaining Balance	(\$276,823.66)

### Gifts given in Memory of:

Faye Wood

### Gifts given in Honor of:

Pleas Davis

David and Joanne Sloan

Claire Suarez

## Bible Study Attendance

### Sunday School - August 2, 2009

	Enrollment	Attendance
Preschool	179	98
Children	204	89
Students	213	95
College	229	45
Adults	1422	683
<b>Total</b>	<b>2247</b>	<b>1010</b>

## Welcome New Members

### by Letter/Statement:

44: Emma Thomas

45: Steve Wyatt

### by Baptism:

36: Mandy Wyatt

## Senior Adventure Ministry

**Triple L Monthly Meeting:** Tuesday, August 11 (please note date change). Begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall with lunch immediately following.

### First Baptist Tuscaloosa

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### Carl Wells

Associate Pastor Emeritus

**Sunday, August 9**

- 8:30 a.m. Worship  
 9:30-11:00 Library Open  
 9:45 Sunday School  
     Biscuit Sunday for Senior Adults  
     Promotion for Students  
 11:00 Worship  
 4:00-7:00 Sunday School Leadership Training for ADULTS  
 4:30 ESL classes  
 4:30 Sixth Grade Orientation  
 5:00 DivorceCare  
 5:30 College Leader Training  
 5:45 Dr. Eric Pratt speaking in Fellowship Hall  
 6:00 FBU for grades 6-12

**Monday, August 10**

- 6:00 p.m. Prospect Visitation  
 6:00 Adult Volleyball  
 8:00 Adult Basketball

**Tuesday, August 11**

- 10:30 a.m. Triple L Monthly Meeting  
 6:30 p.m. Line Dancing Exercise classes

**Wednesday, August 12**

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer (Chapel)  
 9:00 Quilters  
 2:00-7:30 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  
 6:00 The Arena for students  
 6:15-7:45 ESL classes  
 6:35-8:00 Worship Choir/Orchestra  
 6:40 *Worship KidStyle* Preview  
 6:40 Preschool Missions  
 8:00 Chinese Prayer Service

**Thursday, August 13**

- 6:00 a.m. Men's Fraternity Kick-Off Breakfast  
 11:00 a.m. Senior Adult Choir

**Friday, August 14**

- 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.

**First Ladies Bible Studies**

*Studies beginning Wednesday, August 19:*

**9:00-11:00 a.m.**

*Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman*

by Beth Moore

*Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed*

by Priscilla Shirer, Beth Moore and Kay Arthur

*Precept Studies: Kings and Prophets Series*

by Kay Arthur

*Daniel*

by Beth Moore

**5:45-7:15 p.m.**

*Finding God in the Broken Places*

Women of Faith Series

*Discerning the Voice of God*

by Priscilla Shirer

For more information about these women's Bible studies, please pick up a **Growing In God's Word** brochure from the literature racks around the church or visit the women's ministry page on our website, [www.firsttuscaloosa.org](http://www.firsttuscaloosa.org).

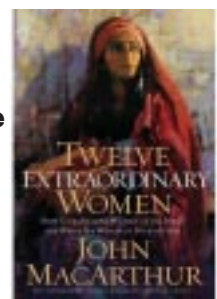
**NEW!**

**Tuesday LunchTime Study**

Begins August 25

**Twelve Extraordinary Women**

by John MacArthur



*The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary this Sunday in loving memory of Dr. Tommy Russell and Mark Russell by Allene Russell and Adelia, David, Amy and Brian Smith.*

*The flowers are placed in the Vestibule this Sunday in recognition of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Andrew and Greta Bryant.*

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