



# First Servant Weekly

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## This Sunday:

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

Organ Prelude  
Donna McCown

*Christ the Lord  
Is Risen Today*

*Arise*

*Feels Good to Be Free*  
Worship Choir & Orchestra  
Lisa Brantley, soloist

Welcome to Worship  
Tim Simpson

*Awesome in This Place*

*Worship KidStyle*  
Testimony & Video  
Thad & Melissa Turnipseed

*Amazing Grace  
(My Chains are Gone)*

Offertory Prayer  
John Lowe

*Bless Your Name  
Forevermore*  
Brooke Bunn

**Morning Message  
Rev. Mike Hall**

*I Have Decided  
to Follow Jesus*

Organ Postlude

## Promotion Sunday

### *A Brand New Year in Sunday School*

Preschoolers and children should go to their new Sunday School classes on August 16. Greeters will be available in the Children's Center to assist children and parents in finding classrooms. Students in grades 6-12 moved to their new classes last week.

If you are not currently active in a Sunday School class, this is the perfect time to renew your commitment and make a fresh start. Visit the Welcome Centers in each of our buildings for assistance in finding the class that is right for you. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m.



## Mike Hall to Preach August 16

Mike Hall will preach during the morning worship services on Sunday, August 16. He currently serves as Interim Pastor for Northridge Baptist Church. Mike grew up in rural Pickens County as the oldest of seven children. He holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama and a Master of Theology degree from Dallas Theological Seminary. He and his wife of 29 years, Carol, are the parents of six children (two boys and four girls), a daughter-in-law, and a son-in-law. He has pastored churches in Texas and Alabama.

Joe Armour will preach during the evening service on Sunday, August 16. Joe serves as the Minister to Adults and Outreach at First Baptist Church.

## Wednesday Nights at First

### Wednesday Meal

served 4:45-6:00 p.m.

Adults: \$5.00

Children: \$3.00

### Adults

DiscipleLife studies

6:00-7:00 p.m.

First Ladies studies

5:45-7:15 p.m.

Mid-Week Devotion

5:45-6:30 p.m.

### The Arena

6:00-7:30 p.m.

grades 6-12

### Worship Choir & Orchestra

6:35-8:00 p.m.

### English as a Second Language

6:15-7:45 p.m.

### Children's Choirs

5:45-6:35 p.m.

Age 3 - 5th grade

### Children's Missions

6:40-7:30 p.m.

Preschool Mission Friends

RA's and GA's (grades 1-5)

## From the Pastor...

**MEN'S FRATERNITY** begins this Thursday, August 13, with a breakfast kick off beginning at 6:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The cost for breakfast is \$5.00. **James Spann**, Chief Meteorologist for ABC33-40 in Birmingham will be our keynote speaker. Men...don't forget to invite a friend! I will look forward to seeing you there!



I also want to remind all our families with grade school-age children that **WORSHIP KIDSTYLE** begins Sunday, August 23 at 11:00 a.m. in the Children's Worship Center. If you are not familiar with the location of the Children's Worship Center, it is on the third floor of the Children's Center. Take the elevator to the third floor and when the doors open you will be there!

**KIDS...**this is one of the greatest opportunities ever to invite your friends to church! They will feel like they are in Vacation Bible School or Summer Camp again! They will get to sing exciting songs, participate in fun activities and games, see dramas and puppets, learn interesting stories from the Bible, and much more. This is something YOU are not going to want to miss. So tell your friends about it at school and invite them to come to church with you for the very first day of **WORSHIP KIDSTYLE** on August 23.

**Brother Gil**

*August 15-25: Please remember to pray for Gil and Sharon McKee as they lead a group visiting various locations in Greece and Turkey to retrace the steps taken by the Apostle Paul on his missionary journeys.*

## College Bible Study/Worship

Epic, the weekly College Ministry worship and Bible study, begins Tuesday, August 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Building. Visit [www.mycollegewalk.com](http://www.mycollegewalk.com) for more information about this and other opportunities for college students.



**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).

## Bible Skills, Drills, & Thrills

Sunday nights  
beginning August 16  
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
Room 216, Children's Center  
For Grades 1-5

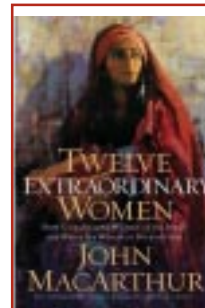


## First Baptist University

Small-group Bible Studies for grades 6-12  
6:00-7:00 p.m. Sundays  
Student Ministry Building

## 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)).



**NEW!**

**Tuesday LunchTime  
Study for Women**  
Begins August 25  
**Twelve Extraordinary  
Women**  
by John MacArthur

*Christmas at First*  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH + TUSCALOOSA

## 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.



## 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 08/11/09:

### DCH Regional Med Center:

Malcolm McCracken  
Bernice Snow

### Forest Manor Rehab:

Theresa Avery

## Sympathy to:

- Eleanor McCracken and family in the death of her sister, Vivian Turner.

## Sanctuary Flowers

Anyone interested in placing flowers in the Sanctuary in memory or honor of someone on Sunday, September 6 should contact Donna McCown at 366-4402.

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

## Looking Ahead...

**Sunday, August 23:** Tim Simpson will preach during the morning worship services; John Lowe during the evening service, which will be held in the Arena (Student Building).

**Sunday, August 30:** Lord's Supper in evening service.

## Wednesday Menu

August 19, 2009

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

### Fried Chicken

with au gratin potatoes, English peas, tossed salad, biscuits with honey, cheese cake

### Baked Chicken

with same side items

### Salad Bar

**Kids:** Hot dog and fries

*No reservations are needed.*



## Promises In Giving

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

### August 9, 2009

Weekly Ministry Plan Need	\$76,089.45
Ministry Plan Gifts	\$70,864.67
Difference for week	(\$5,224.78)

Touching Tomorrow Today	\$1,944.00
Designated Gifts	\$2,780.00
<b>Total Gifts for Week</b>	<b>\$75,588.67</b>

### 2009 Mission/Ministry Plan Summary

Year-to-Date Need	\$2,434,862.40
Actual Year-to-Date Gifts	\$2,018,909.91
Difference for Year	(\$415,952.49)

### Touching Tomorrow Today

Total Amount Pledged	\$2,777,995.20
Contributions to Date	\$2,503,115.54
Remaining Balance	(\$274,879.66)

### Gifts given in Memory of:

Margaret Sandlin  
Ruth Tippins  
Faye Wood

### Gifts given in Honor of:

Andrew and Greta Bryant's Anniversary

## Uganda Refugee Project

To date \$19,877.00 has been donated for the construction of housing for refugees living in camps in Uganda. A mud and canvas structure to provide shelter for one family costs \$50. Your generosity will provide almost 400 families with desperately needed homes.

## Bible Study Attendance

### Sunday School - August 9, 2009

	Enrollment	Attendance
Preschool	179	118
Children	204	78
Students	213	152
College	229	54
Adults	1422	706
<b>Total</b>	<b>2247</b>	<b>1108</b>

## Welcome New Members

### by Letter/Statement:

46-47: Joshua & Crystal Odom  
48: Clint Prince  
49-50: Scottie & Ginger Tuck

### First Baptist Tuscaloosa

721 Greensboro Ave.  
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### Carl Wells

Associate Pastor Emeritus

**Sunday, August 16**

8:30 a.m. Worship  
 9:30-11:00 Library Open  
 9:45 Sunday School  
 Promotion for Children  
 11:00 Worship  
 4:30 ESL classes  
 5:00 DivorceCare  
 6:00 FBU for grades 6-12  
 6:00 Bible Skills, Drills, Thrills  
 6:00 Evening Worship

**Monday, August 17**

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

**Tuesday, August 18**

6:30 a.m. Deacon Advisory Council  
 12:00 p.m. First Ladies LunchTime  
 Study  
 6:30 p.m. Line Dancing Exercise  
 classes  
 7:00 Epic: College Bible Study

**Wednesday, August 19**

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer (Chapel)  
 9:00 Quilters  
 9:00 First Ladies Bible Studies  
 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  
 5:45-7:15 First Ladies Bible Studies  
 6:00 The Arena for students  
 6:00-7:00 Adult DiscipleLife  
 6:15-7:45 ESL classes  
 6:35-8:00 Worship Choir/Orchestra  
 6:40 Children's Missions  
 8:00 Chinese Prayer Service

**Thursday, August 20**

9:30 a.m. ESL classes  
 11:00 Senior Adult Choir

**Friday, August 21**

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.

**International Ministry Volunteers****Child Care volunteers needed for our Thursday English classes, 9:15-11:45 a.m.**

Each Thursday volunteers care for the children of the students in our English as a Second Language program. We provide care for more than 15 children (babies through pre-K) from at least 10 different countries. Your help is needed with this unique and rewarding mission opportunity.



**Also Needed:** 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.

Our Thursday English as a Second Language classes begin August 20. These conversational classes are free and open to anyone. New and returning students may register in the International Center prior to class, which meets from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Classes are also offered on Sunday and Wednesday evenings.

*The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary this Sunday in celebration of the wedding of Brittney Smelser and Ryan Rhoden by her parents, Joey and Sharon Smelser and her grandparents, Ernest and Buna Woodruff.*

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