



First Servant Weekly

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This Sunday:

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

How Great Thou Art

Andy Pettus, saxophone

Blessed Be the Name

Welcome to Worship

Vial Fontenot

Minister of Missions/Ministry

Firm Foundation

Jerusalem with The Holy City

Worship Choir & Orchestra

Candy Hocutt, soloist

Crown Him with Many Crowns

He Is Exalted

I Exalt Thee

Message in Music

Heather Payne

Morning Message

Dr. Brian Payne

Senior Pastor

FBC Fisherville, KY

Change My Heart, O God

Offertory Prayer

Vial Fontenot

Offertory Music

Heather Payne

The Family of God

Postlude

Barbara Smith, piano

Special Guests for October 9:

Brian and Heather Payne



Dr. Brian Payne will preach during the morning worship services on Sunday, October 9. Dr. Payne is a native of Enterprise, Alabama and holds B.S. and M.A. degrees from the University of Alabama, where he also played football and served

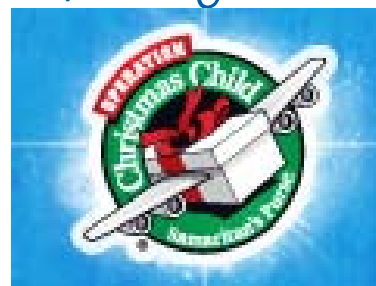
as a graduate assistant coach. He holds advanced degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and currently serves as a professor there. He is also Senior Pastor at First Baptist Church in Fisherville, Kentucky.

His wife, Heather, will provide special music during the morning services. She was a founding member of the group, *Point of Grace* and was with the group for 18 years before retiring in 2008 to focus her time on family, especially their four young children. She recently released a new album, *Sweet Exchange*, which is a fresh take on the timeless hymns of the church that she loved as a child. The project grew from her desire to pass these hymns down to her own children.

The Power of a Simple Gift

*"Pack your shoe box with love,
send it with prayer, and share the Good
News of Jesus Christ with a hurting child.
That's the power of a simple gift."*

- Franklin Graham



Our Goal: 1000+1 Shoe Boxes

Our month-long emphasis on Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes begins October 16. Set a goal in your Sunday School class, Bible study or mission group to help First Baptist provide 1001 gift-filled shoe boxes to be given to needy children all over the world. Last year over 8.1 million children world-wide received shoebox gifts through Operation Christmas Child. Your help is needed for First Baptist to be able to donate more boxes than we ever have before. Visit www.samaritanaspurse.org/occ for more information.

For more information about the mission and ministries of First Baptist Church, please visit our website: www.firsttuscaloosa.org

From the Pastor...

As is true with any organization, a church must take time periodically to reevaluate in order to make sure that it is being as effective as possible when it comes to fulfilling its mission. As you know, "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."



For about a year now, our ministerial staff has been in the process of reevaluating how our church can be more effective in fulfilling that mission. We have tried to focus on the big picture and look beyond ourselves to our church's mission of multiplying and advancing the Kingdom of God.

Examples of things we have looked at include issues such as spiritual development, outward (evangelistic) focus, worship, Sunday School, ministries, activity schedules, facilities, parking, how to be more family friendly, reaching the next generation, etc.

The Bible says that: "**Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.**" Proverbs 15:22 (NIV) Over this past year we have sought the counsel of a man that God uses all over the southeast part of the United States to help churches in the evaluation process. He has provided "fresh eyes" and objective, experienced counsel in our process.

But now it is time for us to get YOU involved in the process and get YOUR input and counsel. Therefore, we have begun the process of communicating and gathering input from our congregation in a series of meetings with various groups of the church, such as our Deacon Body, Sunday School leadership, worship leadership, etc. It is our desire to take whatever time is necessary to share with you some of the things we have learned and some of the recommendations we are considering.

However, nothing is in concrete. We understand the wisdom of Proverbs 15:22 and are seeking the counsel of as many in our church as possible before making any final recommendations to the church. I hope you will be patient with us as we attempt to do this in a methodical and structured manner.

In the meantime, if you have questions related to anything you may be hearing as the information begins to circulate throughout our church family, please feel free to call or email me or any of the staff. Most importantly, just know that we plan to take several months to communicate and receive input from our congregation before making any final decisions.

Have a blessed week! Bro. Gil

Deacon and Committee Nominations

Please watch your U.S. mail and email for materials pertaining to the election of deacons and the nomination of church members to serve on our committees in 2012. Completed forms may be returned in the offering plate the next two Sundays or directly to the Church Office.

Zumba Fitness/Latin Dance Classes

Join us for FREE Zumba Fitness-Latin Dance classes on Fridays from 4:00-4:45 p.m. in the gym. Wear comfortable shoes and clothes, bring water and let's have fun! No child care provided at this time. For more information call Angie Vitt at 366-4403 or email AVitt@fbctuscaloosa.org. Instructor: Bettina Nelson (205-737-7556)

Donations of bags of individually-wrapped candy needed for prizes during Trunk or Treat (safe trick or treating in our parking lot at member vehicles.) Please place candy in the orange containers near the church entrances. Additional vehicles needed for Trunk or Treat. Contact Beth Yates to volunteer as an individual, family or group.

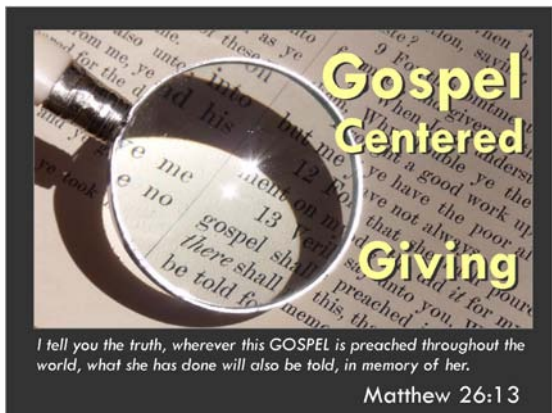
Children's Ministry

Father/Son Campout for grades 1-5
Friday, November 4-Saturday, November 5
Camp Tuscoba in Northport; Cost: \$5 per person

Mother/Daughter Pajama Party for grades 1-5
Friday, November 4, 6:00-10:00 p.m.
Children's Worship Center

Contact the Children's Center at 391-3115 or Beth Yates at byates@fbctuscaloosa.org to sign up for either of these events. Deadline is Wednesday, November 2.

Magnify. Multiply. Minister.



I tell you the truth, wherever this GOSPEL is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.

Matthew 26:13

Kathleen Mallory Mission Offering

Our Goal: \$5000
Given to Date: \$3860

October 2, 2011

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| Weekly Ministry Budget Need | \$72,874.19 |
| Ministry Plan Gifts | <u>\$81,560.96</u> |
| Surplus for Week | \$8,686.77 |
| <i>Faithful to the Finish</i> | \$11,622.00 |
| Designated Gifts | <u>\$2,820.00</u> |
| Total Gifts | \$96,002.96 |

2011 Mission/Ministry Plan Summary

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Year-to-Date Need | \$2,914,967.60 |
| <u>Actual Year-to-Date Gifts</u> | <u>\$2,463,840.30</u> |
| Difference for Year | (\$451,127.30) |

Gifts given in Memory of:

Lester Ferguson Tommie Myers

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If viewing this online, you may click on the email addresses above to send a message.

Faithful to the Finish

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|-----------------------|------------------|
| Total Pledge | \$2,127,686.91 |
| Contributions to date | \$531,953.05 |
| Remaining Balance | (\$1,595,733.86) |



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.

Bible Study Attendance

Sunday School - October 2, 2011

| | <u>Enrollment</u> | <u>Attendance</u> |
|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Preschool | 179 | 94 |
| Children | 204 | 107 |
| Students | 213 | 138 |
| College | 229 | 62 |
| Adults | <u>1422</u> | <u>641</u> |
| Total | 2247 | 1042 |

Recently Hospitalized

As of 10/04/11:

DCH Regional Med Center:

Lyn Holt
Johnnie Shoemaker

Forest Manor Rehab:

Maxine Duren
Margaret Wascomb

Sympathy to:

- Mary Jones and family and Jim Lyons and family in the death of their sister, Ruby Hisaw; to Ken Jones and family in the death of his aunt.
- Tempie Johnson and family in the death of her husband, Charles Johnson; Liz Hawkins and family in the death of her uncle.
- Mary Hamner and family in the death of her husband, Richard Hamner; Jim Hamner and family in the death of his father.

Welcome New Members

by Letter/Statement:

7: Kelly Roberts

by Baptism:

2: Kathy Wilson

Wednesday Menu

October 12, 2011

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

Reservations are not needed.

Poppyseed Chicken

with rice, mixed vegetables, congealed salad, rolls, cookies

OR Baked Chicken

with same sides

OR Salad Bar

Kids: Hamburger and chips

Sunday School Leaders Meeting

Sunday, October 16, 4:00 p.m., The Arena

For Sunday School leaders and workers in all age groups

Questions? Have an announcement to submit for publication? Please email Leigh Anne Darnell at Leigh@fbctuscaloosa.org.

Sunday, October 9

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:30-10:45 Library Open
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship
- 11:00 Worship KidStyle
- 11:00 Spanish and Chinese services
- 4:30 p.m. ESL classes
- 5:00 DivorceCare
- 5:00 First Ladies Bible Study
- 5:30 Student Ministry FBU
- 6:00 Adult DiscipleLife studies
- 6:00 Bible Skills, Drills, Thrills
- 6:00 Preschool TeamKid

Monday, October 10

- 6:00 Volleyball
- 6:00 Deacon Prospect Visitation
- 8:00 Freshman Bible study

Tuesday, October 11

- 5:30 Beginner Line Dance Exercise
- 6:00 Line Dance Exercise
- 7:00 Epic: College Bible Study

Wednesday, October 12

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer (Chapel)
- 9:00 First Ladies' Bible studies
- 3:00 p.m. Student Ministry Pregame
- 3:00-7:00 Library Open
- 4:45-6:00 Family Night Meal
- 5:45-6:30 Mid-Week Devotion
- 5:45-7:15 First Ladies Bible Study
- 5:45-7:00 M&M for Kids
- 6:00-7:00 Adult DiscipleLife
- 6:00-7:30 The Arena for students
- 6:00 Spanish Bible Study
- 6:00 ESL Classes
- 6:35 Worship Choir/Orchestra
- 7:00-7:30 Hangtime for Kids (Gr. 1-5)
- 8:00 Chinese Prayer Service

Thursday, October 13

- 9:30 a.m. ESL classes

Friday, October 14

- 6:00 p.m. Parents' Night Out
- 9:45 Friday Night Lights

Saturday, October 15

- 11:00 a.m. Entre Amigas Meeting/Lunch

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**Student Ministry
Blackout Retreat**

Saturday, November 12
9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Cost: \$30
Visit the Student Ministry Building to register.

**Parents' Night
Out!**

Cost: \$6
\$18 max per family
Friday, October 14
6:00-9:30 p.m.
Infants through Grade 5
Register in the Children's Center Today!



**Friday Night
Lights**

Fellowships for grades 7-12
Begin at 9:45 p.m. in the Student Ministry Building.
Invite some friends and join us Friday, October 14 and Friday, October 28.

The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary this Sunday in honor of the 85th Birthday of Wayne Patrick and in memory of Lee and Winnie Pruet and Paul and Juanita Robertson by Jim and JoAnne Robertson and David and Jami Patrick.



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