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First Servant Weekly

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Leading all Generations to Seek the *Good of my Neighbor** and all God has Next

HOLY WEEK

Thursday, April 2

Maundy Thursday Prayer Experience

Quiet time of Guided Prayer and Personal Worship with the Lord's Supper
Sanctuary open from 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Come at any point during that time for prayer and reflection.

Friday, April 3

Good Friday

Church offices and CDP CLOSED

MAUNDY Thursday

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

Guided Prayer Experience
Sanctuary open 5-7 p.m.



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This come-and-go, self-guided prayer experience will help you slow down, reflect on Christ's sacrifice, and prepare your heart for Easter. As you enter the Sanctuary, you'll find prayer guides designed to help you meditate on Scripture, confess, give thanks, and remember the love of Christ. During your time, you will also have the opportunity to observe the Lord's Supper as a personal act of worship.

Please quietly enter and depart the Sanctuary from the **Greensboro Avenue entrance** only.

When you enter the foyer, pick up a prayer guide and a small nail, and then select your seat and follow the prompts and readings on the guide.

EASTER at First



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SUNDAY, APRIL 5

3 services - 8:00, 9:30, 11 a.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

We will have three morning worship services at special times -
8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Reminders

- Preschool childcare and activities will be available during all three services for PRE-K and YOUNGER. Kindergarten age and older will worship with their parents. There are kids' activity boxes available at the Sanctuary entrances for kids to use during worship.
- Life Groups will not meet on Easter Sunday.
- Easter Photo Spots: There are three decorated crosses that make a great backdrop for your family's Easter photo: One in Guest Services next to Wells Fellowship Hall, one in the Family Ministry Building lobby, and one outside the Sanctuary on Greensboro Avenue. You are welcome to take your own photos at these locations.
- Park in any of our three lots, in street-side parking or in the City of Tuscaloosa free parking deck (entrance on 7th Street). We will provide coffee and doughnuts in the parking deck for those who park there to open up spaces near the church for guests. Our shuttle will be running to and from the deck for those who would like a ride to the church entrance. Guest parking will be available near the Sanctuary.
- Coffee stations will be in the Guest Services area and the Family Ministry Building lobby prior to each service.



This Sunday's Message

by Senior Pastor **Drew Chapman**

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.
Life groups at 9:45 a.m.

"All God Has Next" Steps from last Sunday's message, "Marriage & Divorce":

First Step: If you are married, schedule one intentional conversation with your spouse this week about the health of your marriage. If you're not married, commit to pray for the marriage of people you know.

Formation Step: Read and pray through Genesis 2:18-25 and Matthew 19:3-9 this week. Ask God to shape your vision of marriage around his design rather than the culture's. If your marriage is struggling, take the next step of calling a counselor or reaching out to one of our pastors this week. Don't wait for the crisis to deepen before you ask for help.

Faith Step: If you are carrying unresolved pain from a divorce — yours, your parents', or someone you love — bring it specifically to God in prayer this week.

Missed last Sunday's message?
View it [HERE](#) on our YouTube Channel.

DISCOVER FIRST

Click [HERE](#)
to register or
scan the code.



The next Discover First is Wednesday, April 1. Discover First highlights our church's mission, ministry, and beliefs. You will learn how to plug in, what it looks like to be a member here, and how you can connect and serve. Discover First is not just for new members; its for anyone desiring to deepen their connection and find their place of service. Child care and Wednesday night meal are provided. (Meal served at 5 p.m., Discover First begins at 6 p.m.)



Wednesday Night Schedule for April 1:

- 5:00 p.m.** Wednesday Night Meal (\$6, adults; \$4, 11 & under)
- 4:30 p.m.** Library Open
- 4:30 p.m.** Care Notes
- 5:45 p.m.** Preschool and Kids' Music Groups
- 5:45 p.m.** ESL Classes
- 6:00 p.m.** Discover First
- 6:00 p.m.** Wednesday Night LIVE (Students)
- 6:00 p.m.** Women's Bible Studies
- 6:00 p.m.** Adult Bible Study with Keith Pugh
- 6:45 p.m.** Preschool/Kids' Hyfi Groups
- 6:45 p.m.** Worship Choir/Orchestra
- 8:00 p.m.** College Worship

THIS WEEK'S MENU

Meal A:

Fried chicken tenders, green beans, mashed potatoes with gravy, tossed salad, biscuits, chocolate cake, drink

Meal B:

Pizza, side, dessert, drink



Looking for ways to Serve?

See the list below for current needs within our church.

First Impressions Team

Volunteers needed to serve as greeters on Sunday mornings
Contact: Caroline Carpenter
cwigley1@crimson.ua.edu

Production Team

video, audio, lighting, livestream, TV
Contact: Joe Ziegler or Rick Dowling
JZiegler@fbctuscaloosa.org
Rick.dowling@gmail.com

Scholarships Available

Attention all High School Senior + Graduate Students: The **Hoy W. and Clara M. Hamilton Charitable Scholarship** fund provides annual scholarships in higher education to deserving members of First Baptist Church Tuscaloosa. A completed application is required to apply. Contact Camille Epps at camille.epps@regions.com for more information. FBC's Scholarship Team will select the candidates to whom the scholarships will be awarded. The deadline to apply is **May 1, 2026.**

Mission and Ministry Plan

Offering Details - Week of March 29

Given for: Budget	\$108,363.46
World Mission Offering	\$2,216.44
The 721 Fund	\$435.00
Designated	\$5,357.95
Total Given	\$116,372.85



To access our secure giving portal, scan this QR code or visit firsttuscaloosa.org/giving and click "Give Online".

*Holy Week
Devotion Guide*

FOR KIDS & FAMILIES
View [HERE](#) or scan the code.



Senior Adult Ministry

Triple L Meeting and Lunch:

Tuesday, April 7, 10:30 a.m. in Wells Fellowship Hall; Guest Speaker: David Kizziah

Prime Time Singers: April 2, 16, 30 at 10 a.m.

Game Day: Tuesday, April 21; 10-2 p.m.
BUNCO: Thursday, April 23; 2-4 p.m.

Alice's Mission Dresses Workshop: Friday, April 24; 9 a.m - 2 p.m. in Room FB300

Petals from the Past Day Trip: Tuesday, April 28; leave from FBC at 9 a.m.

Sweet Dreams Pillowcase Ministry Workshop: Friday, May 1; 9 a.m. -12 p.m. in Room FB300

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Everyone Takes One

As part of our 2030 Vision we hope to see over 700,000 "All God Has Next" Steps taken over the next four years. A Next Step can be the followup steps from each week's sermon, a step related to the "I Am" statements in the eight Outcomes, or any step forward you take in your walk with Christ, like inviting someone to church, making your prayer life stronger, joining a group or mission team, etc.

Share Your Story: Scan the QR code or use [this link](#) to share a "Next Step" you have taken and how God worked through it. Sharing your story can help encourage others to take their Next Steps as well.

Everyone Takes One

Our Challenge: Take one step in each of these 8 Outcomes this year. See the [Spiritual Health Assessment](#) for the steps.

8 Outcomes

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|----------------|-----------------|
| Live Dependent | • Lead Visibly |
| Live Joyful | Lead Humbly |
| Live Connected | Lead Generously |
| Live Sent | Lead Somebody |

Lead VISIBLY

Modeling Christ through actions, attitudes and words

I Am:

- Using my words to build others up.
- Living consistently with my faith in private and public.

Consider where you are and **take a step** forward this year in at least one of the "I Am" statements above.

SHARE YOUR

story

EVERYONE TAKES ONE

What "All God Has Next" Steps have you taken?

How has God worked through those Next Steps in your life and the lives of others?



Scan the QR code to share your "All God Has Next Steps" story and encourage others.



We currently livestream our Sunday services on **Facebook** and **YouTube** (youtube.com/@firsttuscaloosa). Recent sermon videos and complete Sunday morning worship videos are also on our YouTube channel. Be sure to click the **"Subscribe"** button.



Sunday, April 5

EASTER SUNDAY

- 8:00** **Worship Service**
- 9:15-10:30 Spanish Worship - Chapel
- 9:30-10:00 Library Open (near gym)
- 9:45** **Worship Service**
- 10:00 Chinese Sunday School
- 10:40 Spanish Sunday School
- 11:00 Chinese Worship - Chapel
- 11:00** **Worship Service**

Monday, April 6

- 8:00 a.m. Second-Hand Rose Ministry
- 12:00 p.m. Painting Class (adv.)
- 2:00 Legacy Fitness

Tuesday, April 7

- 10:30 a.m. Triple L Meeting & Lunch
- 7:00 p.m. TEA with T online study

Wednesday, April 8

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group
- 9:30 Women's Bible Studies
- 2:30 p.m. Legacy Fitness
- 4:30-6:00 Library Open (near gym)
- 4:30-5:30 CareNotes Ministry
- 5:00-5:50 Family Night Meal
- 5:45-6:40 Preschool/Kids' Music Groups
- 5:45 ESL Classes
- 6:00 Students: Wed. Night LIVE
- 6:00 Women's Bible Studies
- 6:00 Adult Bible Study
- 6:45 Preschool/Kids' Hyfi Groups
- 6:45 Worship Choir/Orchestra
- 8:00 College Worship (Wells FH)

Thursday, April 9

- 9:00 a.m. Quilters group
- 9:30 ESL Classes
- 10:00 Men's Bible Study

Friday, April 10

- 6:00 p.m. Chinese Church Fellowship

WORLD MISSION OFFERING
SUPPORTING GLOBAL OUTREACH EFFORTS

GIVEN: \$30,943 **GOAL: 180,000**

- Annie Armstrong Offering
- Lottie Moon Offering
- Myers/Mallory Offering
- Uganda Partnership
- Thailand Partnership
- Pakistan Partnership
- Clarkston Partnership
- Lifeline Children's Services
- Iglesia Biblica Partnership

SHINING A LIGHT ON WHO JESUS REALLY IS

ILLUMINATION STATION JOHN 8:12

VBS

JUNE 15 - 18
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

HELP US SHINE JESUS' LIGHT AT VBS

SCAN THE QR CODE TO VOLUNTEER TODAY!

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