



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH TUSCALOOSA

# First Servant Weekly

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Dr. Drew Chapman, Senior Pastor

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



**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, "Choose Love":

**First Step:** This week, I will pay attention to when I reach for the "gas can". Where am I quick to retaliate or get even?

**Formation Step:** This week, I will write Matthew 5:44 somewhere I'll see it every day (mirror, phone lock screen, dashboard): "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

**Faith Step:** This week, I will show at least one act of love where I usually want to retaliate.

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

## Welcome Executive Pastor Jason Walker!



On Sunday, April 12 the church membership affirmed Jason Walker as the next Executive Pastor of First Baptist Church. His first official day in the office will be Monday, April 20, with Jason initially serving part-time for a season as he transitions from his current role. Please pray for Jason and his family as he accepts God's call to full-time ministry.

Jason Walker has deep roots at First Baptist Church Tuscaloosa, first attending as a child in 1975. He came to faith in Christ in 1983 and has been shaped by the church's ministries and relationships ever since. Jason and his wife, Brandy, returned to First Baptist in 2002, where they have faithfully served in Student Ministry, Life Groups, and other ministries of the church. Jason also serves as part of the deacon body.

Professionally, Jason brings over 30 years of leadership experience in civil engineering, including serving as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at TTL, Inc., here in Tuscaloosa, where he helped lead major projects across the region. He has also been actively involved in civic leadership throughout the community.

Jason and Brandy have three grown sons, Jordan, Joey (daughter-in-law Raegan Atkins Walker), and J.C. and are grateful to call Tuscaloosa home. They are passionate about serving the church and investing in others for the sake of the gospel.

Thank you to the members of the Personnel Team for their diligence and faith during this search process. Thank You, Jesus for Your hand and work in the process of this search, continue to guide us into all You have next!

**GAL PAL**  
**SEND-OFF LUNCH**  
Sunday, April 26th  
Fellowship Hall at 12pm

Sign up here →

PRAYER OVER OUR GRADUATING GAL PALS

FELLOWSHIP & FOOD

## Wednesday Night Schedule for April 15:

**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.** 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 (4/15)

#### Meal A:

Meatloaf, mashed potatoes,  
purple-hull peas, lime Jell-O  
salad, rolls, peach cobbler,  
drink

#### Meal B:

Pizza, side, dessert, drink

### UPCOMING WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENUS

**April 22:**

**Meal A:** Breakfast casserole, grits, bacon, Conecuh sausage,  
biscuits with gravy, cinnamon rolls, drink

**Meal B:** Pizza, side, dessert, drink

**April 29:**

**Meal A:** Chicken spaghetti, corn-on-the-cob, tossed salad,  
rolls, brownies, drink

**Meal B:** Pizza, side, dessert, drink



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

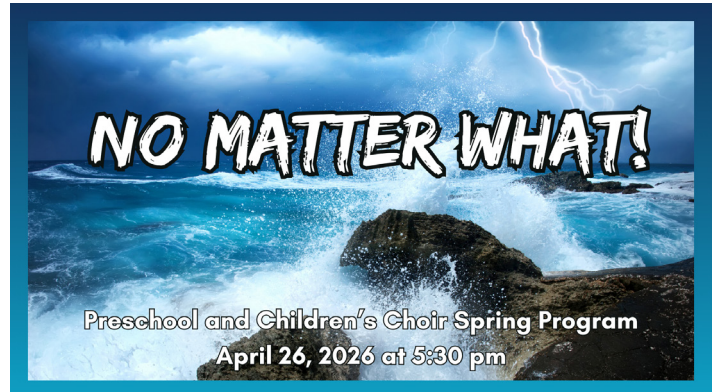
### The next Discover First is Wednesday, May 13.

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.)



### 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](mailto: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.**



## Children's Choir Spring Program Sunday, April 26

5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
presented by the Preschool and Graded Children's Choirs

**WORLD MISSION OFFERING**  
SUPPORTING GLOBAL OUTREACH EFFORTS

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

**GIVEN: \$41,331**      **GOAL: 180,000**

### Sewing Ministries

Instruction provided. Non-sewing tasks available! Groups meet in Room FB300.

#### Mission Dolls Workshop:

Thursday, April 23; 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Help create salvation dolls to share on mission trips and in Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

#### Alice's Mission Dresses Workshop:

Friday, April 24; 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Come help sew or prepare fabric for assembling into dresses and shorts for mission trips and shoeboxes. Donations of fabric or funds to purchase fabric also needed.

#### Sweet Dreams Pillowcase Workshop:

Friday, May 1; 9 a.m. -12 p.m.

Help create colorful pillowcases for kids in Children's Hospitals and at camps for cancer patients.

We currently livestream our Sunday services on **Facebook** and **YouTube** ([youtube.com/@firsttuscaloosa](https://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.

### Mission and Ministry Plan

#### Offering Details - Week of April 12

Given for: Budget	\$70,684.87
World Mission Offering	\$3,252.30
The 721 Fund	\$2,455.00
Designated	\$6,170.05
<b>Total Given</b>	<b>\$82,562.22</b>



To access our secure giving portal, scan this QR code or visit [firsttuscaloosa.org/giving](http://firsttuscaloosa.org/giving) and click "Give Online".

## Senior Adult Ministry

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

**Game Day:** Tuesday, April 21; 10-2

**BUNCO:** Thursday, April 23; 2-4 p.m.

**Petals from the Past Day Trip:**

Tuesday, April 28; leave from FBC at 9 a.m.

## 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.

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.



**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  
[cewigley1@crimson.ua.edu](mailto:cewigley1@crimson.ua.edu)

### Production Team

video, audio, lighting, livestream, TV  
Contact: Joe Ziegler or Rick Dowling  
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## 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

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

## Lead GENEROUSLY

Giving time, talent, and resources to bless others and advance the mission

### I Am:

- Giving financially through the church to support God's work.
- Volunteering my time to serve inside or outside the church.

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

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Tuscaloosa Chinese Christian  
Church Pastor



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**Sunday, April 19**

8:30	Worship Service
9:15-10:30	Spanish Worship - Chapel
9:30-10:00	Library Open (near gym)
9:45	Life Groups
10:00	Chinese Sunday School
10:40	Spanish Sunday School
11:00	Chinese Worship - Chapel
11:00	Worship Service
3:00 p.m.	Women's Precept Study
4:30	Revelation Choir
5:30	Adult Bible Study
6:00	D-Groups for Students
6:00	College Worship Team

**Monday, April 20**

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

**Tuesday, April 21**

10:00 a.m.	Senior Adult Game Day
7:00 p.m.	TEA with T online study

**Wednesday, April 22**

7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
9:30	Women's Bible Studies
2:30 p.m.	Legacy Fitness
3:30	Senior Adult Travel Committee
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 23**

9:00 a.m.	Quilters group
9:30	ESL Classes
10:00	Men's Bible Study
10:00	Mission Dolls Workshop
2:00 p.m.	BUNCO

**Friday, April 24**

9:00 a.m.	Alice's Mission Dresses
6:00 p.m.	Chinese Church Fellowship

View the previous week's service at  
11 a.m. Sundays on WVUA TV.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**ILLUMINATION STATION**

SHINING A LIGHT ON WHO JESUS REALLY IS  
JOHN 8:12

**VOLUNTEERS** (CHILDCARE PROVIDED)      **CHILDREN** KINDERGARTEN - 5TH GRADE

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

JESUS SPOKE TO THEM AGAIN: "I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. ANYONE WHO FOLLOWS ME  
WILL NEVER WALK IN THE DARKNESS BUT WILL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE." JOHN 8:12

**Volunteer with VBS!**

Click [HERE](#) or use the QR code in the image above to complete an interest form to serve in this summer's Vacation Bible School at First Baptist. VBS is scheduled for Monday, June 15 - Thursday, June 18 from 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

A training session for volunteers will be **Sunday, May 3** at 12:30 p.m. in Room FB306.

**Pre-registration for Kids now Open:**

Use [this link](#) or the QR code above to register children kindergarten through 5th grade (completed) for this summer's Vacation Bible School. Register now to save time on the first day of VBS, and to help the leaders plan for supplies, volunteers and space.

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