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#### Serve Day Saturday, May 4 at God's House of Hope

#### Volunteers will leave from First Baptist at 8 a.m. for a serve day with God's House of Hope near Eutaw, and return by 4:30 p.m. We will take the church bus, or you may travel in your own vehicle. Lunch provided.

This serve day for all ages will include tasks such as restoration of a church building on their premises, meal preparation, landscaping, and help with a Bible lesson at lunch. Use <u>this link</u> or scan the QR code for more information and to sign up.



#### THIS WEEK'S PRAYER EMPHASIS

**Days 8-14 (April 14-20):** Pray daily for the Holy Spirit to bring maturity and growth to the lives of believers in our church. Think specifically of people in your life (or yourself) who need to take further steps of discipleship and follow Christ more faithfully. Examples include actively engaging in biblical community, growth in spiritual disciplines, etc.

#### SUGGESTED FASTING SCHEDULE

Week 2 - 8 p.m. Tuesday (4/16) to 4 p.m. Wednesday (4/17)Week 3 - 5 p.m. Tuesday (4/23) to 5 p.m. Wednesday (4/24)



#### **Men's Invitational Golf Tournament**

(Four-Man Scramble)

**Thursday, May 2** Ol' Colony Golf Complex Lunch Speaker: Andy Phillips

Cost: \$500 per team (\$125 per player) Includes lunch, green and cart fees, driving range, etc.

Use <u>this link</u> or scan the QR code for more information and to register online. Click <u>HERE</u> to view the registration brochure. Deadline to register is **Thursday, April 18**.



#### About the Speaker:

**Andy Phillips** was a four-year letter winner and 1999 firstteam All-American baseball player for the Alabama Crimson Tide. He is a former major league baseball player and also served as an assistant coach for the Alabama baseball team. He and his wife, Bethany, have a daughter, Isaiah.

#### Wednesday Night Meal

**4/17:** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, purple-hull peas, lime Jell-O salad, rolls, peach cobbler



**4/24:** Spaghetti & meatballs, corn-on-the-cob, tossed salad, garlic bread, cheesecake

Adults: \$6; Kids: \$4 (11 & under); No reservations needed.

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Now to Him who is able to do far **more** abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen. - Ephesians 3:20-21

The reflection for week 15 in the Mature More guide was written by RJ Voorhees. The scripture readings for this week are Matthew 5, 6 and 7. Printed copies are available in displays around the church. Prefer to read on your mobile device or computer? Click HERE for the online version or visit firsttuscaloosa.org/more. The Mature More devotional also has reminders about the **21 Days of Prayer**.



Please feel free to pick up additional copies to share. Consider who you could give a devotional guide to and then offer to discuss the reflections and readings together.

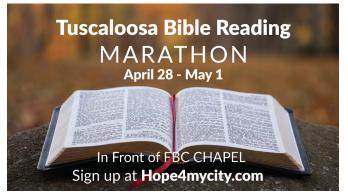


#### **Family Fun Night and Camp Out**

Join other kids' ministry families at Camp Tuscoba in Northport for food, fun, and fellowship on Friday, May 17. Camp opens at 5 p.m., but come when you can. The group will cook out, play games and relax in the wooded setting. Activities include: Basketball, Volleyball, 9-Square-In-The-Air, Paddle Boating, and Worship around a fire pit.



Your family can head home that night, or stay and camp out with us! Indoor bunks will be provided for Moms/ Daughters and Dads/Sons, and space will be available for those who want to bring a tent and sleep outside! Breakfast will be provided the next morning. Scan the QR code or use this link to sign up.



#### **Bible Reading Marathon** Sunday, April 28 - May 1

in front of the First Baptist Chapel

The annual Tuscaloosa Bible Reading Marathon provides an opportunity for volunteers to read the entire Bible (Genesis through Revelation) aloud for 80 continuous hours, without commentary.

Each volunteer will read aloud for 15 minutes and then pass the reading, like a baton, to the next person. Approximately 300 volunteers are needed to complete the reading of the entire Bible.

Here is the link for more information and to sign up to participate: https://www.signupgenius.com/ tabs/23670DD02A0CCE8C60-biblemarathon#/

Use the tabs at the top of the sign-up page to view available times for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.





Women from First Baptist Church and Iglesia Biblica Bautista joined together recently to celebrate a new mom and her beautiful baby. We love these opportunities to serve and fellowship together!

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#### **Mission and Ministry Plan**

#### Offering Details for April 14, 2024

Given for: Budget	\$96,704.71
World Mission Offering	\$3,515,00
The 721 Fund	\$1,720.00
Designated	\$4,825.80
Total Given	\$106,765.51
Budget Summary	
April Giving:	\$161,631.38
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#### **Contribution Envelopes**

We are aware that some of you who receive contribution envelopes by mail may not have received your packet for the second quarter. We have been in contact with the US Postal Service and they are working to correct the issue. In the meantime, you are welcome to use your own envelopes, pick up some from the church office or use envelopes from the seat backs in the Sanctuary. You may also utilize our online giving option.

## Coming Soon ....

## SUMMER UNITED

Sunday, May 26 - Sunday, August 4

One morning worship service at 8:30 a.m. Life Groups at 9:45 a.m.

No regular Sunday evening activities (Most groups conclude by April 28.)

#### Wednesday Nights

The last night for Wednesday activities is May 15. We will not meet May 22 or 29. The summer schedule begins June 5.

Miss a Sunday service or want to view a sermon again?

Visit our Vimeo page at vimeo.com/fbctuscaloosa.

#### **In Sympathy**

Our sympathy to Emilee and Trey Manning and family in the death of Trey's uncle, **Greg Manning**.

Our sympathy to Tammy and Lanier Jones and family in the death of Lanier's aunt, **Rachel Taylor**; and to Alex and Addison Jones in the death of their great aunt.

Our sympathy to Connie Robbins and family in the death of her husband, **Walt Robbins**.

Our sympathy to Marlane and Ronnie Banks in the death of Ronnie's sister, Joan Barber.

Our sympathy to Carole Byars and family in the death of her brother, **Larry "Sonny" Jones**.

Our sympathy to Sarah Sullivan and family in the death of her sister, **Katharine Garrison Self**; to René and Kris Sullivan and family in the death of Kris' aunt; to Anderson Sullivan in the death of his great aunt; to Leigh Anne and Barry Sullivan and family in the death of Barry's aunt; and to John Paul Sullivan in the death of his great aunt.



#### **Community Soup Bowl**

We are in need of additional volunteers to serve lunch during First Baptist's assigned weeks at the Community Soup Bowl. You can choose to serve one day every three months, or more often if you wish. Volunteers serve lunch cafeteria style and are needed from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on their day of service. You do not have to provide the food or cook. For more information or to join a serving team, please contact Sandy Howell at 205-391-3115 or email <u>Sandy@fbctuscaloosa.org</u>. The Community Soup Bowl is located at 1711 23rd Avenue in Tuscaloosa.

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#### Sunday, April 21

Sunday	
8:30 a.m.	Worship Service
8:45	Discover First
9:15-10:30	Spanish Worship - Chapel
9:30-10:00	Library open (next to gym)
9:45	Life Groups
10:00	Chinese Sunday School
10:40	Spanish Sunday School
11:00	Worship Service
11:00	Chinese Worship - Chapel
11:00	Kids' Praise (K-3rd grade)
2:00 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsals
4:00	Deacons' Meeting
4:30	Revelation Choir
5:00	Coed Precept Study
5:30	Adult Bible Study
5:30	Preschool/Kids' Bible activities
6:00	D-Groups for Students

#### Monday, April 22

8:00 a.m.	Second-Hand Rose Ministry
10:00	Painting Class
2:00 p.m.	Legacy Fitness

#### **Tuesday, April 23**

9:00 a.m.	Perspectives Course
8:00	College Worship

#### Wednesday, April 24

7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group (Parlor)
9:30/10	Women's Bible studies
2:30 p.m.	Legacy Fitness
4:30-6:00	Library Open
5:00-5:50	Wednesday Night Meal
5:30-7:15	English Classes
5:30-7:30	DivorceCare
5:45-6:40	Preschool/Kids Music Groups
6:00-7:00	Adult Bible study
6:00-7:00	Women's Stretch/Strength class
6:00-7:15	Women's Bible study
6:00-7:30	LIVE for Students
6:45-7:30	Preschool/Kids Mission Groups
6:45-8:05	Worship Choir/Orchestra

#### **Thursday, April 25**

9:00 a.m.	Quilters group
12:00-2:00	English Classes

#### Friday, April 26

6:30 p.m. Chinese Bible study/fellowship

## VBS is June 17-20

#### **Volunteers Needed:**

Scan the QR code or use <u>this link</u> to learn about volunteer options for this year's Vacation Bible School.

Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God. - Romans 12:2

#### Children's Music Ministry "Knowing God"

1st-5th Grade Choir Spring Program Sunday, May 5 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

#### "Songs for a Joyful Journey"

Preschool Choir Spring Program Wednesday, May 15 5:45 p.m. in Wells Fellowship Hall



GOD'S ROCK-SOLID TRUTH IN A WORLD OF SHIFTING SANDS



Sunday, May 5

The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary this Sunday in honor of Joe Ziegler, our Worship Pastor. Thank you for your investment in our Worship Choir, Revelation Choir, and Prime Time Singers. Thank you for preparing our hearts to hear God's word on Sunday mornings.



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