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# First Servant Weekly

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## Different on PURPOSE

A Study on the Letter of 1 Peter

**This Sunday, August 31:**

Message by Pastor Drew Chapman:

**Different on Purpose: "Made for More"**

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Life Groups at 9:45 a.m.

### Next Steps from Sunday, August 24:

- 1. This week, I will anchor my mind in hope and make space to be still.** This week, carve out a few quiet minutes each day, maybe before your phone turns on in the morning or after you tuck the kids in at night, to sit in stillness. Read a promise from God's Word, breathe deeply, and remind yourself: my future is secure in Christ.
- 2. This week, I will anchor my heart in holiness and choose one spiritual practice to begin or grow in.** Pick one practice to lean into this week: Bible engagement, prayer, fasting, silence, solitude, or memorize scripture. Take small, intentional steps of obedience, and train your heart to love what God loves.
- 3. This week, I will anchor my soul in reverence and look for opportunities to give Him glory.** Reverence is remembering who God is and responding with awe. Pay attention this week to the little moments...a meal on the table, a safe drive, a kind word from a friend, and turn them into worship. Thank God in those moments, pause before a big decision, or share a word of praise with someone else. Let your posture point people back to Him.
- 4. This week, I will anchor my hands and feet in love and intentionally serve someone in this congregation.** Look for a practical way to serve: take a meal to a family, send a handwritten note, hold a baby in the nursery, or invite someone to coffee. Ask God to open your eyes to someone you can bless, and then use your hands and feet to show His love in a tangible way.

## DISCOVER FIRST

**Wednesday, August 27**

6:00-7:30 p.m. in Room MB228

Click [HERE](#) to register.

First Baptist now offers Discover First on the last Wednesday evening of each month. 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.)



## PARENTS' WEEKEND

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SEPT. 20 @ 9 AM - 2 PM

Parents! Come be encouraged and equipped as the spiritual leaders for your kids that God has uniquely designed you to be! Free childcare and lunch provided.

### Topics include:

- Refreshing rhythms and healthy habits for your home
- Steps to help your family cultivate a Biblical worldview
- Why are kids/teens so anxious and what can we do?
- How to keep your marriage strong after kids

### Saturday, September 20

Childcare and doors open 8:45 a.m.

Main sessions 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### Sunday, September 21

Marriage Session 9:45-10:45 a.m. (childcare provided as part of our normal Sunday activities)



Our main speaker: **Dr. Jonathan Williams**  
Executive Director of Gospel Family Ministries

MAGNIFY. MATURE. MINISTER. MULTIPLY.

## Join us on Wednesday Nights

SCHEDULE - AUGUST 27:

**5:00 p.m.**

Wednesday Night Meal - \$6, adults; \$4, kids 11 & under

**Regular Meal:** Vegetable Plate with macaroni & cheese, fried okra, Lima beans, steamed broccoli, rolls, chocolate cake, drink

**Alternate Meal:** Pizza, salad bar, chocolate cake, drink

**5:30 p.m.**

DivorceCare (Room FB311)

**5:45 p.m.**

Preschool/Kids' Music Groups

English Classes (Downstairs from Sanctuary)

**6:00 p.m.**

Discover First

Adult Bible Study with Keith Pugh (Room MB246)

Students' Wednesday Night Live

Women's Ministry Bible Study (Room FB308)

**6:45 p.m.**

Hyfi Activities for Kids/Preschoolers

Worship Choir/Orchestra Rehearsals

**8:00 p.m.**

First College Worship (Wells Fellowship Hall)



DivorceCare meets Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in Room 311, Family Ministry Building. To learn more about this support group, visit [divorcecare.org](http://divorcecare.org).

## Senior Adult Ministry

- Triple L Meeting and Lunch: Tuesday, September 9; Guest Speaker: Cheryl Wray
- Sweet Dreams Pillowcase Ministry Sewing Workshop: Friday, September 12; 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Senior Adult Game Day: Tuesday, September 16; 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Prime Time Singers, Thursday, September 18; 10 a.m. in the Choir Room
- Senior Adult BUNCO: Thursday, September 18; 2-4 p.m.
- Alice's Mission Dresses: Friday, September 19; 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Cooking with Pat: Tuesday, September 23; 10 a.m.

### Alice's Mission Dresses WORKSHOP: Friday, August 29

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Room FB300

Come and help prep and sew dresses and shorts for upcoming mission trips. Instruction available.

## GAME DAY Parking at First Baptist Church

**Season  
Pass  
\$125**

Purchase from  
church office.

A season pass guarantees you a space in our fenced lot at 7th St. & 23rd Ave. for all **SEVEN** 2025 UA football home games.

Proceeds benefit the United Appeal Fund, which supports community ministries.

**Open  
Parking  
\$25**

Per Game.  
Pay as you park.

Park at First Baptist and catch the shuttle to the stadium at the Downtown parking deck!

This football season we will once again offer parking in our lots for University of Alabama home games. The proceeds from parking help support ministry efforts in our community and help with mission trips led by our various ministries.

**Please support our ministries by parking in the FBC lots when you come for UA games. Fee is only \$25 per game.**

We can accept cash, check and credit/debit (using Stripe app). We also offer season passes for \$125 that provide you with a space in our fenced lot for each game (\$175 value). *Please note that an FBC parking hangtag does not serve as a game day parking pass. Game day passes are purchased separately as part of our fundraiser.*

Our Sunday worship services are available by **livestream on Facebook and YouTube.**



Find us on Facebook @[@FirstTuscaloosa](https://www.facebook.com/FirstTuscaloosa) or visit [youtube.com/@firsttuscaloosa](https://youtube.com/@firsttuscaloosa). Sermon videos and complete Sunday morning worship services are available on our YouTube channel. Once there, click the "Subscribe" button to make it easier to know about and find our latest videos, and to help others find our content. It's free to subscribe.

### Mission and Ministry Plan

#### Offering Details - Week of August 24

Given for: Budget	\$46,694.02
World Mission Offering	\$189.14
The 721 Fund	\$1,460.00
Designated	\$1,405.81
<b>Total Given</b>	<b>\$49,748.97</b>

#### Gifts in Memory of:

Joe Armour

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



## In Sympathy:

- Our sympathy to Angie and Bill Pruden and family in the death of Bill's mother, **Peggy Pruden.**
- Our sympathy to Regena and Jim Jones and family in the death of Jim's mother, **Dot Jones.**
- Our sympathy to the friends and family of **Donald Shelton.**



Women's Ministry Lunch

*Leveraging Your Life:  
Living Wisely & Well*

Cost: \$5



*with Tollie Meggs*

Sunday, September 14  
12 p.m. Wells Fellowship Hall



## Women's Bible Studies

**BEGAN WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20:**

***The Coming Golden Age***

by Dr. David Jeremiah, led by Linda Humber  
11:30 a.m., Room FB313; Study book, \$8

***Looking for Lovely: Collecting the Moments that Matter*** by Annie Downs, led by Lanelle Marchant;  
6 p.m. in Room FB308; Study guide, \$15

**BEGINS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2:**

**TEA with T** (Teaching, Encouragement and Accountability with Teresa Pugh)  
Topic: "A Faith that Works", a study of James Online Tuesdays at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Contact [Byates@fbctuscaloosa.org](mailto:Byates@fbctuscaloosa.org) for the Zoom invitation to join the study.

**BEGINS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3:**

Precept Study: **James** led by Karen Garrison  
9:30 a.m., Room FB311  
Click [HERE](#) to purchase the workbook, or visit [shop.precept.org](http://shop.precept.org).

***The Way of Wisdom: a study of Proverbs***

led by Beth Yates  
Meets Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m., Room FB308  
Study guide, \$25 - available at first meeting

**BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7:**

Precept Study: **Revelation, Part 3**  
led by Robin Ford; 3 p.m. in Room FB313  
Click [HERE](#) to purchase the workbook, or visit [shop.precept.org](http://shop.precept.org).

**BEGINS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8:**

***What We Know About God: Theology Proper***

Monthly Women on Mission Study led by Jenny Wood; Every Second Monday at 11:30 a.m. in Wells Fellowship Hall for lunch (\$6) followed by Bible study.

**GAL PAL**

**Pairing & Painting Night**

September 28th  
5:45-7:00pm  
Fellowship Hall  
Sign up here




Gal Pals is a program all about bringing women of all generations together! We prayerfully pair non-college women with college women so that they can build an intentional friendship that is mutually fulfilling and centered in the Gospel. If you are interested in becoming a Gal Pal, then join us on September 28th. The Gal Pal Pairing & Painting Night is for both women who are interested in becoming a Gal Pal this year and women who are already paired up. If you are already paired, come and paint a canvas bag with your Gal Pal, and if you are interested in becoming a gal pal, come and meet other women looking to be paired up.

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**Sunday, August 31**

8:30 a.m. 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

**Monday, September 1**

Church facility closed for Labor Day

**Tuesday, September 2**

7:00 p.m. TEA with T online study

**Wednesday, September 3**

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group  
 9:30 Women's Bible Studies  
 11:30 Women's Bible Study  
 2:30 p.m. Legacy Fitness  
 4:30-6:00 Library Open (near gym)  
 5:00-5:50 Family Night Meal  
 5:30-7:00 DivorceCare  
 5:45-6:40 Preschool/Kids' Music Groups  
 5:45 ESL Classes  
 6:00 Live! for Students  
 6:00 Women's Bible Study  
 6:00 Adult Bible Study  
 6:45 Preschool/Kids' Hyfi Groups  
 6:45 Worship Choir/Orchestra  
 8:00 College Worship (Wells FH)

**Thursday, September 4**

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

**Friday, September 5**

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

**Church Center Directory**

First Baptist **members** received an invitation by email to join the private Membership Directory listing within the Church Center app. Once you opt-in you will be part of the directory and able to view the contact information of other members who have also opted in. You must choose to be part of the directory in order to have access for viewing.

Once you receive the invitation email, follow the links and instructions within the email **to give permission and to choose what contact information for your family is visible** to other members. You can even upload your own photos!

In preparation for this added feature, we recommend you go ahead and install the Church Center App on your phone or tablet if you have not already done so.

Use the QR code or [this link](#) to begin the setup process and add the app to your phone or tablet, or use this link to view and use the desktop version: [firsttuscaloosa.churchcenter.com](http://firsttuscaloosa.churchcenter.com). (The directory will also be accessible from the desktop version of Church Center.)

**School Supplies for Shoeboxes**

During August we are collecting **school supplies** for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. We will use these supplies at our **Church-wide Packing party** in November.

*Needed items include:*

pencils	pencil sharpeners	rulers
pens	small notebooks	colored pencils
crayons	coloring books	scissors
erasers	solar calculators	pencil cases
markers	index cards	



*Looking ahead:* In September we will collect WOW toys, and in October accessories and clothing (bags, socks, t-shirts, flip-flops, hats, etc.)

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