



First Servant Weekly

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Dr. Drew Chapman, Senior Pastor

Kris Sullivan Announces Retirement Plans

At the close of the worship services on Sunday, September 14 our Executive Pastor Kris Sullivan shared with the church his plans to retire from his role at the end of this year.

Pastor Kris joined the staff of First Baptist Church as Business Administrator in 2007, and has served the Lord through this church with compassion and excellence for the past 18 years, in addition to the many years that he and his wife, René served here as members before he joined the staff.

Commenting on his retirement, Kris stated, "as followers of Jesus, we know retirement doesn't mean our journey of discipleship ends. We should never stop traveling forward toward our destination of being conformed to the image of Christ. So, while I am retiring from my role here, I am asking God through prayer to take whatever abilities and experiences I have gained and to continue to use them for his purposes."

Pray for the Builders for Christ Mission Team

Serving in Iuka, Mississippi
September 15-19

Team members are Mimi Allen, Randy Allen, Ruby Anderson, John Beatty, Sharon Beatty, Ronnie Ballard, Sonny Bolton, David Brasher, Sonia Johnson, Gail McCollum, CJ McKee, Cord Myrick, Elizabeth Nichols, John Nichols, David Parr, Mike Porter, Lewis Ray, Noah Ray, Pat Ray, Doug Rodenberry, Elizabeth Rodenberry, Carmon Smithson, Dan Smithson, Donna Springer, Kenny Springer, Jim Stables, Billie Ann Wallace and Wayne Wallace.



This weekend is for parents of kids of all ages to be encouraged and equipped as the spiritual leaders that God has uniquely designed them to be. Free childcare and lunch provided. Use the **QR code** or [this link](#) to sign up!

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

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

Saturday, September 20

8:45 a.m. Childcare/doors open
9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Main sessions

Sunday, September 21

Marriage Session - 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Clarkston, Georgia Mission Weekend

with **Send Relief**:
February 20-22, 2026

Cost: \$200 (transportation, lodging, on-site meals)
Open to ages 14 and up.
Contact Beth Gianelloni for more info: bethany@fbctuscaloosa.org

Clarkston video: atlanta.sendrelief.org



Interest Meeting:
Sunday, September 21
9:45 a.m. in Wells Hall



This Sunday, September 21:

Pastor to Students Jody Gambrell will continue our current series with a message based on 1 Peter 4.
Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Next Steps from Sunday, September 14:

1. I will place my faith in Jesus and surrender my life for the first time.
2. I have not been baptized, or I was baptized before I believed. I will schedule baptism for a Sunday morning or register to be baptized at Worship on the Plaza, Sunday evening, October 5.

DISCOVER FIRST



Wednesday, September 24

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.)

Senior Adult Ministry

- 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.

Join us on Wednesday Nights

SCHEDULE for September 17:

5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Meal - \$6, adults; \$4, kids 11 & under
Regular Meal: BBQ pork, baked beans, coleslaw, Texas toast, cookies w/ice cream, drink

Alternate Meal: Pizza, side, cookies w/ice cream, drink

4:30 p.m. Care Notes Ministry (Russell Room)

5:30 p.m. DivorceCare (Room FB311)

5:45 p.m.

Preschool/Kids' Music Groups

English Classes (Downstairs from Sanctuary)

6:00 p.m.

Adult Bible Study with Keith Pugh (Room MB246)

Students' Wednesday Night Live

Women's Ministry Bible Study (Room FB313)

6:45 p.m.

Hyfi Activities for Kids/Preschoolers

Worship Choir/Orchestra Rehearsals

8:00 p.m. First College Worship (Wells Fellowship Hall)

Sunday Evenings at First Baptist

3:00 p.m.

Women's Precept Study: **Revelation, Part 3** led by Robin Ford; Room FB313

4:30 p.m.

Revelation Student Choir; Choir Room (3rd floor, Main Building)

5:00 p.m.

Adult Bible Study: "The Commands of Jesus" led by Mark Raper; Room MB240 (2nd floor, Main Building)

5:30 p.m.

Preschool/Kids discipleship activities that focus on connecting home and church (Indoor play area and FB205)

6:00 p.m.

D Groups for Students (Visit townstudents.org/d-groups to learn about joining a group.)

6:00 p.m. College Worship Team Rehearsal

WOW Toys for Shoeboxes

During September we are collecting

WOW toys for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. We will use these supplies at our **Church-wide Packing party** in November.

Needed items include:

Stuffed animals, dolls, deflated soccer balls with pump, balls, toy cars/tricks

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





Worship Night at Government Plaza

Sunday, October 5 at 5 p.m.

We will worship together outdoors at Government Plaza (just a block up 7th Street from the church campus) beginning at 5 p.m., then celebrate baptisms before a fellowship time with hamburgers and hotdogs.

What to bring:

1. A heart ready to worship
2. A friend, neighbor or coworker
3. Something to sit on: camp chairs, quilts or blankets

Have you been considering baptism?

Complete [this form](#) or scan the QR code to let us know that you might be interested in being baptized during our worship night in Government Plaza on October 5. One of our pastors will contact you to talk through the next steps for baptism.



Mission and Ministry Plan

Offering Details - Week of September 14

Given for: Budget	\$126,889.76
World Mission Offering	\$3,398.00
The 721 Fund	\$1,585.00
Designated	\$2,481.06
Total Given	\$134,353.82

Gifts in Memory of:

Katie Channell, Jane Nicholson

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



We currently livestream our Sunday services **on Facebook** (search @firsttuscaloosa) and **YouTube** ([youtube.com/@firsttuscaloosa](https://www.youtube.com/@firsttuscaloosa)). Recent sermon videos and complete Sunday morning worship videos are also found on our YouTube channel. Be sure to click the "Subscribe" button. It's free!

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Church Pastor

In Sympathy:

Our sympathy to Gerri Prentice and family in the death of her sister, **Jane Nicholson**.

Our sympathy to Rachel and Keith Bryant and family in the death of Keith's father, **Jim Frank Bryant**.

Women's Bible Study

Angels by David Jeremiah

led by Linda Humber

Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Room FB 313

Begins October 1.



Sunday, September 21*Parents' Weekend*

- 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
- 9:45 Clarkston Mission Meeting
- 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 Student Choir
- 5:30 Preschool/Kids activities
- 5:30 Adult Bible Study
- 6:00 D Groups for Students

Monday, September 22

- 8:00 a.m. Second-Hand Rose Ministry
- 2:00 Legacy Fitness

Tuesday, September 23

- 10:00 a.m. Senior Adults: Cooking with Pat
- 7:00 p.m. TEA with T online study

Wednesday, September 24

- 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)
- 4:30-5:30 CareNotes Ministry
- 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 Discover First
- 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 25

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

Friday, September 26

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

What is Gal Pals?

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.

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.



WORLD

SUPPORTING GLOBAL OUTREACH EFFORTS

MISSION OFFERING

Annie Armstrong - North America
Lottie Moon - International
Myers/Mallory - State
Lifeline Children's Services

Uganda Partnership
Thailand Partnership
Iglesia Biblica Partnership

GOAL: 180,000

GIVEN: \$85,162

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