



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH TUSCALOOSA

First Servant Weekly

TUSCALOOSA

Dr. Drew Chapman, Senior Pastor

April 23, 2026
Volume 25 Issue 16

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

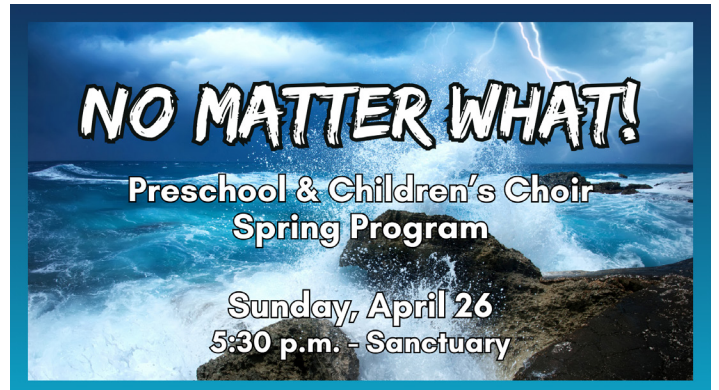
from last Sunday's message, "An Audience of One":

First Step: This week, I will assess my giving. Am I seeking recognition (they see me), reputation (they know me), or return (they owe me)?

Formation Step: This week, I will memorize Matthew 6:3-4: "But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

Faith Step: This week, I will give my time, talents, or resources to bless someone else.

Missed last Sunday's message?
View it **HERE** on our YouTube Channel.



Children's Choir Spring Program
This Sunday, April 26
5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
presented by the Preschool and Graded Children's Choirs



Brooklyn Bull Moves to Full-Time Role with Children's Ministry

Brooklyn has faithfully served our Kids Ministry for nearly three years as a part-time intern, and has done an outstanding job, especially through recent staff transitions. She is currently attending seminary

at Beeson Divinity School, working towards a degree in Christian Counseling.



Carolyn Lowery to Serve as Interim Children's Director

Longtime FBC member Carolyn Lowery has stepped into a temporary, part-time Children's Director interim role. For the last 20 years, Carolyn and her husband Jonathan have served in the Children's and Student ministries.

Carolyn also brings over 20 years of experience working with early childhood, elementary kids, and families.

Wednesday Night Schedule for April 22:

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 - Dress
Rehearsal for Children's
Choir Spring Program

5:45 p.m. ESL Classes

6:00 p.m. Wednesday
Night LIVE (Students)

6:00 p.m. Women's Studies

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible
Study with Keith Pugh

6:45 p.m. Worship Choir/
Orchestra

8:00 p.m. College Worship

THIS WEEK'S MENU (4/22)

Meal A:

Breakfast casserole, grits,
bacon, Conecuh sausage,
biscuits with gravy, cinnamon
rolls, drink

Meal B:

Pizza, side, dessert, drink

NEXT WEDNESDAY (4/29)

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

Meal B: Pizza, side, dessert,
drink

We currently livestream our
Sunday services on **Facebook**
and **YouTube** ([youtube.com/@](https://youtube.com/@firsttuscaloosa)
[firsttuscaloosa](https://firsttuscaloosa.com)). Recent sermon videos and complete Sunday
morning worship videos are also on our YouTube channel.

Be sure to click the "Subscribe" button.



DISCOVER FIRST

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 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.

**BIBLE
READING
Marathon**

MAY 3-6

IN FRONT OF THE CHAPEL

Sign up for a 15-minute slot
to read aloud from the Bible.

Tuscaloosa Bible Reading Marathon
Sunday, May 3 - Wednesday, May 6
in front of the First Baptist Chapel
Sign up [HERE](#)

**75 YEARS
NDOP**

**250 YEARS
USA**

**75TH NATIONAL
DAY OF
PRAYER**

THURSDAY MAY 7TH, 12PM
GOVERNMENT PLAZA
TUSCALOOSA

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.*

Mission and Ministry Plan

Offering Details - Week of April 19

Given for: Budget	\$56,711.93
World Mission Offering	\$1822.90
The 721 Fund	\$3,320.65
Designated	\$2,237.53
Total Given	\$64,093.01



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

Financial Gifts Received in Memory of:
Sharon Jones, Kristi Nance

Senior Adult Ministry

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

Petals from the Past Day Trip:

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

Triple L Monthly Meeting and Lunch:

Tuesday, May 5; Speaker: WVUA's Richard Scott

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.

SERVE + INFLUENCE

Looking for ways to Serve?
See the list below for current needs within our church.

Toddler Life Group Leaders

At least two people needed to provide consistent leadership with the toddler group Sundays at 9:45 a.m.

Contact: Brooklyn Bull
brooklyn@fbctuscaloosa.org

First Impressions Team

Sunday morning greeters needed

Contact: Caroline Carpenter
cewigley1@crimson.ua.edu

Production Team

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

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 SOMEBODY

Investing in others to help them grow in their walk with Christ

I Am:

- Meeting regularly with someone to help them follow Jesus.
 - Encouraging others toward obedience and faith.
 - Challenging someone to step into leadership alongside me.
- Consider where you are and **take a step** forward this year.

First Baptist Tuscaloosa
721 Greensboro Ave.
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401
205-345-7554

Family Ministry Building:
205-391-3115

wifi: FBC-Public
password: JesusisLord!

firsttuscaloosa.org

Drew Chapman
Senior Pastor

drew@fbctuscaloosa.org

Jason Walker
Executive Pastor

jason@fbctuscaloosa.org

Keith Pugh
Associate Pastor &
Senior Adult Pastor

kpugh@fbctuscaloosa.org

Joe Ziegler
Worship Pastor

jziegler@fbctuscaloosa.org

Beth Yates
Next Steps & Neighbors Minister

byates@fbctuscaloosa.org

Nathan Verghese
College Pastor

nathan@fbctuscaloosa.org

Jody Gambrell
Student Pastor

jody@fbctuscaloosa.org

Eliobin Rodríguez Leyva
Hispanic Church Planting
Resident | Iglesia Bíblica Pastor

eliobin@fbctuscaloosa.org

Chengkun "Storm" Bao
Tuscaloosa Chinese Christian
Church Pastor

chengkun.storm@fbctuscaloosa.org



@firsttuscaloosa

Sunday, April 26

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
12:00 p.m.	Gal Pals Lunch
3:00	Women's Precept Study
4:30	Revelation Choir
5:30	Adult Bible Study
5:30	Children's Choir Program
6:00	D-Groups for Students
6:00	College Worship Team

Monday, April 27

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

Tuesday, April 28

9:00 a.m.	Senior Adult Day Trip
-----------	-----------------------

Wednesday, April 29

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 30

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

Friday, May 1

9:00 a.m.	Sweet Dreams Ministry
6:00 p.m.	Chinese Church Fellowship

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VOLUNTEERS  **CHILDREN** 

(CHILDCARE PROVIDED) **JUNE 15 – 18** **8:30 AM – 12 PM** KINDERGARTEN – 5TH GRADE

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.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

721 Greensboro Avenue | Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401
205.345.7554 | Fax 205.391.3108 | firsttuscaloosa.org

First Servant Weekly

April 23, 2026

First Servant Weekly (USPS 020629) is published weekly (except the weeks of Christmas and New Year's Day) by The First Baptist Church of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 721 Greensboro Ave., Tuscaloosa, AL 35401. Periodicals Postage Paid at Tuscaloosa, AL 35401. **POSTMASTER:** Send address changes to The First Baptist Church of Tuscaloosa, 721 Greensboro Avenue, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401.