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

THE NAMES OF
GOD

SUMMER SERIES

Sundays, 8:30 and 11 a.m.

This Sunday:

“Jehovah Mekadesh: The Lord Who Sanctifies”

Leviticus 20:7-8; Exodus 31:13

Message by Nathan Verghese

“All God Has Next” Steps

from Sunday’s message,

“Names of God - Jehovah Rapha: The Lord Who Heals”

First Step: If you have never placed your faith and trust in Jesus, today is the day. The deepest healing available to any human is not physical. It is the healing of a soul reconciled to God. That healing is available to you now.

Formation Step: This week, identify one area of your life (physical, emotional or spiritual) where you need healing, and bring it specifically and boldly to God in prayer. Make it a regular practice to go to Him first.

Faith Step: Find someone in your life who is sick or hurting (physically, emotionally or spiritually) and ask if you can pray for them. Right then, out loud. It will feel uncomfortable. Do it anyway. That is what it looks like to live like *Jehovah Rapha* is still His name.

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

Names of God List (to Date):

1. **Jehovah** - The Relational God
2. **Jehovah Shalom** - The Lord is Peace
3. **Jehovah Tsaba** - The Lord of Hosts
4. **Jehovah Jireh** - The Lord will Provide
- 5: **Jehovah Rapha** - The Lord Who Heals

Each week this summer we are adding a name of God to this list and committing them to memory.

July Mission Project

Donate
TOYS

FOR
OPERATION CHRISTMAS
CHILD SHOEBOXES

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

DOLLS & STUFFED ANIMALS
MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
TOY CARS/TRUCKS
SOCCER BALLS (DEFLATED W/PUMP)
BLOCKS, BALLS & OTHER FUN TOYS

Must fit in 12x7x4.5" shoebox

During the month of July we are collecting toys for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. These will be used for our church packing party later this year. Donation barrels are located near the church entrances. Visit samaritanspurse.org/occ to learn more about Operation Christmas Child.

Thailand Mission Trip July 1-10

First Baptist Team Members:

- Morgan Davis
- Annabelle Longstaff
- Kellie Patton
- Rachel Weaver
- Niko Varvoutis



This group is part of a larger team from several Tuscaloosa churches that will serve alongside the Derbyshire family and their local church in Thailand to engage in collegiate evangelism and outreach by hosting a flag football camp, tournament, and several dinners and game nights. These events will create opportunities to share the gospel and build meaningful connections with students, supporting the ongoing work of the long-term missionaries serving there.

A portion of our World Mission Offering helps support the ministry work of the Derbyshire family serving in northern Thailand.

Fall Leadership Training Camp '26

If you serve as a leader in Adult, Student or Children's Sunday morning Life Groups or Wednesday night groups; in Women's Bible studies or on our First Impressions team (greeters, security) make plans to join us for a special night of celebration, training, breakout sessions and a fellowship meal as we prepare for fall at First Baptist Tuscaloosa.

If you are not currently serving in one of these areas but are interested in learning more and getting connected, please sign up to attend this event!

Scan the QR code in the image or click [HERE](#) to register.

We livestream our Sunday services on **Facebook** and **YouTube** (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.

- **Sundays:** Our regular schedule for Sunday mornings continues through the summer - worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.; Life Groups for all ages at 9:45 a.m.
- **Wednesday Nights:** Fall Kickoff is August 12.

Scan the QR code to view the summer schedule or click [HERE](#).



We've rented the UA Outdoor Pool Complex near the Rec Center for a Pool Party! Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for a fun and relaxing evening at the pool. More details coming soon!

Registration Now Open Virtual Event with Priscilla Shirer

Saturday, August 29
9:00 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Wells Fellowship Hall
Cost: \$10 (includes lunch)



Scan the QR code or use [THIS LINK](#) to register. Invite someone to join you!

At the **Going Beyond Virtual Event** at First Baptist Tuscaloosa you will hear dynamic teaching from Priscilla Shirer that's rooted in Scripture, be encouraged to walk boldly in faith, engage in meaningful worship led by Anthony Evans, experience intentional moments of prayer, and enjoy rich fellowship with women who are hungry to know God more. Make plans now and invite others to join you! (Please note that since this is a virtual event we will be viewing video sessions on our large screen; Priscilla Shirer will not be at First Baptist in person.) **The cost is only \$10.**

Mission and Ministry Plan

Offering Details - Week of June 28

Given for: Budget	\$43,176.10
World Mission Offering	\$1,256.30
The 721 Fund	\$335.00
Designated	\$653.30
Total Given	\$45,420.70



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

DISCOVER FIRST

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



Sunday, July 19

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.

This special Sunday edition of Discover First will meet on July 19th at 9:45 a.m. in Wells Fellowship Hall Room 1.

In Sympathy:

Our sympathy to Gerri Prentice and family in the death of her brother-in-law, **Jack Nicholson**.

Our sympathy to Geneva Lankford and family in the death of her husband, **Jimmy Lankford**.

Our sympathy to Karen Wakefield and family in the death of her husband, **Gary Wakefield**; and to Josh, Julie, Caroline, Grant and James Wakefield in the death of their father and grandfather.

Our sympathy to Joyce King and family and Linda (Cord) Myrick and family in the death of their brother, **Cecil Caples**.

Our sympathy to Sarah Sullivan and family in the death of her sister, **Elaine Newman**; and to Kris and René Sullivan and Barry and Leigh Anne Sullivan and families in the death of their aunt.

Senior Adult Ministry Triple L Monthly Meeting and Lunch: Tuesday, July 7

Guest Speaker: Lauren Ballard, West Alabama Area Agency on Aging
Meal: Hamburgers and Hotdogs, baked beans, chips, peach cobbler
(Cost: \$6 per person)

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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 Bíblica Partnership

GIVEN: \$63,330 **GOAL: 180,000**

Sunday, July 5

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, July 6

- Church facility closed in observance
 of the Independence Day holiday
 - Middle School River Retreat (July 6-7)

Tuesday, July 7

10:30 Triple L meeting & lunch

Wednesday, July 8

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group
 2:30 p.m. Legacy Fitness
 6:00 Worship Choir/Orchestra

Thursday, July 9

9:00 a.m. Quilters group

Friday, July 10

6:00 p.m. Chinese Church Fellowship

LOST AND FOUND

Missing something? Stop by the main church office to look in our Lost and Found collection and see if we have your missing jacket, Bible, umbrella, etc. Unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity.

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

WEEKEND of Music

Saturday, August 22**SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS KICKOFF**

9:00 a.m. in the Choir Room

If you are interested in being part of this year's *Sounds of Christmas* presentation, come to this preview event for an introduction to all the planned music.

Sunday, August 23**JUBILEE WORSHIP NIGHT**

5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Invite someone to join you for this wonderful night of worship featuring heartwarming favorites. This is an opportunity to **Live Joyful** as we praise the Lord together.

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