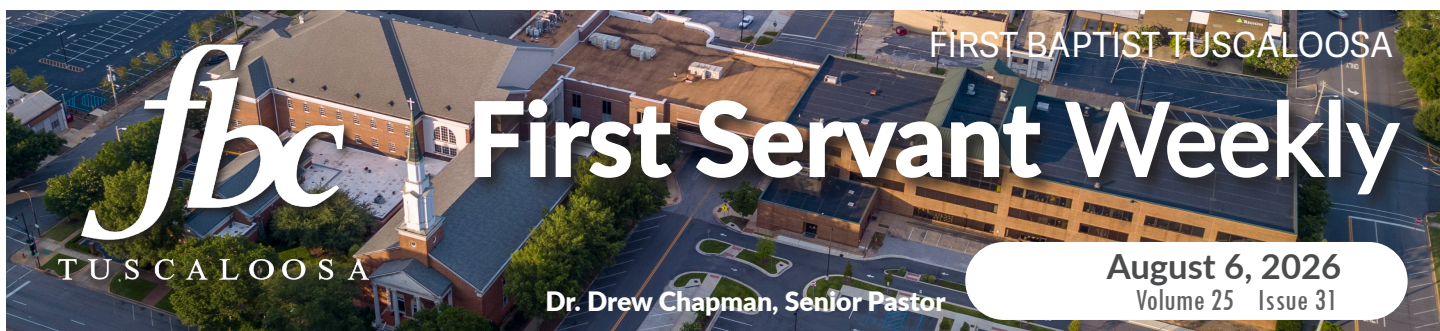




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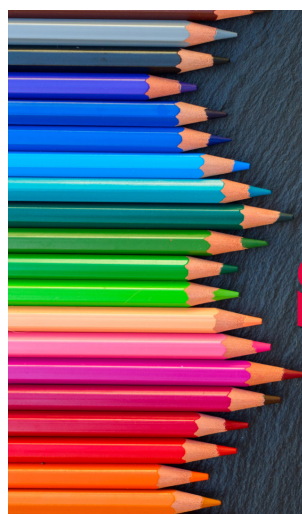
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Leading all Generations to Seek the **Good of my Neighbor*** and **all God has Next**



AUGUST 9

PROMOTION SUNDAY

PRESCHOOL, KIDS & STUDENT
LIFE GROUPS

This Sunday's
Sermon:

Greater Days AHEAD

Coming this fall...

NEHEMIAH

MID-WEEK
at First Baptist Tuscaloosa

5:00-5:45 p.m.
Meal served

6:00-7:30 p.m.
Groups and Activities
for all ages

Kickoff - August 12



**Wednesday,
August 12**

Family Meal begins at 5 p.m.
Menu: Hamburgers & Hotdogs

Kids' Mid-week Kickoff - 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Babies-Preschoolers: Activities in Family Ministry Building
Elementary Kids: Inflatables in the Gym; Visit Rooms to
meet teachers for Music and Group Times

Student Ministry Mid-week Kickoff- 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Food, Fellowship and Worship in the Student Building

Adults' Open House/Tailgate Party - 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Explore Small Groups and meet leaders - Fellowship Hall
(Adult Small Group options are listed on page 2.)

This Sunday, August 9:
"Greater Days Ahead"
Message by Drew Chapman
Join us in the **Sanctuary** at 8:30 or 11 a.m.

Missed last Sunday's message?
View it on our YouTube Channel [HERE](#).

**All God Has Next Steps
from last Sunday's Message,
"Jehovah Shammah: The Lord Is There"**

First Step: Admit God never left. You did.

Formation Step: This week I will memorize Ezekiel 48:35, and be transformed by Jehovah Shammah.

Faith Step: Stay near. Whatever is crowding out His presence, a habit, a distraction, and old grudge, name it and let it go. Whatever valley you're walking, grief, doubt, an answer that hasn't come, He has not left. Stay near. Trust the God who tore the veil to reach you.

Mid-Week: Adult Small-Group Options

Session 1 (August 19-October 7)

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Adult studies meet on the second floor, Main Building.



More studies will be offered for Session 2 (October 14-December 9). Some groups meet both sessions (16 weeks).

Men's Study: **Unlimited Journeys**

led by Allan Perry | Room MB224 | 16 weeks

Learning to take the next step God has for us no matter where we are; for men age 18 and up

Men's Study: **The Titus Ten**

led by Forrest Johnson | Room MB234 | 8 weeks

*Based on Josh Smith's book **The Titus Ten**, this class draws out ten qualities the Apostle Paul highlighted for his mentee Titus — qualities that shape the kind of man God calls us to be. Together we'll explore what it means to grow in gospel understanding, identity, character, and doctrine.*

Women's Study: **Restless: Because You Were Made for More**

led by Lanelle Marchant | Room MB228 | 8 weeks

What would happen if God got bigger than your fear and insecurity, and you spent the rest of your life running after his purposes for you? In Restless, you will look at the life of Joseph and see how his passions, relationships, and suffering fit into the greater story of God-and how our stories can do the same.

Women's Study: **Lord, I Want to Know You**

led by Brandy Walker & Gretchen Langkawel
Room MB222 | 16 weeks

Learning to trust and rest in who God is in every season and every situation of life

Foundations for Marriage

led by Drew Chapman | Room MB246 | 8 weeks

A healthy, Christ-centered marriage begins with a healthy, Christ-centered foundation. Join couples who are seriously dating, engaged, or newly married as we discuss communication, conflict resolution, intimacy, finances, and more from a biblical and practical perspective. This class qualifies for premarital counseling.

Parenting Study: **Raising Kingdom Kids** by Tony Evans

led by Rick & Linda Gibson and Stan & Ellen Turnipseed
Room MB230 | 8 weeks

Using lessons learned from Bible heroes such as Daniel and Asher, Dr. Evans lays out the biblical foundation for parenting, the goal of mentoring kids who are God's look-alikes, and how to build and successfully transfer kingdom values to the next generation.

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Seeking the Good: Serving Together

led by Beth Yates | FHall Room 2 | 16 weeks

Each week, join us at the church for hands-on opportunities to serve. Projects may include helping with church ministry needs or partnering with local ministry organizations in our community. Come ready to roll up your sleeves and make a difference right where you are!

He's Inviting Us In

led by Jennifer & Thomas Polstra | Room MB240 | 16 weeks

This class explores God's invitation to step into the needs around us through faith, obedience, hospitality, and compassion, using the story of Isaiah 117 House as our guide. We'll build on these themes by focusing on practical application — exploring ways ordinary people can put their faith into action through foster care support, mentoring, serving vulnerable families, hospitality, advocacy, prayer, and community outreach.

You Are Wonderfully Made

led by Andrea Edmonds | Russell Room (next to gym)

A class designed especially for people ages 18+ with intellectual and developmental disabilities offering a warm and welcoming space to learn about God's love, to grow in faith at a pace and in a way that accommodates each person's needs and to learn to use our gifts to serve others within the church and community. Come be reminded that you are fearfully and wonderfully made by a God who delights in you.

Worship Choir Rehearsal

led by Joe Ziegler | Choir Room, Third Floor

A time of worship, fellowship and preparation for leading Sunday services and special events

Orchestra Rehearsal

led by Max Hughes | Orchestra Room, Third Floor

A time of worship, fellowship and preparation for leading Sunday services and special events

English as a Second Language Classes

International Ministry Suite - Downstairs from Sanctuary

English conversation classes for Adults led by volunteers

Make new friends from around the world as you build relationships and share the love of Christ.

Mission and Ministry Plan

Offering Details - Week of August 2

Given for: Budget	\$110,822.42
World Mission Offering	\$4,589.21
The 721 Fund	\$1,685.64
Designated	\$13,575.66
Total Given	\$130,672.93

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



GAME DAY Parking at First Baptist Tuscaloosa

**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** 2026 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!

In Sympathy:

Our sympathy to James Stewart and family in the death of his wife, **Carolyn Stewart**; and to Randy Glover and family in the death of his mother.

Our sympathy to Barbara DeLaire and family in the death of her son, **David Matthew DeLaire**, and to Gloria and Rodney Oglesby in the death of their nephew.



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.



August Mission Project

For August, we are collecting school supplies for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Please donate 24-pack crayons, pencils, pens, colored pencils, small notebooks or coloring books, erasers, solar calculators, rulers and index cards. Donation barrels are located near several church entrances. 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.

Wednesdays
6:00-7:30 p.m.



Thursdays
9:30-11:30 a.m.

English Ministry

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:
Adult English Class Helpers
Preschool Childcare (Thurs.)



For more details, email Leigh Anne Darnell at leigh@fbctuscaloosa.org

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Sunday, August 9

PROMOTION SUNDAY

- 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, August 10

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

Wednesday, August 12

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group
- 2:30 p.m. Legacy Fitness
- 4:00 Senior Adult Program Team
- 4:30-6:00 Library Open
- 5:00-5:45 Meal Served
- 6:00-7:30 Preschool/Kids Kickoff
- Students: LIVE Kickoff
- Adults' Midweek Open House
- Worship Choir/Orchestra
- College Chapel Worship

Thursday, August 13

Senior Adult Trip (13-19)

- 9:00 a.m. Quilters group

Friday, August 14

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

MONDAYS:

Feasting on God's Word - Women on Mission Monthly Study and Lunch, 11:30 a.m.

TUESDAYS:

Fruit of the Spirit
Online study with Teresa Pugh, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS:

Precept Study: **Zechariah** - 9:30 a.m.
The Holy Spirit You May Not Know - 11:30 a.m.
Restless: Because You Were Made for More - 6 p.m.
Lord, I Want to Know You - 6 p.m.



Scan the QR code to learn more and to sign up.



Register Today

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

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