

Our 2010 Leadership Team

Pastoral Staff

Steve Bateman, *Senior Pastor*
 Paul Cheshier, *Outreach & Assimilation Pastor*
 Bruce Ellsworth, *Worship Pastor*
 Vance Helms, *Executive Pastor*
 Jess Montegudo, *Associate Pastor*

Ministry Staff

Wayne Campbell, *Director of Student Min.*
 Joni Clark, *Children's Ministry Director*
 Alexander Roberts, *Assoc. Dir. of Student Min.*

Support Staff

Earlene Baker, *Administrative Assistant*
 Telete Chappell, *Children's Dir. Assistant*
 Beth Ellsworth, *Secretary/Receptionist*
 Katherine Helms, *Nursery Coordinator*
 Kelly Martin, *Preschool Coordinator*
 Darrel Phillips, *Director of Facilities*
 Rosemary Whiteside, *Secretary/Receptionist*

Elders

Charlie Adams
 Curt Brannon
 Ray Cain
 David Francis
 Reggie Gladish
 Joey Harris
 Don Haynie
 Jeff Hodge
 Mike Holiday
 Stan Moore
 Glenn Whiteside

Elders Emeritus

Bill Prince
 Marshall Williams

Deacons

Scott Anderson
 Adrian Baker
 Pete Bromirski
 Joe Cimino
 Cronan Connell
 Chris Howard
 Scottie Hubbard
 Gary Kessinger
 Joel McWhorter
 Doug Mote
 Phil Olinger
 Stratton Orr
 David Wilson

Missions: Home & Abroad...

Organizations

Decatur Free Clinic, *Decatur, AL*
 Decatur Heritage Christian Academy, *Decatur, AL*
 Southeastern Bible College, *Birmingham, AL*
 Sav-A-Life Pregnancy Resource, *Decatur, AL*
 Tennessee Valley Outreach, *Decatur, AL*
 Neighborhood Christian Center, *Decatur, AL*
 Columbia International University, *Columbia, SC*
 Fellowship of Christian Athletes, *Decatur, AL*
 Bible Teachers College, *Guatemala*
 Dallas Theological Seminary, *Dallas, TX*

Missionaries

United Indian Mission
 Norman and Melody Christin, *Canada*
 Child Evangelism Fellowship
 Teo & Madalena Cavaco, *Portugal*
 Lynne Herlein, *Kenya*
 International Teams
 Kathleen Wintter, *Romania*
 Campus Crusade for Christ
 Scott & Stephanie Nannen, *Texas*
 David & Bethanne Moles, *Pennsylvania*
 Avant Ministries
 Kent & Marion Fuller, *Belize*
 Team International
 Andrew & Linda Brucato, *Italy*
 Bill & Ginann Franklin, *Taiwan*
 Inherit A Blessing
 Cleon & Kathy Rogers, *Germany*
 Pioneers
 Jarko & Elena Jurik, *Serbia*

Ambassadors For Christ, Int.
 John & Lois North, *Australia*
 World Reach
 Brom & Betty Cowser, *Alabama*
 Wycliffe Translators
 Jim & Nadine Rupp, *Mexico*
 World Venture
 Mark & Kathy Schaaf, *South Africa*
 Campus Outreach
 Pete & Shannon Collins, *Alabama*
 CAM International
 Wayne & Kitty Gute, *Oklahoma*
 John & Jan Lohrenz, *Spain*
 Bill & Linda Parker, *Uruguay*
 Michael Stephenson, *Guatemala*
 Scott & Ruth Yingling, *Mexico*
 Johnny & Maria Coker, *Guatemala*
 Joel and Vivian Lara, *Spain*
 Titus International
 Loreen Ittermann, *CIS, Moldova*
 Greater Europe Mission
 Durand & Ruth Robinson, *Ireland*
 Scott & Tara Slate, *Ireland*
 Okinawa Christian School Mission
 Allen Rowe, *Japan*
 Nations of Coaches
 Tommy and Heather Kyle, *SE US*
 Mountain Movers International
 Jim and Daphne Myers, *US*
 Navigators
 Armando and Liset Diaz, *US*



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Church Office Hours
 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
 Mon. through Fri..

a warm
Welcome to
 First Bible Church



Our Mission... to Glorify God by Helping People
 Know, Love, Obey and Exalt Jesus Christ

If you are visiting with us...

We are glad that you chose to worship with us here at First Bible Church. Please take a moment to complete the **Welcome Card** in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

Please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. It is provided for those who consider First Bible their church home. As our guest, we want you to focus on what God has for you this morning.

The care of your children is a high priority for us. Feel free to take advantage of our excellent Children's Ministries for infants through preschool.

Our desire is to encourage you in a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. If you want to know more about following Him, you are welcome to talk to our staff – or simply call us at the church office (353-2711).

Morning Worship

August 15, 2010 • 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Instrumental Music *Enough*
FBC Praise Band

Welcome Sanctuary; Steve Bateman, Senior Pastor
Field House; Jess Montegudo, Associate Pastor

Azerbaijan Mission Trip Report 9:15 Service; Sam Barnett
10:45 Service; Glenn Whiteside

Song of Worship *Everlasting God*

Scripture Reading and Prayer 2 Cor. 1:3-7
9:15 Service; Paul Cheshier,
Pastor of Outreach and Assimilation
10:45 Service; Alexander Roberts,
Assistant Director of Student Ministries
Field House Service; Jess Montegudo

Worship Through Giving

Hosanna

All the Way My Savior Leads Me No. 460
All the way my savior leads me;
What have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy,
Who thru life has been my guide?
Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort,
Here by faith in Him to dwell!
For I know what'er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well;
For I know what'er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my savior leads me;
Oh, the fullness of his love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
In my Father's house above:
When my spirit, cloth'd immortal,
Wings its flight to realms of day,
This my song thru endless ages:
Jesus led me all the way;
This my song thru endless ages:
Jesus led me all the way.

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Message

The God of All Comfort
 Steve Bateman, Senior Pastor

Closing Song

It Is Well With My Soul
 No. 493

Announcements

All announcements must be in the church office by 4:00pm Tuesday.

The Field House Service

We offer a video service during the second worship service time slot (10:45). The "Field House Service" has its own leadership and worship team, and receives the sermon portion of the service through a video feed.

Missionary of the Month

This month's missionary focus is on Kent and Marion Fuller who are serving with Avant Ministries in Belize. Here is their contact information if you would like to send a note of encouragement: 18/20 Halfmoon Avenue, P.O.Box 70, Belmopan, Belize, (501) 802-2282, Kenmar@btl.net; karlinkentfuller@gmail.com

This Week's Registrations

Sign up today for the Women's Bible Study! There is a registration table set up in the Coffee Commons. Several classes being offered, morning, noon and night with childcare for options for all, including elementary! Contact Lisa Wheeler (256-552-0039 or wheeler1976@charter.net) for more information or stop by the table!

C¹: Our Creed, Truths We Believe: Sunday, September 26, 3:00pm - 7:00pm - Sign up using the insert in the bulletin or register online at www.fbc.org. This first step of four in our Catalysts of Commitment is for anyone who is interested in becoming more involved in the First Bible Church family through church membership. Attendance at C¹ does not commit you to membership. Rather it helps you understand the beliefs, values, direction, and philosophy of First Bible Church.

Church News

Flowers in our auditorium today are in memory of **Dr. William Pyron** from his family on the occasion of his birthday.

Life-Change! Impact! Doing Life Together! For more information on how to get involved in a small group here at FBC, contact Vance Helms (vance@fbc.org or 353-2711).

Family Life Cruise - Valentines Love Like You Mean It, couples cruise. Check out the website at www.lovelikeyoumeanitcruise.com to get details and cost. Some of the speakers will be, Dennis and Barbara Rainey, Bob Lepine, Kirk Cameron and others. Worship with Christian artists Point of Grace, Michael O'Brien and Big Daddy Weave. If you register by today (Aug. 15th) you will may be eligible for a discount, be sure to mention First Bible Church. Note: FBC is not registering anyone for this cruise. It is done on an individual basis.

Choir rehearsals begin this Wednesday, August 18th, from 7 - 8 pm. Child care is provided for nursery through 5th grade. Contact Bruce Ellsworth if you are interested in being involved in this ministry.

CD's Available: Copies of today's message will be available at the Welcome Center in the main foyer following the second service. Complimentary for all visitors and a \$3.00 suggested donation for others.

Student News (6th-12th grade)

One Eight Wednesdays, HS in FH: 6:30 eat (\$3); 7:00 worship. MS in the youth wing: 6:30 eat (\$3); 7:00 worship.

Children's News (Nursery - 5th grade)

Merry Christmas! - On Saturday, September 11th, we will be hosting our GIGAS Christmas Camp for ALL current 3rd-5th grade girls (as of August 10) from 9:00am-12:00pm. We will introduce this year's Christmas Musical and play some "reindeer games". Please contact Earlene Baker (256-353-2711 or earl@fbc.org) if you have any questions.

Summer Sunday Evenings

We will resume our Evening Bible Study on Sept. 12.

September 12th - Regular Sunday evening services (Adult Bible study, AWANA, GIGAS, Sportsters, TREK) resume (5:15pm).

This Week's Events

Today-08/15/10
3:30pm Trailblazers Ladies Volleyball
in Field House

Monday-08/16/10
5:00pm CR Leaders Meeting
5:45pm Celebrate Recovery

Tuesday-08/17/10
5:30pm Decatur Outreach Meeting

Wednesday- 08/18/10
5:15pm Field House Praise Band
6:30pm Sanctuary Praise Band
6:30pm One Eight (MS/HS)
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Financial Update

Below is our financial status as of August 8, 2010. If you have questions, please contact Scott Anderson, 773-0986.

General Fund/Missions
2010 YTD needs \$1,173,555.20
2010 YTD receipts \$1,152,257.99
Variance +/- -\$21,297.21

MOPS Kickoff!

Mothers of Preschoolers is an international ministry to young Moms. Please join us for our first meeting on August 27 at 9:30 a.m. Contact Lisa Wheeler (256-552-0039 or wheeler1976@charter.net) for more information!

Ministry in Our Own Backyard

School is in session! And the playground behind our church is full of children in need of a Savior! We have partnered with Frances Nungester Elementary School over the last several years, and my desire is to strengthen our relationship with them. There are about 25 of our church family who are faithful to serve in this ministry through the lunch buddy and reading buddy programs, and as Shepherds in the classroom. These areas do not require a lot of time. We would challenge you, church family, to triple the number of volunteers this year. 75 people needed!! These are the areas available for service:

1. Lunch Buddy: You're assigned a high-risk child in need of extra attention and have lunch with them at least two times a month or weekly to really make an impression.
2. Reading Buddy: Once a week meet with a child in need of extra help in reading. You just listen to the child read. No special skills are needed.
3. Shepherds: The teachers have little parental help, and we need a church member in each classroom to act as a homeroom parent. What a great opportunity for ABFs or small groups.
4. Prayer Warriors: We want people to pray daily for the teachers and students and for specific needs at Nungester.

We are making a difference in these young lives but want more children to be touched and that takes more volunteers. Call or e-mail Sherry Fite (355-1861 or sherry1861@yahoo.com) to sign up for this important "mission trip." Our goal is to demonstrate Christ's love in such a way that we "adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect" and show ourselves a people "zealous for good deeds" (Titus 2:10,14).

Men's Prayer Breakfast

MPB will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 14th at 6:30am. All men are invited to come for a hearty breakfast, fellowship and prayer.

ap•os•tol•ic: What It Means To Be In The Faith, 6

The God of All Comfort

2 Corinthians 1:3-7
(Page 816 in Chair Bible)
The Lord's Day Morning
August 15, 2010

ap•os•tol•ic: of or relating to apostles, those men who were eyewitnesses to the risen Lord and specifically authorized by the Lord Jesus Christ to represent him as his ambassadors; to be apostolic is to sincerely affirm what the apostles affirm and deny what the apostles deny in sacred Scripture.

The Logic of Paul's Opponents

1. God's apostles will be popular, powerful, and prosperous.
2. Paul is not popular, powerful, and prosperous.
3. Therefore, Paul is not God's apostle.

Paul's Opening Affirmation

1. _____ the Lord no matter what.
2. _____ trouble from a Christ-denying world.
3. _____ comfort from a sovereign God.
4. _____ others by standing firm in adversity.