

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*
 Kelly Martin, *Nursery /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

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*

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*

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 29, 2010 • 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Instrumental Music

Forever
 FBC Praise Band

Welcome

Steve Bateman, Senior Pastor

Baby Dedication (1st service only)

Steve Bateman

The act of dedication is held in high regard throughout Scripture. In Baby Dedication, the parents formally declare their intention to lead their child, by instruction and example, to knowledge of their God. They are making a public commitment that their parenting shall be Biblically informed and acknowledge God's right to the child. Furthermore, the church family commits to faithfully support the parents in this daunting duty.

Elizabeth Marie Doepel
 Daughter of Brad and Elena Doepel

Bible verse chosen by Brad and Elena for Elizabeth: Psalm 62:5-6 "Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I shall not be shaken."

Missionary Report

Bill and Ginann Franklin
 TEAM

Song of Worship

How Firm a Foundation
 No. 275

Scripture Reading and Prayer

2 Cor. 1:12-14
 9:15 Service; Paul Cheshier,
 Pastor of Outreach and Assimilation
 10:45 Service; Wayne Campbell,
 Director of Student Ministries
 Field House Service; Jess Montegudo,
 Associate Pastor

Worship Through Giving

Your Grace is Enough
 Give Us Clean Hands

Message

An Introduction to Biblical Boasting
 Steve Bateman

Closing Song

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Instrumental

You Alone Can Rescue
 FBC Praise Band

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

Morning and evening messages are available on the web at www.fbc.org.
 If you would like a CD of a particular message,
 please call the church office (353-2711).

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 are being offered, morning, noon and night with childcare 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

Welcome to our **Newest Little Lamb - Olivia Faith Dailey** was born on August 20, 2010 to **Sean and Leslie**. Olivia weighed 6 lbs. 1 1/2 oz. To God be the Glory for this sweet blessing.

Our G3 Ministry is looking for volunteers to Greet, Grip and Guide (G³). If you are interested in joining this team please contact Glenn Byrd at gbyrdman@bellsouth.net or 256-773-0263.

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).

Dishes, Dishes and more Dishes - several dishes have been left in the kitchen area (from ABF, family night dinner, meals, etc). Please go to the small kitchen by the Field House and see if any of them belong to you. We will be donating any left after September 12th to a local mission group.

Wednesday Night Bible Study on the book of Revelation will begin on September 15 at 6:30pm. For more information, contact Henry Allen at 256-355-3389 or allendctr@aol.com. We will meet on the ABF floor.

Choir rehearsals have started back! It's not too late to join. Child care is provided for nursery through 5th grade. Contact Bruce Ellsworth if you are interested in being involved in this ministry.

Lost and Found is located at the Welcome Kiosk in the main foyer. We have many items (Bibles, jackets, jewelry, etc) that have been left at the church. Please stop by occasionally to see if any of your missing items may be there. We will be donating anything left after Sept. 26 to a charity.

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.

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-08/29/10

12:00pm Foundations ABF in Field House

5:00pm SHINE Volunteers Mtg.

Monday-08/30/10

5:45pm Celebrate Recovery

Tuesday-08/31/10

No Activities Scheduled

Wednesday-09/01/10

9:15am Ladies Precept Bible Study

5:15pm Field House Praise Band

6:30pm Sanctuary Praise Band

6:30pm One Eight (MS/HS)

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday-09/02/10

No Activities Scheduled

Friday-09/03/10

No Activities Scheduled

The office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 6 in observance of Labor Day.

Financial Update

Below is our financial status as of August 22, 2010. If you have questions, please contact Scott Anderson, 773-0986.

General Fund/Missions

2010 YTD needs \$1,246,902.40

2010 YTD receipts \$1,218,812.32

Variance +/- -\$28,090.08

FYI!

If you have been attending and have not been getting the weekly email news or monthly news and would like to receive these items, please call or email Earlene (earl@fbc.org) to confirm your contact information.

If you have any questions about any of the communication lists at First Bible Church, Earlene can help with that as well. Contact info: earl@fbc.org or 353-2711, ext. 3761.

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.

Student Ministry Fall Retreat at Stoney Creek Camp in Vinemont, October 9 - 11. For MS & HS students. More info to come - call the office to sign up.

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.

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, 8

An Introduction to Biblical Boasting

2 Corinthians 1:12-14

(Page 816 in Chair Bible)

The Lord's Day Morning

August 29, 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 church at Corinth had a problem with boasting. The word for boasting is used over sixty times in the New Testament, and six out of ten times, it is used in 1 and 2 Corinthians. But as you read these letters you quickly discover that there are two kinds of boasting: biblical and unbiblical; holy and unholy. Probably no single verse presents it more simply than this:

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world (Galatians 6:14).

And no single question in the Bible cuts to the heart of the issue faster than this:

What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not? (1 Corinthians 4:7)

Unbiblical Boasting	Biblical Boasting
1. God loves me because _____.	1. God loves me because _____.
2. Manipulates you to _____.	2. Frees me to _____.
3. Thrives on comparison _____.	3. Thrives on comparison _____.
4. Rises in proportion to my _____.	4. Rises in proportion to my _____.
5. Calls attention to my _____.	5. Calls attention to God's _____.
6. _____ me and _____ God.	6. _____ God and me.