



First Baptist Church Montgomery

# BEACON

*bring them in...build them up...send them out*

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## M.I.C. (Membership Information Class)

Sunday, April 10 | 12:15 PM | Fellowship Hall

Thinking of joining First Baptist? The Membership Information Class explains what is involved in becoming effective members of FBC. The class is led by our pastor, Jay, and is an excellent opportunity to ask questions and make new friends. Be our guest for lunch and discover how to become a part of the First Family. For more information or to register, call Will Spivey at 320.0332 or Pat Thurman at 241.5130.



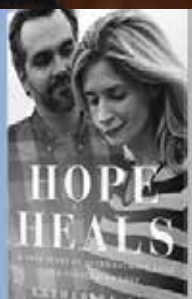
## Reflections Ensemble Concert

Sunday, April 10 :: 6:15 PM

KATHERINE & JAY WOLF LAUNCH

## HOPE HEALS BOOK

SUNDAY, APRIL 17 :: 6:15 PM



**HERE  
I AM SEND  
ME.**

ISAIAH 6:8

**FBC GOAL: \$110,000**

**GIVEN TO DATE:**

**\$106,348.40**

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# CONNECTIONS

— from your Pastor's Heart

## A Call to Prayer

God gives us instructions on the type of intercession that helps precipitate a **Great Awakening**: *"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sins, and heal their land."* (2 Chronicles 7:14)

**Franklin Graham** is seeking to start a prayer revival in America by traveling to all 50 state capitals to encourage God's People to activate 2 Chronicles 7:14. Revivals are not *conjured up*; they are *prayed down*. An Awakening in America will not occur when Hollywood and Washington DC get right, but when God's People get right. Leonard Ravenhill, a powerful evangelist of the past, famously said, *"If you want to see a revival come then begin by drawing a circle in your prayer room, step into it and ask God to start an awakening within that circle."*

The goal of this call to prayer is to **start with your heart**. Invite God to tour the chamber of your spirit and root out anything that does not look like Jesus. Remove any ugly weeds that grow in the garden of your soul like anger, bitterness, addiction, competition, doubt, fear, jealousy, worry, lust, pride, and selfishness. Give God permission to weed your spiritual garden and replace destructive flesh-fruits with the **fruits of His Spirit**. Our goal is to look like Jesus and function as His agents of love, purity and serving. When His love and light shines from the Body of Christ, the lost and seeking people around us will be drawn to the Savior on display in His Children.

In addition to entering your personal prayer closet and seeking the Lord, join with **Franklin Graham at the State Capitol on April 14th at noon**. This prayer rally is not about a political candidate, it's all about lifting up Jesus as our Hope. Franklin Graham explained, *"We have a responsibility as the Church to be salt and light in this world. We are to speak the truth of God's Word to a society whose spiritual and moral foundation is crumbling. The only hope for our nation is for us to pray, seek God's face, and stand firm on His Word. Through the **Decision America Tour**, we will visit your state capital to pray fervently for our nation. Will you join us in this effort?"*

Let's make corporate prayer at the State Capitol and with our Church Family a high priority and watch God do something extraordinary as He leverages the prayers of His people into a far-reaching **Spiritual Awakening!**

Praying TOGETHER,

## FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, April 3, 2016

### ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5105 | Bible Fellowship Attendance 1979  
Weekly Attendance 2518 | Discipleship Attendance 1283

### OFFERING

Required Weekly \$125,480.77 | Received Sunday \$122,549.29  
Required To Date \$1,756,730.77 | Received To Date \$1,586,082.19  
Building Fund Sunday \$823.00 | Building Fund to Date \$8,315.51  
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering \$106,348.40

Under Budget | \$170,648.58



## Ministry Announcements

### Student Ministry

**Graduate Recognition is Sunday, May 1.** Photos are due now! Register online at [www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration). If you have any questions, contact Russell McCrory at 241.5163.

### Senior Ministry

**The Senior Adult VBS** will be held on **Monday, April 25 through Wednesday, April 27** from 10:00 AM to noon in room 413. Facilitated by Kenny Hoomes.

### Women's Ministry

Save the date for **The Blessed Banquet**, FBC's Mother/Daughter Dinner, on **Tuesday, May 3** at 6:30 PM in the fellowship hall. This year's speaker is Montgomery's own Stacy Harris (wife, mom of 7, tv contributor/personality, cookbook/sustainability author, blogger, speaker, lover of God). Tickets will be on sale the last two Sundays in April. Contact Sharon Windham at [sbwindham@aol.com](mailto:sbwindham@aol.com) with any questions.

### Missions Ministry

**Our First Priority**, an account of the history of missions at First Baptist, can be purchased for \$15 each on Sunday mornings in the main sanctuary foyer or online at [www.montgomeryfbc.org/ourfirstpriority](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/ourfirstpriority).

Come hear Jane Ferguson and Rhonda Thompson share about outreach opportunities through the Nehemiah Center and other Community Ministries programs. Learn how you can be involved to help meet needs in our Jerusalem! Bring a sack lunch and a friend to the Huff Building Fellowship Hall, **Monday, April 11** at 11:30 AM until 1:30 PM (sponsored by the **Amy Cooper Women on Mission Group**). Everyone is welcome! Call Karen Quimby, 281.6955, for information.



### First Family Dinner | Wednesday, April 13

*No reservations required!*

**Adult & Children's Meal:** BBQ Ribs, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Roll, Dessert

**Adult Family Meal – \$5; Child's Meal (12 & under) – \$3**

**Maximum Family Amount – \$20** (immediate family only)

The **Charlotte Cearley Women on Missions Group** will meet on **Monday, April 11** at 7:00 PM at the home of Pam Newman (2805 Marler Road). Our speaker will be Charlotte Cearley. For more information, contact Kathy Hall at 271.1286.

The **Sarah McCrory Women on Mission Group** will meet on **Wednesday, April 13** at 9:30 AM at the home of Sharon Windham (8316 Chadburn Lane in Sturbridge). Celia Teel will share about her February 2016 Mission Trip to Haiti.

**A team has been formed to determine how First Baptist Church can respond in ministry to the world refugee situation.** If you have any input or suggestions on how our church should respond to this situation, contact Richard Alford at ralford1939@gmail.com by April 15.

Join us on **Sunday, April 17** at 5:00 PM in room 443 for an **Informational Meeting for the Puerto Rico Mission Project** scheduled for July 5-10. For more information, contact Gordon Stone at 546.9951.

## Children's Hope

**Children's Hope is in need of sponsors for our children!** For just \$35/month, you can help provide a child with housing, clothes, food, education, and a place to learn about God's love. To learn more about sponsorship opportunities and ways to give, email Sarah McCrory at sarah@childrens-hope.com or visit [www.childrens-hope.com](http://www.childrens-hope.com).

## Community Ministries

There will be a **Community Ministries Volunteer Appreciation Brunch** on **Saturday, April 16** from 10:00 to 11:30 AM in the FBC fellowship hall. All Community Ministries volunteers, partners and friends are invited to join us for brunch in your honor! For more information, contact Jane Ferguson at [jferguson@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:jferguson@montgomeryfbc.org) or 241.5141.

**Volunteers are needed to work in the Master's Garden** at the Nehemiah Center in Chisholm. For more information or to volunteer, contact Jane Ferguson at 241.5141 or [jferguson@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:jferguson@montgomeryfbc.org).

## Churchwide News & Events

On **Sunday, April 10** in the evening worship service the church will **Vote to Amend the Articles of Incorporation for Community Ministries, Inc.** This will allow us to expand our ministry opportunities and reach more people for Christ.

## New Members

### By Baptism

**Eli Walker**

619 Keeneland Way | Montgomery, AL 36109

### By Letter

**Mr. Stuart J. Leach**

3138 Malone Drive | Montgomery, AL 36106

## Our Church Family

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, contact Carolyn Bryan at 241.5120.

### Sympathy Extended to

Dr. & Mrs. Keith Green (Beth) in the death of her sister, Teri Champion; Daniel & Sarah Green in the death of their aunt.

Miss Kelly Lupo in the death of her uncle

Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Trotman (Whitney) in the death of her father

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Babington (Shelley) in the death of his mother; Murray & Marilee in the death of their grandmother

Ms. Doris Wade in the death of her uncle

Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Oliver (Beth) in the death of his grandmother

### Baptist South

Ruth Lewis • Larry Chapman, Sr.

### Hillview Terrace

Platt Driskill

### Tallassee Health and Rehab

Sue Smitherman

### Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Lovelady (LeeAnne) in the birth of a grandson

Mr. & Mrs. David Wachs (Charlene) in the birth of a granddaughter

## Deacon Nominations Due By Sunday, May 1!

Forms are available in the main sanctuary foyers or online at [www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration).



Men, join us for the annual **Glenn Gordy Golf Retreat** on **Thursday, April 28 through Saturday, April 30** at the Bluewater Bay Resort in Niceville, Florida. The cost is \$325, which includes lodging, unlimited green fees, 18-hole cart per day, and prizes. Checks should be made payable to First Baptist Church. Deadline for reservations is Sunday, April 10. Get your check in the mail today. Sign up by calling Steve Dubose at 277.8604 or Chuck Ashley at 241.5161.

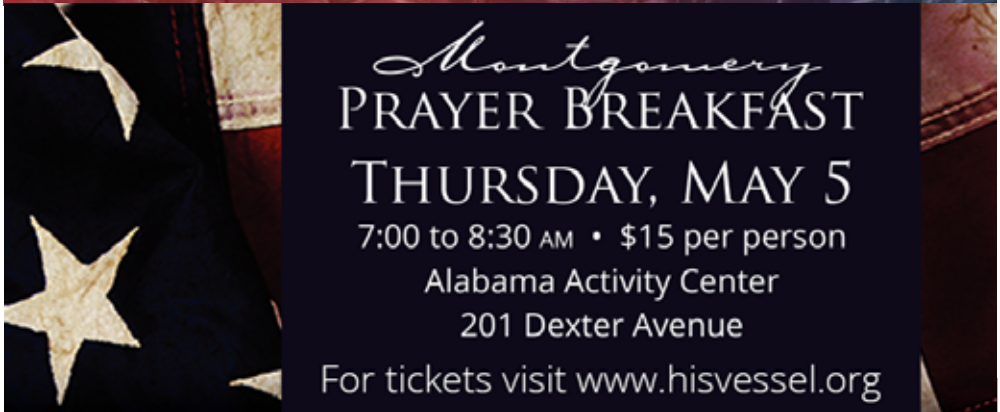
Save the date for the **Missions Auction** for Single Adult Mission Scholarships on **Friday, April 29** at 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall. If you would like to donate items for the auction, contact Kathy Cooper at 241.5125 or [kcooper@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:kcooper@montgomeryfbc.org).

Join us for the **Bible Reading Marathon** on **Thursday, May 5 through Sunday, May 8** on the steps of the State Capitol. Sign up for a reading slot at [www.hisvessel.org](http://www.hisvessel.org).



**DECISION AMERICA**  
**TOUR 2016**  
with **Franklin Graham**

APRIL 14, 2016  
12:00 PM  
STATE CAPITOL



*Montgomery*  
**PRAYER BREAKFAST**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 5**  
7:00 to 8:30 AM • \$15 per person  
Alabama Activity Center  
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For tickets visit [www.hisvessel.org](http://www.hisvessel.org)



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# This week at FBC Montgomery

For the complete calendar, visit [www.montgomeryfbc.org](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org).

## Sunday, April 10

- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 10:00 Pastor's Class
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 12:15 Membership Information Class
- 4:30 Discipleship Classes
- 5:00 Visitation
- Children's Missions
- Discipleship Classes
- Prayer Time for South Asia
- One Voice/One Heart Choirs
- 6:15 Worship Service

## Monday, April 11

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal
- 11:00 Judgment House Leadership Meeting
- 11:30 Amy Cooper Women on Mission
- 5:15 Sanctuary Bells
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 6:00 Freedom in Christ Recovery Group
- 7:00 Charlotte Cearley Women on Mission

## Tuesday, April 12

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 Ladies Bible Study
- MOPs
- 3:45 Children's Ministry: Good News Club
- 5:30 Women's Support Group
- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous
- 7:00 Helen Hancock Women on Mission

- 8:00 College Ministry: Elevate

## Wednesday, April 13

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 Sarah McCrory Women on Mission
- 2:15 Baldwin Bible Study
- 4:45 First Family Dinner
- 5:30 Tutoring
- Sanctuary Orchestra
- 5:45 Graded Children's Choirs
- Parenting By Grace Discipleship Class
- 6:00 First Family Prayer Time
- 6:30 Student Ministry: Powerhouse
- 6:35 Sanctuary Choir
- 6:40 Finance Committee
- 6:45 DivorceCare
- Ejamat Prayer Time

## Thursday, April 14

- 9:00 Conversational English
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group
- JOY Singers Rehearsal
- 12:00 Decision America Tour
- 6:00 English as a Second Language

## Friday, April 15

- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group

## Saturday, April 16

- 10:00 Community Ministries Volunteer Appreciation Brunch
- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous

## In Home Ministry Member :: Nell Saucer

1775 Halcyon Blvd | Montgomery, Alabama 36117-3487

## Morning Worship (8:30 & 11:00 AM)

**Great is the Lord Almighty** | Sanctuary Choir

**Parent/Child Dedication**

**Your Great Name** | Reflections Ensemble

**Message** | Jay Wolf

## Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

**Mission Reports: Haiti, India & Cuba**

**Reflections Ensemble Concert**

## CrossRoads Broadcast Schedule

Watch the sermon at the time below or online at [www.montgomeryfbc.org](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org).



**Frazer Channel 13** (Montgomery & Prattville)

**BrightHouse Channel 122** (Elmore County)

Sunday, 1:30 PM (full hour) & 6:00 PM

Tuesday, 7:30 PM Thursday, 9:30 AM & 6:00 PM

**WSFA-TV Channel 12** | Sunday, 10:30 AM

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