

First Baptist Church Montgomery

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

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Worthy of Worship

Sunday, April 24 | 6:15 PM

First Baptist Church Music
Ministry presents a worship
celebration featuring the
Sanctuary Orchestra



Sr. Adult VBS
April 25-27

10:00 AM to Noon :: 413
Facilitated by Kenny Hoomes



Benefitting the Single Adult Missions Scholarship Fund

SWEETS-N-SERVICES AUCTION

Friday, April 29
5:30 PM* :: Fellowship Hall

Join Us For A Night Of Auction Fun!

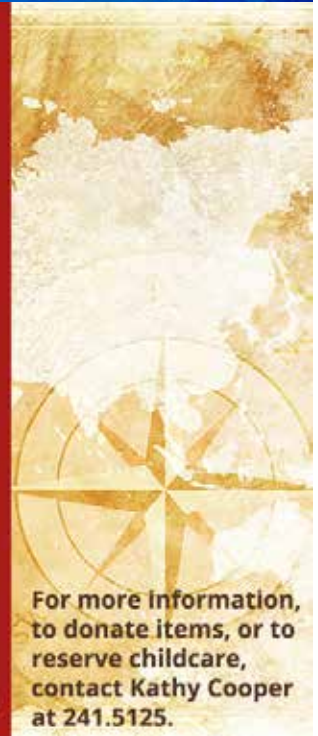
Items include:

Hunts • Babysitting • Handyman Work
Yard Work • Edible Delights • Home Goods
Antiques • Furniture • and Much More

Dinner is free, but donations will be accepted to purchase
backpacks for the children in Chisholm.

*5:30 PM :: Silent Auction | 6:00 PM :: Dinner | 6:30 PM :: Live Auction

For more information,
to donate items, or to
reserve childcare,
contact Kathy Cooper
at 241.5125.





CONNECTIONS

— *from your Pastor's Heart*

Coaching Time

Every spring the ball fields produce the blossom of new players coming to practice and to compete. I can vividly recall when my seven-year-old Alex launched her softball career. As twilight descended on Montgomery, we traveled to the ball fields adjacent to Cloverdale Jr. High. The little ladies assembled on Field #3, and Coach Folmar began the instructing process. The girls lined up behind second base and began to field grounders. Some successfully snagged the ball and shot it over to first base. Most missed! And most could not throw all the way to first. So, the coaches would lob encouragement, *"Keep your eye on the ball! Keep your head down. Don't be afraid of the ball. Stay with it! Hustle. Throw with your body, not just your arm. Follow through with your wrist, girls!"*

Those sweet memories of spring softball practice awaken my pastoral coaching responsibilities. God has called me to coach our beloved congregational team. Our goal is not to win a league title but to win this world! The basic skills package that is required to be a **Champion for Christ** includes:

1. Bible reading, study, memorization, and application to daily living
2. Prayer that keeps you constantly connected to the Lord
3. Worship as a lifestyle
4. Journaling to capture the instructions God gives you
5. Giving of your time, talents and treasure to serve King Jesus
6. Consistently communicating your faith as a witness
7. Discover, develop and deploy your gifts to serve Christ
8. Accountability to other Believers

Regardless of your skill level, don't be satisfied with your current proficiencies. Relentlessly pursue growth. Paul did. Receive his coaching: *"Forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."* (Philippians 3:13-14)

So keep your eyes on God's prize and keep growing,

FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, April 17, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5102 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1742
Weekly Attendance 2274 | **Discipleship Attendance** 1286

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$125,480.77 | **Received Sunday** \$87,246.05
Required To Date \$2,007,692.31 | **Received To Date** \$1,802,131.80
Building Fund Sunday \$455.00 | **Building Fund to Date** \$9,250.76

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering \$121,176.00

Under Budget | \$205,560.51



Ministry Announcements

Preschool Ministry

Volunteers are needed to work in the preschool ministry on Friday, April 29 from 5:00 to 9:00 PM for the Sweets-N-Services Mission Auction; **Thursday, May 5** from 5:00 to 8:00 PM for the Gift of Life Family Coaching Graduation; and on **Friday, May 6** from 5:45 to 9:15 PM for Parents Night Out. If you would like to volunteer, contact Nancie McQueen at 241.5166 or nmcqueen@montgomeryfbc.org.

Children's Ministry

ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO!! Don't miss the **RA/GA Pinewood Derby on Sunday, April 24**. Registration begins at 3:30 PM and the race starts at 4:00 PM. Everyone is invited to attend! For more information, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164 or gleathers@montgomeryfbc.org.

Student Ministry

Graduate Recognition is Sunday, May 1. Register online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration. If you have any questions, contact Russell McCrory at 241.5163.

Senior Adult Ministry

Senior Adult Day is Sunday, May 15. Our JOY Singers will be singing in the morning services and all senior adults will be recognized. Plan to attend and support our seniors. During the evening service our JOY Singers will lead us in a special musical presentation called "Windows on the Word." The service will be held in Stakely Sanctuary and feature the story of the stained glass windows of Stakely Sanctuary.

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.



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, April 27

No reservations required!

Adult & Children's Meal: Turkey, Dressing, Sweet Potatoes, Roll, Salad, Dessert

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

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

There will be a **Refugee Ministry Committee Meeting on Sunday, April 24** at 4:00 PM in room 348. The committee's purpose is to determine how First Baptist Church can respond in ministry to the world refugee situation. For more information, contact Richard Alford at 324.6392 or ralford1939@gmail.com.

If you can clean, organize, or paint — this is the mission project for you. Join us for a **WMU Work Day on Saturday, April 30** beginning at 8:00 AM as we spruce up the Nehemiah meeting house at 221 Broadway Street. This is a great family project. Donations for supplies and materials are also needed. Contact Laura Saucer at 549.4578 for more information.

Join us for a **GIC Kickoff Party on Sunday, May 22** at 4:00 PM in room 347. The GIC is a triannual event at FBC that involves missionaries from around the world. Come to the kickoff to find out how you can be involved in this exciting event. For more information, contact Viki Brant at 467.4449.

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.

Community Ministries

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.

Check out the **Barnabas Ministry webpage** at www.montgomeryfbc.org/barnabas.

Churchwide News & Events

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.

For tickets to the **Montgomery Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, May 5** from 7:00 to 8:30 AM at the Alabama Activity Center (201 Dexter Avenue) visit www.hisvessel.org.

New Members

By Baptism

Mr. Jimbo Jones
Mrs. Jimbo Jones (Mary)
1766 Lakeview Drive | Prattville, AL 36067

Connor McDow
123 Natchez Drive | Montgomery, AL 36117

Cole Mitchell
2420 Belcher Drive | Montgomery, AL 36111

By Letter

Sophie Boyd
4324 Camp Creek Court | Montgomery, AL 36116

Mattie Mercer
409 Nottingham Road | Montgomery, AL 36109

Mr. Ken H. Peavy
Mrs. Ken Peavy (Shelia)
600 Larkin Lane | Montgomery, AL 36109

Our Church Family

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

Sympathy Extended to

- Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Davis (Amanda) in the death of her grandmother
- Mr. Donnie Miller in the death of his wife, Cathy; Mr. & Mrs. Brandon Miller (Jenny) in the death of his mother; Raines & Lydia Miller in the death of their grandmother
- Mr. & Mrs. Larry Lanier (Jeannie) in the death of her aunt
- Mr. & Mrs. Chet Matthews (Cindy) in the death of her brother-in-law

Baptist South

Patricia Dunn • Eddie Lancaster

Jackson

Bob Armstrong

Tallassee Health and Rehab

Sue Smitherman

Deacon Nominations Due By Sunday, May 1!

Forms are available in the main sanctuary foyers or online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration.

The First Baptist Church
Graded Children's Choirs
present the

Spring Worship Celebration

Sunday, May 1 | 6:15 PM



Tuesday, May 3

6:30 to 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

The guest speaker will be Stacy Harris. Email your mother/daughter photo and any questions to Sharon Windham at sbwindham@aol.com.

Tickets will be on sale this Sunday, April 24.

WAR ROOM

PRAYER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON

05.04.16 :: MAIN SANCTUARY :: 12:10 TO 12:50 PM



VBS :: JUNE 20-24 :: 9 AM TO NOON
WWW.MONTGOMERYFBC.ORG/VBS

 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT FBC MONTGOMERY

This week at FBC Montgomery

For the complete calendar, visit www.montgomeryfbc.org.

Sunday, April 24

- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 10:00 Pastor's Class
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 4:00 RA/GA Derby
- Refugee Ministry Team Meeting
- 4:30 Discipleship Classes
- 5:00 Visitation
- Children's VBS Director's Meeting
- Children's Missions
- Discipleship Classes
- One Voice/One Heart Choirs
- 6:15 Orchestra Worship Concert

Monday, April 25

- 10:00 Senior Adult VBS
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- Deacon's Meeting
- 6:00 Freedom in Christ Recovery Group

Tuesday, April 26

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 Ladies Bible Study
- MOPS
- 10:00 Senior Adult VBS
- 3:45 Children's Ministry: Good News Club
- 5:30 Women's Support Group
- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous
- 8:00 College Ministry: Elevate

Wednesday, April 27

- 8:30 English as a Second Language

- 10:00 Senior Adult VBS
- 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 Preschool Choirs Spring Program & First Family Prayer Time
- 6:30 Student Ministry: Powerhouse
- 6:35 Sanctuary Choir
- 6:45 Ejamat Prayer Time

Thursday, April 28

- Glenn Gordy Golf Retreat
- 9:00 Conversational English
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group
- JOY Singers Rehearsal
- 6:00 English as a Second Language

Friday, April 29

- Mission Project: Talladega
- Glenn Gordy Golf Retreat
- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 11:00 Children's Hope Board Meeting
- 5:30 Sweets-N-Services Mission Auction

Saturday, April 30

- Mission Project: Talladega
- Glenn Gordy Golf Retreat
- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member :: Mary Speed

7295 Copperfield Drive, Room 13 | Montgomery, Alabama 36117-7106

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

- Call to Worship | Sanctuary Orchestra
- The Lord is the Strength of My Life* | Sanctuary Choir
- Yahweh* | Ichthus Ensemble
- Message | Jay Wolf

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

- Children's Ministry: Bible Drill Demonstration
- RA Recognition | Steve Roberts

Worthy of Worship

Worship led by the Sanctuary Orchestra

CrossRoads Broadcast Schedule

Watch the sermon at the time below or online at 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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