

First Baptist Church Montgomery

# BEACON

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



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## *FBC Discipleship, Missions & Music*

### Sunday, August 14

**9:45 AM**

New Bible Fellowship Year Kick-Off

**5:00 PM**

Mission Friends  
Girls in Action (GAs)  
Royal Ambassadors (RAs)  
One Heart Jr. High Choir  
One Voice Sr. High Choir  
FBC Discipleship Classes



### Wednesday, August 17 Schedule

**4:45 to 6:00 PM**

First Family Dinner

**6:30 PM**

Powerhouse

**5:30 PM**

Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal

**6:35 PM**

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**5:45 PM**

Preschool & Children's Choirs  
*Ownership Road Bible Study*

**6:40 PM**

*DivorceCare*

**6:00 to 6:30 PM**

First Family Prayer Time

**6:45 PM**

Ejamat Prayer Time

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

**Sunday, August 14 | 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.



# CONNECTIONS

— from your Pastor's Heart

## *I saw Jesus Saturday, but it looked a lot like Jane Ferguson!*

*"Dear children, let's not merely say that we love others, let us show the truth by our actions." (1 John 3:18)*

Last Saturday a brave band of FBC teammates ventured out into the sweltering heat to demonstrate the even warmer love of the Lord at the Nehemiah Center. Jane Ferguson partnered with Rhonda Thompson and made God's love tangible to hundreds of people through our annual Nehemiah Block Party. We provided new backpacks to nearly 200 students and stuffed them with grade-appropriate school supplies. We offered medical screenings. A huge inflatable water slide entertained the kids along with face-painting and sweet snow cone treats.



We served a delicious lunch to around 300 people. But the premier feature of our event was a rap group called *FLATLINE* who captured the crowd and powerfully proclaimed the gospel. Many people embraced Christ as Savior because we made the Lord's love tangible on a hot Saturday morning.

God calls His children to be "conformed to the image of Christ" which means we are to look and live and love like Jesus. Talk is cheap. God calls us to walk the talk. We become magnetic demonstrations of Christ's love when we turn words into deeds and faith into action.

Everywhere I looked on Saturday, *I saw Jesus*. Don and Diane Cook were a smokin' hot version of Jesus as they did the grillin' without much chillin'! Rhonda Thompson, Sheri McKean, and Kathy Cooper orchestrated masterfully for the Master the school supply distribution. John Halbrooks, Doug Rogers, Kendall Shehane, Beau Cooper, and Ken Smithson became the hands and voice of Jesus by helping people register their decisions for Christ. Rachel Youngblood, Delana Fine, Rogers Helton, Will Harwell, Frances Barker, Reid Strickland, Jamie Melton, Suzanna Willis and the Talleys resembled the Redeemer as they blessed the children with food and fun.

Beloved, each day God provides you with opportunities to look like Jesus by blessing His children. From your work to Walmart, translate your faith into loving actions and listen with joy as someone says, "Thank you, kind friend, you sure do look like Jesus to me!"

Sharing Christ's Love  
and Light TOGETHER,

**FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, August 7, 2016**

### ATTENDANCE

**Bible Fellowship Enrollment** 5123 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1731

**Weekly Attendance** 2151 | **Discipleship Attendance** 435

### OFFERING

**Required Weekly** \$125,480.77 | **Received Sunday** \$117,653.51

**Required To Date** \$4,015,384.62 | **Received To Date** \$3,659,976.66

**Building Fund Sunday** \$1,385.00 | **Building Fund to Date** \$18,566.26

**Under Budget | \$355,407.96**

*Do you know your ABCs? Can you share them with others?*



## Join Jay as he teaches the **ABC's of Evangelism**

**Sundays, August 14 through October 23**

**4:30 PM | 413**

*A Practical Guide to Sharing Your Faith*

## Ministry Announcements

### Preschool Ministry

There will be a **Preschool Teachers Meeting** on **Sunday August 21** at 12:15 PM in room B112. Come find out about the new resource rooms and how to make your year easier! For more information, contact Nancie McQueen at 241.5166 or [nmcqueen@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:nmcqueen@montgomeryfbc.org).

### College Ministry

Each year we welcome returning and new college students to Montgomery and our church! Join us for the **Welcome Back Lunch** on **Sunday, August 21** at 12:15 PM in the youth center. Be on the lookout for new faces around town and on Perry Street. For more information, contact Justin Law at 241.5162 or [jlaw@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:jlaw@montgomeryfbc.org).

College Students...Join us as we kick-off **ELEVATE** on **Tuesday, August 23** at 8:00 PM in the youth center with free dinner served from 7:00 to 7:45 PM. The service will be full of exciting, modern worship and teaching. For more information, contact Justin Law at 241.5162 or [jlaw@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:jlaw@montgomeryfbc.org).

### Adult Ministry

The **Bible Fellowship Appreciation Lunch** is **Sunday, August 21** from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the fellowship hall. All directors, teachers and administrators are invited, so make plans now to join us for lunch as we get ready to launch our new Bible Fellowship year. A short training session by age-group (preschool through senior adults) will follow lunch. RSVP to Beth DeBardeleben by Sunday, August 14 at 241.5160 or [bdebardeleben@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:bdebardeleben@montgomeryfbc.org).

### Senior Adult Ministry

The **Senior Adult Fish Fry** is **Tuesday, August 16** at noon in the fellowship hall. (Baked fish will also be available.) Cost is \$6 per person. Our special guest will be Dale Huff. A few tickets remain, call Mary Virginia Crum at 241.5180.

### Missions Ministry

Calling all mission team leaders for the **Annual Mission Team Leaders' Training** on **Wednesday, August 24** from 6:45 to 8:00 PM in room 347. A missions leader could be a missions team leader, a future team leader, or a Sunday School missions leader. At this meeting we will be discussing a variety of



### **First Family Dinner | Wednesday, August 17**

*No reservations required!*

**Adult & Children's Meal:** Hamburgers, Chips, Salad, Dessert

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

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

topics including: 2017 missions opportunities, how to help with GIC 2017, tips for leading a mission trip, and more. For more information, contact Brian Gay at 241.5131 or [briangay@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:briangay@montgomeryfbc.org).

Join us for the **River Region Judgment House Banquet** on **Monday, August 29** at 6:00 PM at Frazer United Methodist Church. The banquet is free, but reservations are requested. For more information, visit [www.judgmenthouse.org](http://www.judgmenthouse.org) or call 546.8088.

Save the Date for the **Global Impact Celebration (GIC)** on **Wednesday, February 15 through Sunday, February 19**. For more information, visit [www.gic2017.com](http://www.gic2017.com).

## First Baptist Foundation

Save the Date! Our partner from PhilanthroCorp, **Dave Keesling**, will be here **Monday, September 12** for a breakfast and lunch hosted by Jay. Dave will be sharing a conversation about living beyond your legacy. If you'd like to share a meal with Jay and Dave, contact Alissa Parrish at 241.5127 for more information.

**We are celebrating Borum Bishop and his last gift to FBC!** Borum left a bequest in his will of \$100,000 to help do Kingdom work. That gift will be used to invest in our Community Ministries, Children's Hope, Hear Christ Ministries, and to build a church in India. You, too, can follow Borum's example, and make a gift that will produce eternal fruit!

## Children's Hope

Children's Hope will be sponsoring a **Haiti Summit** on **Saturday, August 20**, from 9:30 AM to Noon in the youth center. It has been an exciting year, and we look forward to celebrating and discussing God's work in Haiti. All who have been to Haiti and those who are interested in going on a future mission trip to Haiti are especially invited to attend. For more information, contact Ann Amster at 202.2714 or [ann@childrens-hope.com](mailto:ann@childrens-hope.com).

*Thank You, Amanda*

for faithfully serving the Lord  
through His First Baptist Family.

Congratulations on 10 years  
of service at FBC!



Amanda Smith  
Communications Director

## New Members

### By Letter

**Mr. Shaw Gibbons**

139 Seven Oaks Road | Pike Road, AL 36064

## Our Church Family

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

### Sympathy Extended to

Mrs. Daniel Deloney (Ann) in the death of her brother

Mrs. James Johnson (Mary Ann) in the death of her son, William; Mr. & Mrs. Bill Goodwyn (Mary) in the death of her brother; Mr. & Mrs. Will Goodwyn (Lee) in the death of his uncle; Mr. & Mrs. John Goodwyn (Laura) in the death of his uncle; Mr. & Mrs. Chris Barker (Lindsey) in the death of her uncle; Mr. Noel Johnson in the death of his uncle; Mr. & Mrs. Stuart Leach (Jill) in the death of her uncle

### Baptist South

Henry Steindorff

### Baptist East

Peggy Holley • Megan Deal

### Jackson

Lynn Truitt

### Capitol Hill Healthcare

Margaret Cone

### HealthSouth

Martha Rankin

### Hillview Terrace

Donald Thompson

### UAB Medical Center

Susan Deloney

### Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Brannan Reaves (Meredith) in the birth of a son; Mr. & Mrs. O'Neal Green (Paula) in the birth of a grandson

# Fall 2016 FBC Discipleship Classes

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For a complete list with descriptions, visit [www.montgomeryfbc.org](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org).

## ABCs of Evangelism

Sundays, August 14 – October 23 | 4:30 PM | 413

## Experiencing God

Sundays, August 14 – November 13 | 5:00 PM | B402

## End Times

Sundays, August 14 – October 23 | 5:00 PM | B415

## Return to Mayberry

Sundays, August 14 – November 13 | 5:00 PM | B405

## Personal Discipleship: Prayer, Purity, Purpose

Sundays, August 14 – October 9 | 4:30 PM | B408

## Ownership Road: Leading Our Children to an Authentic Faith

Wednesdays, August 17 – November 2 | 5:45 PM | B402

## DivorceCare

Wednesdays, August 17 - November 2 | 6:40 PM | B405

## Ladies Bible Study: The Gospel of Mark (Lisa Harper)

Sundays, August 21 – November 6 | 5:00 PM | B412

## Ladies Bible Study: The Armor of God (Priscilla Shirer)

Tuesdays, September 13 – November 15 | 9:30 AM | Bell Chapel



## Community Ministries

Help prepare a child for life, by **Volunteering to Tutor** a child on **Wednesdays, beginning September 7** from 5:30 to 6:45 PM in the Huff Community Ministries Building. Our goal is to help kindergarten through 6th graders master the basic skills necessary to be successful in school. Our overarching goal is to instill Christian values and expand their knowledge of who God is and His love for them. There will be a **Tutoring Workshop** from 5:30 to 6:45 PM on **Wednesday, August 24 and Wednesday, August 31** in the Huff Community Ministries Building. For more information, contact Jane Ferguson at 241.5141.

## Churchwide News & Events

On **Sunday, August 14**, a representative from the Finance Committee will visit the Adult Bible Fellowship Classes to receive **input for the 2017 Church Budget**. There will be Budget Input response sheets in the preschool, children and youth departments for the teachers and directors in these areas. You may also email your input or suggestions by **Sunday, August 14** to Patti Shoemaker at [pshoemaker@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:pshoemaker@montgomeryfbc.org).

Save the Date for **Team Night** on **Sunday, September 11** at 6:15 PM. Bring your team and wear your jersey or favorite school colors for this special, back-to-school event featuring a powerful testimony by Inky Johnson and music by FLATLINE. For more information, visit [www.montgomeryfbc.org/teamnight](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/teamnight).

# This week at FBC Montgomery

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

## Sunday, August 14

- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 10:00 Pastor's Class
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 12:15 Membership Information Class
- 4:00 Nominating Committee Meeting  
Refugee Ministry Meeting
- 4:30 ABCs of Evangelism  
Personal Discipleship
- 5:00 Discipleship Classes  
Children's Missions  
Prayer Time for South Asia
- 6:15 Worship Service
- 7:30 Reception for the Colees

## Monday, August 15

- 11:00 Senior Adult Ministry Council
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 6:00 Freedom in Christ Recovery

## Tuesday, August 16

- 10:00 Senior Adult Game Day
- 12:00 Senior Adult Fish Fry
- 5:00 College Ministry Progressive Dinner

- 5:30 Women's Support Group
- 6:00 Budget Meeting  
Finding Peace with Food  
Narcotics Anonymous

## Wednesday, August 17

- 4:45 First Family Dinner
- 5:30 Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal
- 5:45 Preschool & Children's Choirs  
Ownership Road Discipleship Class
- 6:00 First Family Prayer Time
- 6:30 Student Ministry: Powerhouse
- 6:35 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 6:40 DivorceCare
- 6:45 Ejamat Prayer Time

## Thursday, August 18

- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group

## Friday, August 19

- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 11:00 Children's Hope Board Meeting

## Saturday, August 20

- 9:30 Haiti Summit
- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous

## In Home Ministry Member :: Gwen Sadler

3801 Oak Grove Drive, Apt 210 | Montgomery, Alabama 36116-1170

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

- Call to Worship** | Sanctuary Orchestra
- Jesus Saves** | Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra
- What I Know** | Lindsey Warwick
- Message** | Jay Wolf

## Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

- Celebrating the Colee's Service at FBC**  
Reception to follow in the fellowship hall

## 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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