

First Baptist Church Montgomery

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

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Wednesday, August 24 Schedule

4:45 to 6:00 PM
First Family Dinner

5:30 PM
Tutoring Workshop
Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal

5:45 PM
Preschool & Children's Choirs
Ownership Road Bible Study

6:00 to 6:30 PM
First Family Prayer Time

6:30 PM
Powerhouse

6:35 PM
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

6:40 PM
DivorceCare

6:45 PM
Mission Team Leaders Training

FBC Discipleship, Missions & Music

Sunday, August 21

9:45 AM
Bible Fellowship Classes

11:00 AM
Bible Fellowship Class Appreciation
Lunch and Teacher Training

4:30 PM
ABC's of Evangelism
Personal Discipleship

5:00 PM
Children's Missions
One Heart Jr. High Choir
One Voice Sr. High Choir
FBC Discipleship Classes

First Family Dinner Wednesday, August 24

Join us for dinner at our
Wednesday Night Oasis with
Jay's Barbecue and Dean's Trimmings.

No reservations required!

Adult Family Meal – \$5
Child's Meal (12 & under) – \$3
Maximum Family Amount – \$20 (immediate family only)

Sunday, August 28 | 6:15 PM | Main Sanctuary

Capital City

Gospel Sing



CONNECTIONS

— from your Pastor's Heart

The Olympics Demonstrate that We Need Jesus and We Need Each Other!

"For where two or three have gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst." Matthew 18:20

The Rio Olympics have entertained, inspired and instructed us. In particular the fascinating story of Olympic cyclist Mara Abbott amplifies one of my most utilized Biblical truths that *we need Jesus and we need each other*. I was watching Mara, the 30 year old American cyclist from Colorado, as she raced for the finish line along the famed Copacabana Beach Road. She was leading the next closest competitors by 17 seconds as she pedaled toward her dream of taking the gold medal. However, in the world of cycling, riding alone is not a positive but a negative. In road racing, bicyclists group together in a pack known as the "peloton." ***Cyclists who are part of the pack can save up to 40% in energy expenditures over a cyclist who is not drafting with a group.*** To be effective and synergistic the cyclist needs to be as close as possible to the bicycle in front of them to decrease wind resistance.

The women competitors from the Netherlands, Sweden and Italy packed together behind Abbott. They conserved energy by drafting each other. In the final 200 meters of the nearly 4 hour race, Berggen, Johansson and Borghini summoned a last burst of their conserved energy to all pass Mara. The other three ladies took the gold, silver and bronze and Abbott came in a disappointing fourth.

As I watched the depleted American lose at the the finish-line, I was reminded of God's call for His children to stick together: ***"Let us stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, but encourage one another."*** (Hebrews 10:24-25)

You cheat yourself and the Body of Christ when you ride solo.

Be part of God's squad and synergistically link yourself to fellow Christ-followers. Not only will you reduce resistance and enjoy the ride but you will pick up God's prize at the finish line!

Riding to Victory for the
Cause of Christ TOGETHER,

FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, August 14, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5112 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 2129
Weekly Attendance 2541 | **Discipleship Attendance** 897

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$125,480.77 | **Received Sunday** \$111,426.83
Required To Date \$4,140,865.38 | **Received To Date** \$3,771,403.49
Building Fund Sunday \$675.00 | **Building Fund to Date** \$19,241.26

Under Budget | \$369,461.89

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.

Children's Ministry

All first graders and their families are invited to join us for **The Big Church Tour** on **Sunday, September 11** at 12:15 PM in the fellowship hall. During this time you will be given information about our Children's Ministry, meet with Jay, and get a tour of the church. Please RSVP for lunch and the tour online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration or by contacting Tiffany Alewine at 241.5165 by Wednesday, September 7. Childcare will be provided for younger siblings during the tour. You also don't want to miss the evening service on **Sunday, September 18** as we present all of our **first graders with Bibles**.

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.

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.

CONNECTIONS is a ministry that connects Montgomery college students to families in our church to BRING, BUILD, and SEND! Throughout the school year you will "adopt" a college student which consists of having them over for a monthly meal or taking them out to eat, praying for them, and being a home away from home. If you are interested or have questions, contact Justin Law at jlaw@montgomeryfbc.org.



TEAM NIGHT

featuring Inky Johnson

Sunday, September 11

6:15 PM :: Main Sanctuary

www.montgomeryfbc.org/teamnight

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 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.

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 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.

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

Become a part of the new **Hope Through Education** student sponsorship initiative. For \$25/month, you can cover the education costs of one of the 930 students in Children's Hope schools in Haiti. This includes teacher salaries, teacher training, uniforms, books, supplies, lunch, and more. Visit childrens-hope.com/givehope to learn more and become a partner, or contact Jared McCrory at jared@childrens-hope.com for more info.

New Members

By Baptism

Alex Brown
8866 Marston Way | Montgomery, AL 36117

By Letter

Mr. Lee Maxwell Alley
5183 Main Street | Millbrook, AL 36054

Mr. Joe Berry
3238 Lexington Road | Montgomery, AL 36106

Mr. Bart Brown
Mrs. Bart Brown (Kim)
Nicole Brown
8866 Marston Way | Montgomery, AL 36117

Mrs. Vila Davenport
8363 Chadburn Crossing | Montgomery, AL 36116

Mr. Jeff Harrell
3851 Faunsdale Drive | Montgomery, AL 36109

Mr. Darrell Johnson
2012 Wentworth Drive | Montgomery, AL 36106

Ms. Gabriella Park
605 Maxwell Blvd, Apt 310 | Montgomery, AL 36104

Ms. Heather Sullivan
550 E Maxwell Blvd #1259 | Montgomery, AL 36112

Mr. Robert Wadsworth
Mrs. Robert Wadsworth (Lillie)
360 Green Chase Circle | Montgomery, AL 36117

Our Church Family

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

Sympathy Extended to

Ms. Bob Armstrong (Clara) in the death of her husband
Ms. Diane Culver in the death of her brother
Mr. & Mrs. Krewe Maynard (Staci) in the death of his father
Ms. Diane Montgomery in the death of her sister

Baptist South

Henry Steindorff

Baptist East

Faye Stephens

Jackson

Lynn Truitt • Betty Anderson • Louise Blake

Capitol Hill Healthcare

Margaret Cone

Hillview Terrace

Donald Thompson

Prattville Health & Rehab

Helen Spencer • Leon Spencer

UAB Medical Center

Susan Deloney • Robert McKay

Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Grayson Deal (Megan) in the birth of a son;
Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Stephenson (Tammy) in the birth of a grandson
Mr. & Mrs. Clint Stephens (Faye) in the birth of a son
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Mayton (Regina) in the birth of a great-grandson

Fall 2016 FBC Discipleship Classes

For a complete list with descriptions, visit 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.

The Caring Center is in desperate need of paper grocery bags. Please drop them off at the Caring Center or the receptionist desk at Scott Street. For more information, contact Judy Nuss at 241.5144.

A volunteer is needed to assist at the clothes desk in the Caring Center on Wednesdays from 9:00 to 11:30 AM. No experience needed, we will be happy to train you. Call Judy Nuss at 241.5144 for more information.

The **Nehemiah Center needs football equipment** for their upcoming season including cleats, helmets, socks, pads, and pants for boys ages 9 to 12. For more information, contact Rhonda Thompson at 263.6663 or Bud Burt at 430.8463.

Churchwide News & Events

Become a Friendship Family for an AUM international student through Baptist Campus Ministries. Friendship Families welcome students by sharing meals, taking them to events, helping them adjust to American life while being the hands and feet of Jesus. You could make an eternal impact on a student's life. **Application deadline is Thursday, September 1.** You must attend the welcome dinner on Friday, September 9 at the AUM BCM. For an application, contact Carolyn Bryan at cbryan@montgomeryfbc.org or 241.5120.

This week at FBC Montgomery

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

Sunday, August 21

- Mission Projects: Guatemala & Haiti
8:30 Worship Service
9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
10:00 Pastor's Class
11:00 Worship Service
Bible Fellowship Class Appreciation
Lunch & Teacher Training
12:15 College Ministry Welcome Lunch
4:00 GIC Committee Meeting
4:30 ABCs of Evangelism
Personal Discipleship
5:00 Discipleship Classes
Children's Missions
One Heart/One Voice Choirs
6:15 Worship Service

Monday, August 22

- Mission Projects: Guatemala & Haiti
5:30 Men's Bible Study
Deacon's Meeting
Reflections Ensemble Auditions
6:30 Freedom in Christ Recovery

Tuesday, August 23

- Mission Projects: Guatemala & Haiti
5:30 Women's Support Group
6:00 Finding Peace with Food

- Narcotics Anonymous
8:00 College Ministry: Elevate

Wednesday, August 24

- Mission Projects: Guatemala & Haiti
2:15 Baldwin Bible Study
4:45 First Family Dinner
5:30 Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal
Tutoring Workshop
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 Mission Team Leaders Training

Thursday, August 25

- Mission Projects: Guatemala & Haiti
10:00 Caregivers Support Group

Friday, August 26

- Mission Projects: Guatemala & Haiti
6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group

Saturday, August 27

- Mission Project: Guatemala
6:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member :: Nell Saucer

1775 Halcyon Blvd | Montgomery, Alabama 36117-3487

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

- Call to Worship** | Sanctuary Orchestra
I Can Hear the Savior Calling | Sanctuary Choir
Before the Throne of God Above | Weston Epperson
Message | Jay Wolf

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

- Be Unto Your Name** | One Voice Choir
Your Grace Amazes Me | Praise Team
Message | Will Spivey

CrossRoads Broadcast Schedule

Watch the sermon at the time below or online at www.montgomeryfbc.org.



Frazer Channel 13 (Montgomery & Prattville)
Bighthouse 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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