



First Baptist Church Montgomery

# BEACON

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

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## Lord's Supper

Sunday, February 14  
8:30 & 11:00 AM

Share in the beauty and wonder of the Lord's Supper.



Join us for  
a movie night!

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

Sunday, February 21 | 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.



## 7 Last Words of Christ

Sundays, January 24 - March 13

6:15 PM :: Main Sanctuary

February 21 :: Justin Law

"My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?"



## *The State of God's Church*

We have completed our **State of the Church** report for 2015. Our staff teammates have compiled a collection of snapshots that represent God's work in and through our First Baptist Family. When I review God's ministry activity at FBC, it takes me to John 15:5 which proclaims, *"I am the vine; you are the branches...apart from Me you can do nothing."*

First Baptist is 186 years old. Most older congregations are fighting to stay alive. In contrast, our church family is experiencing a zenith of health, strength, growth, and ministry productivity. We continue to reach new heights in virtually all the measureable categories from new members to more people engaged in Bible Study and ministries. Our evangelism efforts in our multitude of ministries in Montgomery and on the mission field directly connected us to hundreds of new believers coming to know Christ and registering their name in Heaven's reservation book!

In 2015 we continued our goal of "2020 by 2020" in **Bible Fellowship** and our enrollment climbed to the new height of more than **5,000** precious people!

The financial faithfulness of our church is absolutely stunning. In the midst of a turbulent economy, our **First Baptist Family over gave our budget by \$764,237!** HALLELUJAH. The overage giving enables us to be good stewards by financially fueling our Mission endeavors. We continue to set new records in our mission giving: **Lottie Moon gifts** reached an amazing **\$358,523** and **Annie Armstrong** totaled **\$109,053**. So we are translating our earthly resources into making a vast eternal difference. Our aggregate expenditures for Mission Endeavors exceeded \$2 million!

As a Great Commission church, last year we saw **761** volunteers participate in **58 mission projects**. Hundreds more picked up the towel of service to minister in the **Caring Center** and extend Christ's love to our neighbors. From Chisholm to **Children's Hope** in Haiti, God is using His FBC Family to shatter the darkness with the light of Christ. May we continue to faithfully depend upon the Lord as we walk together in humility and unity to see new levels of Kingdom productivity.

With appreciation,  
intercession, joy and love,

PS – For the complete State of the Church Report, please visit [www.montgomeryfbc.org/state-of-the-church](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/state-of-the-church) or pick one up in the main sanctuary foyer.

## **FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, February 7, 2016**

### **ATTENDANCE**

**Bible Fellowship Enrollment** 5078 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1921  
**Weekly Attendance** 2481 | **Discipleship Attendance** 1353

### **OFFERING**

**Required Weekly** \$125,480.77 | **Received Sunday** \$111,739.43  
**Required To Date** \$752,884.62 | **Received To Date** \$719,077.00  
**Building Fund Sunday** \$636.25 | **Building Fund to Date** \$3,758.50

**Under Budget | \$33,807.62**

The **2016 Young Worshiper's Club (YWC)** continues this **Sunday, February 14!** During the month of February, every first through sixth grade student will have the opportunity to complete a booklet that will help them learn how to worship. For more information, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164 or [gleathers@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:gleathers@montgomeryfbc.org).



## Ministry Announcements

### Children's Ministry

Show some LOVE on **Sunday, February 14** by bringing **Peanut Butter for the Caring Center**. For more information, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164 or [gleathers@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:gleathers@montgomeryfbc.org).

### Student Ministry

Join us for the **Area Wide Youth Night of Worship** on **Saturday, February 13** from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at Vaughn Forest Church. First Baptist students will join other area Baptist churches for this worship service. The highlight speaker will be Adam Robinson and The Matt Laughter Band will be leading us in music. We will meet in the Vaughn Forest lobby. This is a great opportunity for unity in the Montgomery body of Christ. For more information, contact Russell McCrory at 241.5163 or [rmccrory@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:rmccrory@montgomeryfbc.org).

FBC Girls, you are invited to the **Complete Conference** on **Friday, March 4** (6:00 to 9:00 PM) and **Saturday, March 5** (8:00 AM to 3:30 PM) at Eastmont Baptist Church. This is a statewide girls conference sponsored by the WMU. Registration is online at [fbmsm.com](http://fbmsm.com) and the cost is \$30, which includes the conference, Saturday lunch, and a t-shirt. Our own Janie Steindorff will be a breakout session leader! Register online at [www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration).

### College Ministry

College Students...Join us for **ELEVATE** on **Tuesday, February 9** at 8:00 PM in the student center. 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).

### Missions Ministry

Join us for the **Japan Mission Project Interest Meeting** on **Sunday, February 21** at 4:00 PM in room 347. Volunteers are needed for this exciting expedition scheduled for May 20-31. For more information, contact Katherine Jackson at 324.6816 or [kjackson@knology.net](mailto:kjackson@knology.net).

Pre-order your copy of the FBC Missions book, **Our First Priority**, online at [www.montgomeryfbc.org/ourfirstpriority](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/ourfirstpriority). Cost is \$15. The books will be released in February 2016.

Now is the time to sign up for **Summer Mission Projects**. To apply for a mission project visit our website [www.missionsfactory.org](http://www.missionsfactory.org).



### First Family Dinner | Wednesday, February 17

*No reservations required!*

**Adult & Children's Meal:** Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Roll, Salad, Dessert

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

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

## Music Ministry

The FBC Youth Choirs are busy preparing for exciting mission opportunities this summer. **One Heart Choir** (grades 7-8) will travel to **Atlanta, Georgia** on **June 13-17** and **One Voice Choir** (grades 9-12) will travel to **Chicago, Illinois** on **June 10-19** for a week of music and missions. Both choirs rehearse on Sundays at 5:00 PM. Don't miss this opportunity!

## FBC Foundation

The **2016-2017 First Baptist Foundation Scholarship Applications** are now available. All completed applications must be returned by Friday, April 1. For an application, visit [www.montgomeryfbc.org](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org) or email Alissa Irvin at [airvin@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:airvin@montgomeryfbc.org).

## 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](mailto:sarah@childrens-hope.com) or visit [www.childrens-hope.com](http://www.childrens-hope.com).

## Churchwide News & Events

First Baptist Church will host the **State Evangelism Conference** on **Monday, February 29 and Tuesday, March 1**. If you would like to serve as a volunteer, contact Mary Virginia Crum at 241.5180 or [mvcrum@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:mvcrum@montgomeryfbc.org).

**Have you recently moved, changed jobs or just changed a phone number?** If so, please let us know, so that we can update our membership information. You can update your information online at [www.montgomeryfbc.org/update](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/update) or you can contact the Membership Office at 241.5130 or [pthurman@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:pthurman@montgomeryfbc.org).

**There are open dates in 2016 for Sanctuary flowers.** Two arrangements are available each Sunday at a cost of \$82.50 each. You may choose to furnish one or both. If you would like to reserve a date in honor or in memory of someone, call Mary Virginia Crum at 241.5180.

## New Members

### By Baptism

**Jackson Taylor**  
8331 Marsh Pointe Drive | Montgomery, AL 36117

**Ms. Teresa Terrell**  
**Catelyn Terrell • Nadiya Terrell**  
3418 Opportune Way | Montgomery, AL 36108

### By Letter

**Mr. G. Scott Morris**  
PO Box 2101 | Montgomery, AL 36102

**Victoria Mulero**  
8331 Marsh Pointe Drive | Montgomery, AL 36117

**Mr. Johnny Whitehead**  
2022 McKinley Avenue | Montgomery, AL 36107

## Our Church Family

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

### Sympathy Extended to

Rev. & Mrs. Tom Randall (Judy) in the death of his mother; Dr. & Mrs. Jason Randall (Holly) in the death of his grandmother  
Mr. & Mrs. John Henig (Julia) in the death of his mother; Eunice; Mr. & Mrs. Trey Henig (Julia) in the death of his grandmother; Mr. & Mrs. Britton Henig (Lindsey) in the death of his grandmother; Mr. Bobby Trott (Jennifer) in the death of her grandmother  
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Roberts (Brianna) in the death of her grandfather  
Mr. & Eddie Sullivan (Terri) in the death of her brother  
Ms. Ashley Moore in the death of her grandmother

### Jackson

Ann Hall

### Crowne Healthcare & Rehab

Johnnie Powell

### HealthSouth

Millie Anderson • Frank McCollough

### Hillview Terrace

Faye Donald

### Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Earl Jones (Carole) in the birth of a grandson  
Mr. & Mrs. James Blake (Jayne) in the birth of a granddaughter

## Volunteer Opportunity of the Week:

# Broadcast Ministry

The Broadcast Ministry is looking for individuals interested in volunteering their time in this exciting ministry. Training is provided, so experience is not a requirement. Broadcast volunteers work 1 to 2 Sundays per month in the worship services (AM & PM) and for special events. For more information, contact Mike Kyser (315.5599 or [kyserm@gmail.com](mailto:kyserm@gmail.com)) or Amanda Smith (241.5122 or [asmith@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:asmith@montgomeryfbc.org)).



# Winter 2016 FBC Discipleship Classes

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

## Love and Respect: Marriage2Marriage Seminar

Sundays, February 14 through March 13 | 5:00 PM | B409

Do you want to feel closer as a couple? Do you want to experience marriage as God intended no matter how long or short a period of time you have been married? Join us for this DVD series based on the best selling book, *Love and Respect* featuring author Emerson Eggerichs. Class includes an individual workbook and minimal homework. **Facilitated by Mike and Pam Newman**

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



Join Jay as he teaches the

## ABC's of Evangelism

*A Practical Guide to Sharing Your Faith*

Sundays | 4:30 PM | 413

You're Invited to our  
**VBS Preview PARTY**

# SUBMERGED

Psalm 139:23-24

**Sunday, February 21**  
4 to 6 PM :: B112  
Drop in to see what's new for our 2016 VBS!

## He Covers Me

WMU Women's Celebration  
Thursday, March 10  
6:00 PM :: Fellowship Hall

Tickets: \$12 per person

Tickets will be on sale in the main sanctuary foyer each Sunday through March 6.

# This week at FBC Montgomery

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

## Sunday, February 14

- Mission Projects: Lesotho & Haiti
- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 4:00 Reflections Ensemble
- 4:30 ABCs of Evangelism
- Discipleship Classes
- 5:00 Children's Missions
- Discipleship Classes
- One Heart/One Voice Choirs
- 6:00 Children's Ministry: Bible Drill
- War Room Movie Night

## Monday, February 15

- Mission Projects: Lesotho & Haiti
- 10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal
- 11:00 Senior Adult Ministry Council
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 6:00 Freedom in Christ Recovery Group
- Foster Care Training

## Tuesday, February 16

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

## Wednesday, February 17

- Mission Project: Lesotho
- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 2:15 Baldwin Bible Study
- 4:45 First Family Dinner
- 5:30 Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal
- Tutoring
- 5:45 Preschool & Children's Choirs
- War Room Bible Study
- 6:00 First Family Prayer Time
- 6:30 Student Ministry: Powerhouse
- 6:35 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 6:45 Ejamat Prayer Time
- DivorceCare

## Thursday, February 18

- Mission Project: Lesotho
- 9:00 Conversational English
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group
- JOY Singers Rehearsal
- 6:00 English as a Second Language

## Friday, February 19

- Mission Project: Lesotho
- Single Ladies Retreat at WorldSong
- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 5:00 Nehemiah Basketball

## Saturday, February 20

- Mission Project: Lesotho
- College Ministry: Pursue Conference
- Single Ladies Retreat at WorldSong
- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous

## In Home Ministry Member :: James Johnson

2516 Darrington Road | Montgomery, Alabama 36111-1527

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

**Grateful** | Sanctuary Choir

**Balm of Gilead** | Melanie Hudson

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

**There is a Fountain** | Delyana Lazarova, violin

**Softly and Tenderly** | Christy Colee

## Evening Worship (6:00 PM)

### War Room Movie Night

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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