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

First Baptist Church Montgomery



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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.



SUBMERGED

Psalm 139:23-24

Sunday, February 21

4 to 6 PM :: B112

Drop in to see what's new for our 2016 VBS!



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?"



FBC Offering Envelopes are now sent quarterly. The second quarter of 2016 will be mailed in March. Please contact Jill Johnson at 241.5183 or Patti Shoemaker at 241.5181 if you requested envelopes and do not receive them.



Joining God's Work as We Share the Gospel with Our Friends

Jasmyn Champion, who is a dynamic disciple within God's First Baptist Family, works beside Teresa Terrell at the Department of Revenue. Jasmyn invited Teresa and

her daughters to come to First Baptist. Teresa and her girls said, "YES!" They were warmly welcomed. Teresa came to the Pastor's Class and then attended Andy Birchfield's fine fellowship of faithful friends.



Because Teresa filled out the "visitor's card", on February 7th our ABCs of Evangelism teammates visited her. I was leading this group. We arrived at Teresa's home at 5:15 on

Sunday afternoon. After hearing her story we meet her daughters, Nadiya (who goes to Baldwin Junior High and attends the Baldwin Bible Study at First Baptist) and Catelyn, who is seven years old. Next, we began to explore her connection to the Lord. Teresa shared that she had gone to church, but had never committed her life to Christ, but was interested in doing so. Consequently, we read through the Gospel presentation found in the **ABCs of Evangelism booklet**. Then I posed the obvious question, "Would you like to receive Christ as your Savior?" Nadiya said, "I have already made that decision and I am a follower of Jesus." But Teresa and Catelyn both affirmed that they would like to pray the sinner's prayer and invite Christ into their lives. In a sacred moment, I led these two sincere ladies into a time of confessing their faith in Christ and moving out of spiritual darkness and into God's Kingdom of love and light. They were born again!

We are surrounded by people who are looking for Jesus. **People are more ready to hear the Gospel than believers are ready to share the Gospel.** So let me urge you to emulate Jasmyn Champion. Invite friends to church. Share Christ's love and light with the people around you. Share the Good News of Jesus that gives eternal life, and you will be joining God at His most important work. After all, Jesus clearly defined His purpose and ours when He explained after Zacchaeus' conversion, "**I have come to seek and to save the lost.**" (Luke 19:10)

Sharing the Good News
of Jesus TOGETHER,

PS – Teresa and her girls will be baptized on Sunday, February 28! Who will you bring to Christ that will be next?

FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, February 14, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5084 | Bible Fellowship Attendance 1778
Weekly Attendance 2321 | Discipleship Attendance 1362

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$125,480.77 | Received Sunday \$93,787.49
Required To Date \$878,365.38 | Received To Date \$812,864.49
Building Fund Sunday \$705.00 | Building Fund to Date \$4,463.50

Under Budget | \$65,500.89

The **2016 Young Worshiper's Club (YWC)** continues this **Sunday, February 21!** 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.



Ministry Announcements

Preschool Ministry

Our Spring Celebration and Egg Hunt will be **Saturday, March 26** from 10:00 AM to Noon in the Perry Street lot. ***We need lots of candy to fill the eggs for the Egg Hunt! Please bring a bag of candy and place it in one of the bins in the main sanctuary foyers by Sunday, March 13.*** For more information, visit www.montgomeryfbc.org/egg-hunt or contact Nancie McQueen at 241.5166 or nmcqueen@montgomeryfbc.org.

There will be a **Parent/Child Dedication** on **Sunday, April 10** in the 8:30 & 11:00 AM worship services. To register for this special dedication, visit www.montgomeryfbc.org/dedications or call Tiffany Alewine at 241.5165. If you would like your baby's photo to be included in the Order of Worship that day, email a high resolution photo of your baby to asmith@montgomeryfbc.org by Sunday, March 27.

Student Ministry

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 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.

College Ministry

College Students...Join us for **ELEVATE** on **Tuesday, February 23** 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.

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.

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

The upcoming **Cuba Mission Project** needs the following items: travel-sized



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, February 24

No reservations required!

Adult & Children's Meal: Chicken & Dumplings, Peas, Roll, Salad, Dessert

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

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

shampoo and soap, shaving cream, razors, crayons, pencils, pens, unused makeup, and balloons. Please bring them to the Scott Street entrance. For more information, contact Kathy Cooper at 241.5125 or kcooper@montgomeryfbc.org.

Now is the time to sign up for **Summer Mission Projects**. To apply for a mission project visit our website www.missionsfactory.org.

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 or email Alissa Parrish at 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 or visit 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.

New Members

By Baptism

Ella McCrory
9552 Colleton Place | Montgomery, AL 36117

By Letter

Ms. Martha Finley
1265 Westfield Lane | 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

Mr. & Mrs. Rick Neal (Tes) in the death of his mother
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Kitchens (Brenda) in the death of her brother, Ronnie
Mr. Donnie Maddox in the death of his brother
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Wingfield (Sue) in the death of his brother-in-law
Mrs. Jerry Britton (Judy) in the death of her husband
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Locklar (Lisa) in the death of his father

Baptist South

Sharon Self

Jackson

Claud Walker

Crowne Healthcare & Rehab

Johnnie Powell

HealthSouth

Frank McCollough

Hillview Terrace

Faye Donald

UAB Highlands

Cecil McKinney

Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Wes Blake (Callis) in the birth of a daughter; Mr. & Mrs. James Blake (Jayne) in the birth of a granddaughter
Mr. & Mrs. Tommy West (Susan) in the birth of a grandson; Mr. & Mrs. Clynt Hart (Susan) in the birth of a grandson
Mr. & Mrs. Pate DeBardleben (Beth) in the birth of a granddaughter
Mr. & Mrs. Steve DuBose (Janet) 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) or Amanda Smith (241.5122 or asmith@montgomeryfbc.org).

Winter 2016 FBC Discipleship Classes

For a complete list visit 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**

State Evangelism Conference

February 29 & March 1

Monday at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday at 9 a.m.
First Baptist Church, Montgomery

Free Admission

Ted Trojor



Charles Billingsley



Lanette Harris



WAR ROOM

PRAYER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON

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

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.

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.

Join us for the **Bible Reading Marathon** on **Thursday, May 5 through Sunday, May 8** on the steps of the State Capitol. First Baptist is in charge of Friday, May 9 from 8:00 AM to Noon. If you would like to read or be a monitor, contact Kathy Cooper at 241.5125 or kcooper@montgomeryfbc.org.

This week at FBC Montgomery

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

Sunday, February 21

- Mission Project: Lesotho
8:30 Worship Service
9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
11:00 Worship Service
12:15 Membership Information Class
4:00 VBS Preview Party
Japan Mission Project Interest Meeting
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
6:15 Worship Service

Monday, February 22

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal
5:15 Sanctuary Handbells
5:30 Deacon's Meeting
Men's Bible Study
6:00 Freedom in Christ Recovery Group
Foster Care Training

Tuesday, February 23

- 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
8:00 College Ministry: Elevate

Wednesday, February 24

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
9:00 Annie Armstrong Letter Preparation
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 25

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

Friday, February 26

- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
5:00 Nehemiah Basketball

Saturday, February 27

- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member :: Mary Ann Johnson
2516 Darrington Road | Montgomery, Alabama 36111-1527

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

- Call to Worship** | Sanctuary Orchestra
Offertory Solo | Missy Morgan
Message | Jay Wolf

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

- I See the Lord** | One Voice Choir
Offertory Solo | Emily Claire Lott
7 Last Words of Christ Message | Justin Law

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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