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First Baptist Church Montgomery

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



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7 Last Words of Christ

Sundays, January 24 - March 13
6:15 PM :: Main Sanctuary

February 28

"I Thirst" :: Jared McCrory

State Evangelism Conference

February 28 & March 1

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

Free Admission

Ted Trojnor



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.



We May Need to Write Some New Love Songs

My beloved Son, Jason Wolf, recently wrote an article on authentic love and marriage that deeply touched me and may inspire you. It is entitled ***“We May Need to Write Some New Love Songs”***

I often wonder if my marriage will be the death of me. I say this without sarcasm or angst, and I mean this both literally and figuratively. As the caregiver for a disabled spouse, my life will no doubt be shortened due to the inherent physical and emotional strain. And my marriage, like every commitment birthed of true, unstoppable goodwill toward someone else, has meant an end to part of the life I dreamed for myself, a death of the future Me I always thought I would be.

Admittedly, this isn't what's sung about in most love songs. But perhaps we need to start writing some new ones.

On our wedding day eleven years ago, my wife Katherine and I honestly looked the best we would ever look, and we were feeling the love. We spoke some of the most breathtaking words one can ever say, “For worse...For poorer...In sickness...Until death”. But, three years later, the woman to whom I spoke those vows had a near-fatal brain-stem stroke. Overnight many of the things that initially drew me to her were suddenly gone or radically changed.

So, would my love help me stay?

When it comes to commitment, our current culture is stuck in a tragic impasse. We're encouraged to seek our own spirituality and live our own truth. Basically, if I'm not feeling it, then I shouldn't have to do it. While modern cultural narratives tell us to be true to ourselves, I've experienced something different and stunningly hopeful. When I do the loving and sacrificial thing, especially when I'm not totally feeling it, over time, I actually begin to want to do it.

We often wait until we are feeling the love before we act in it, as if we don't already know the loving thing to do. My feelings of love are birthed out of my acting in love. While waiting for the feeling of love to arrive, commitment dies. Since the start of our relationship, we had practiced the rhythms of choosing love. So when everything changed in an instant, we'd already been grafting ourselves together. As Katherine became new, I had to become new right alongside her.

Because I stayed, it may be easy to think I'm the poster child for commitment, the type that only comes around once every generation like a comet. Katherine and I have beaten the odds in an extraordinary circumstance, one which results in a 90% divorce rate. But this is not to say that I am extraordinary or heroic. What I'm trying to do is what I promised in my vows: To love Katherine's whole self throughout her whole life. And something mysteriously wonderful is happening; our souls are weaving together.

I can never hope to stay in my marriage physically or emotionally unless I daily reach for that which is beyond them both. I can stay because God has vowed to love and never leave me despite all my wanderings.

I can never imagine leaving Katherine. What we've shared and experienced through love, parenthood, and most profoundly through suffering has conjoined and refined us together. Yet I suppose leaving is still never more than a few decisions away for us all.

Yes, this marriage will mean the death of me. But I'm able to come alive to a whole new love that makes even the great losses of myself so very worth it. And that's something to write a new love song about.



FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, February 21, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5088 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1764
Weekly Attendance 2324 | **Discipleship Attendance** 1435

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$125,480.77 | **Received Sunday** \$81,910.14
Required To Date \$1,003,846.15 | **Received To Date** \$894,774.63
Building Fund Sunday \$235.00 | **Building Fund to Date** \$4,698.50

Under Budget | \$109,071.52

The **2016 Young Worshiper's Club (YWC)** ends this **Sunday, February 28!** Remember to turn in your complete book to the Children's Ministry Office by Wednesday, March 2. 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.

Missions Ministry

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 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**



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, March 2

No reservations required!

Adult & Children's Meal: Spaghetti, Salad, Roll, Dessert

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

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

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

First Baptist Foundation Scholarship Applications for the 2016-2017 school year are available until Friday, April 1. Last year, we awarded \$52,000 to 48 students at 25 different schools. For an application, visit www.montgomeryfbc.org or email Alissa Parrish at airvin@montgomeryfbc.org.

Have you considered planning what your legacy will be? The First Baptist Foundation is committed to help you create a legacy through estate planning that will honor your family and your faith. We have partnered with PhilanthroCorp so you can receive this free gift of estate planning. For more information on how to get started on your free estate plan, contact 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.

Children's Hope will be hosting a time of prayer for foster families and foster care-related needs. All are welcome to join us for this focused prayer time on **Tuesday, March 1** from 1:00 to 2:00 PM in Room 416. For more information, contact Sarah McCrory at sarah@childrens-hope.com or 740.1612.

Churchwide News & Events

Men, join us for the annual **Glenn Gordy Golf Retreat** on **Thursday, April 28 through Saturday, April 30**

New Members

By Baptism

Anna Ryan Hansen

9673 Lochfield Drive | Pike Road, AL 36064

Mr. Zach Stewart

7095 AUM Drive | Montgomery, AL 36117

Josiah Wong

4609 Young Farm Court | Montgomery, AL 36106

By Letter

Mr. John Britton

419 Gardendale Drive | Montgomery, AL 36110

Miss Piriye (Faith) Doutimiwei

915 South Jackson Street | Montgomery, AL 36104

Ms. Christina Broadway

429 Turtle Court Apt C | Montgomery, AL 36117

Mr. Samuel Gasson

PO Box 244024 AUM 556 | Montgomery, AL 36124

Ms. Carolyn N. Moss

2996 Old Farm Road | Montgomery, AL 36111

Mr. Freddie M. Phillee

Mrs. Freddie Phillee (Christine)

1817 Radcliffe Road | Montgomery, AL 36106

Miss Monica Sheikh

3580 McGehee Place Drive | Montgomery, AL 36111

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. Fred Waldo (Jeanette) in the death of her uncle

Family and Friends of Jimmy Rouse

Rev. & Mrs. Harold Hancock (Helen) in the death of his brother

Mrs. Luther Reynolds (Margaret) in the death of her husband

Baptist East

Lilly Grace Buchanan • Sue Wingfield

Jackson

Pam Morgan • Terry Yarbrough

Crowne Healthcare & Rehab

Johnnie Powell

Hillview Terrace

Faye Donald

Tallassee Health and Rehab

Sue Smitherman

Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Cavanaugh (Twinkle) in the birth of a grandson

Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Martin (Pam) in the birth of a grandson

Dr. & Mrs. Jeff Barksdale (Alva) in the birth of a granddaughter

Mr. & Mrs. Ron Glover (Jane) in the birth of a granddaughter

Mr. Ron Gilbert in the birth of a grandson

Ministerial Staff Birthdays

Chip Colee (February 29)



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.

HERE I AM SEND ME.

ISAIAH 6:8

FBC GOAL: \$110,000

Week of Prayer for North American Missions
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Week of Prayer for North American Missions March 6 through 13

Schedule of Prayer Meetings for Week of Prayer:

Monday, March 7 :: 9:30 AM

Speaker: Jared & Sarah McCrory — Children's Hope

Home: Lisa Powell (2122 Vaughn Lane)

Prayer Calendar: Susan Smith

Tuesday, March 8 :: 9:30 AM

Speaker: Donna McCullough — Forest Park Ministry

Home: Cheri Love (5611 Woodside Circle)

Prayer Calendar: Elaine Walton

Thursday, March 10 :: 6:00 PM

All FBC ladies and friends are invited to join us for the **Women's Celebration** featuring dinner, inspirational testimonies, and uplifting Broadway music performed by Michele Lott and Guy & Deb Anderson. (See ad on front cover)

Friday, March 11 :: 9:30 AM

Speaker: Ben Hulseby — New York Mission Project

Home: Pam Bryan (8531 Marsh Pointe Drive)

Prayer Calendar: Laura Saucer

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).

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 28

- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 12:00 GIC Leadership Planning Meeting
- 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
- 6:15 Worship Service

Monday, February 29

- Mission Project: India
- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 10:00 The Church and Sexuality Conference
- 10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 6:00 Freedom in Christ Recovery Group
Foster Care Training
- 6:15 State Evangelism Conference

Tuesday, March 1

- Mission Project: India
- State Evangelism Conference
- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 Ladies Bible Study
- 11:30 Children's Hope Prayer Time
- 1:00 Foster Care Ministry Prayer Meeting
- 2:00 Bell Oaks Bible Study
- 3:45 Children's Ministry: Good News Club

- 5:30 Women's Support Group
- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous
- 8:00 College Ministry: Elevate

Wednesday, March 2

- Mission Project: India
- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 12:10 War Room Prayer Time
- 2:15 Baldwin Bible Study
- 4:45 First Family Dinner
- 5:22 WMU Leadership Team Meeting
- 5:30 Tutoring
- 5:45 Preschool & Children's Choirs
War Room Bible Study
- 6:00 First Family Prayer Time
- 6:30 Student Ministry: Powerhouse
- 6:45 Ejamat Prayer Time
DivorceCare

Thursday, March 3

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

Friday, March 4

- Mission Projects: India & Senegal
- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 5:00 Nehemiah Basketball

Saturday, March 5

- Mission Projects: India & Senegal
- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member :: Becky Lewis

505 Birch Street | Millbrook, Alabama 36054-2734

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

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners | Sanctuary Orchestra

Jesus Saves | Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra

Who Am I | Karen Mullins

Message | Jay Wolf

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

Psalm 47 | One Voice Choir

Offertory Solo | Lindsey Warwick

7 Last Words of Christ Message | Jared McCrory

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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