

BEACON

First Baptist Church Montgomery

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



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M.I.C. (Membership Information Class)

Sunday, January 10 | 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.

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, January 10 – March 13 | 4:30 PM | 413

HIDDEN

disciple now :: January 15-17

featuring jeffery dean
& the will spivey band

REGISTER AT FBMSM.COM BY SUNDAY, JANUARY 10



SECOND CORINTHIANS

The Church's Ministry Handbook

Monday, January 25
Kenny Hoomes and Harrell Cushing

Tuesday, January 26
John Bush and Harper Shannon

Wednesday, January 27
Gil Barrow and Dale Huff

January Bible Study :: 10:00 AM to Noon :: Stakely Sanctuary

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Determine To Be God's BARNABAS!

I recently assisted at the funeral for Judge Jean Brown's mother. Jean attributed much of her success in her educational and legal career to her mother's cheerleading. Jean said, *"My Mom believed in my dreams and that made all the difference."*

Do you tend to be a cheerleader or the jeer-leader? Do you pull people up or put them down? In this New Year, choose to live in the **key of E**, which means **encouragement**. You have the capacity to mix your words with God's Word and powerfully impact your family and your friends. You can change the trajectory of a person's life by giving them sincere encouragement.

I read a story about a high school class reunion. The small group gathered to celebrate their graduation 20 years ago. They began to recall an English teacher who handed out to everyone 3x5 cards on the last day of school and instructed the students to write encouraging words to each other. The reunion gathering took a quick poll and 90 percent of the people in attendance still carried some of those encouragement cards in their wallets or purses. Remember, an encouraging word often goes unsaid but never unheard. Dead ears hear no cheers and dead noses smell no roses. So encourage someone **today** because your cheerleading is the **"Miracle Grow"** of the spirit and we all crave it.

God's Word introduces us in Acts 4 to Joseph, who was a Levite of Cyprian birth, but the apostles renamed him for his chief characteristic and called him **Barnabas**, which means the *"son of encouragement."* Evidently, Barnabas spent a lot of time building relationships by cheerleading. He magnified the assets of others and minimized their liabilities. It was Barnabas who sought out a man named Saul and gave him the spiritual encouragement that God used to transform him into Paul, the great missionary. *"Barnabas was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and many people came to the Lord through him."* (Acts 11:24)

Living in the **key of E** is the Jesus way. Jesus looked at sinners and dreamed of saints. Christ saw silly **Simon**, who was like shifting sand, and he renamed him **Peter**, which means the ROCK, and pictures stability and consistency. You possess the same capacity as Jesus to see sinners and dream of saints. Choose to elevate not denigrate your family and friends. Give them cheers instead of jeers. In the New Year, strive to be God's Barnabas each day and watch a multitude of people grow as they gravitate your way!

FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, January 3, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5051 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1796
Weekly Attendance 1956 | **Discipleship Attendance** 232

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$125,480.77 | **Received Sunday** \$71,202.25
Required To Date \$125,480.77 | **Received To Date** \$71,202.25
Building Fund Sunday \$995.00 | **Building Fund to Date** \$995.00
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® | \$311,938.94

Under Budget | \$54,278.52

Ministry Announcements

Preschool Ministry

Mission Friends continues on **Sunday, January 10** at 5:00 PM.

Join us for **Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)** on **Tuesday, January 12** from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. For more information, visit www.montgomeryfbc.org/mops or contact Erin Hutchinson or Lee Goodwyn at montgomerymops@gmail.com.

Parents, don't miss **Parents Night Out** on **Friday, February 5** from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. This is your time to have a date night or just sit at home in peace and quiet! The event is free, but you need to register your children (8 weeks to 6th grade) by noon on Friday, January 29. For more information or to register, contact Nancie McQueen at 241.5166 or nmcqueen@montgomeryfbc.org.

Children's Ministry

GAs and RAs continues on **Sunday, January 10** at 5:00 PM. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of these exciting groups.

Bible Drill begins on **Sunday, January 10** for all 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students. Join us at 6:00 PM in room A311 as we learn the books of the Bible, the location of key scripture passages, and memorize scripture. Register at www.montgomeryfbc.org/childrens-bible-drill.

Adult Ministry

Join us for **Financial Peace University with Dave Ramsey** on **Sundays, January 10 through March 6** at 4:30 PM in room B403. This 9-week course can change everything including your money and your life. Learn God's way of handling money by investing in this study. Learn the basics of becoming debt free! Register for the course by going to www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/class/1010407. Cost is \$93 for your learner kit. For more information, contact Chuck Ashley at 241.5161 or cashley@montgomeryfbc.org. The course will be facilitated by Garner Westbrook and Brandon Miller.

Music Ministry

It's a great time to jump into the Music Ministry Opportunities. Join us on **Sunday, January 10** for One Heart and One Voice Youth Choir rehearsals and on **Wednesday, January 13** for Sanctuary Orchestra rehearsal at 5:30 PM; Preschool and Children's Choirs at 5:45 PM and Sanctuary Choir rehearsal at 6:35 PM.

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 **2016 Missions Menu** is now available! You can pick up your copy in the main sanctuary foyer or visit www.montgomeryfbc.org.

The **Amy Cooper Women on Mission Group** will meet in the Huff Building Fellowship Hall on **Monday, January 11**, at 11:30 AM. Our special guest speaker will be State Missionary Lamar Duke who will share stories about Church Planters from and in Alabama. All members of FBC are welcome! Bring a sack lunch and a friend! Call Karen Quimby at 281.6955 for information.



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, January 6

No reservations required!

Adult & Children's Meal: Hamburgers, Vegetable, Salad, Dessert

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

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

The Jackie Swan Bible Study Group will meet on **Thursday, January 14** in room 413. Sewing the day gowns for Baptist Hospital stillborn babies begins at 10:30 AM with lunch at noon (bring a sandwich lunch), and the Bible study begins at 12:30 PM. We will be studying Lisa Harper's *HEBREWS, The Nearness of King Jesus*. For more information, contact Sara Jane Lyon at 277.7240 or Beppy Tiller at 263.9491.

FBC Foundation

2016-2017 First Baptist Foundation Scholarship Applications will be available beginning January 11th. All completed applications must be returned by Friday, April 1st. For an application, visit www.montgomeryfbc.org or email Alissa Irvin at airvin@montgomeryfbc.org.

Children's Hope

Children's Hope is in need of child sponsorships! For just \$35/month, you can provide a child with housing, clothes, food, education, and a place to learn about God's love. To sponsor a child, you can go to www.childrens-hope.com, make a check payable to Children's Hope, or contact Ann Amster at ann@childrens-hope.com.

Churchwide News & Events

Earn your diploma in Biblical Studies from Samford University's Ministry Training Institute. The **Introduction to the New Testament** class, taught by Mike Chitwood, will begin on **Sunday, January 10** at 4:30 PM. The **Biblical Interpretation** class, taught by Ken May, will begin on **Tuesday, January 19** at 6:00 PM in room 413. Courses are \$50 each. Register online at www.samford.edu/go/mti.

Sharon's Snack Ministry needs individually-wrapped snacks to give to cancer patients at the Cancer Center while waiting for chemotherapy. Please drop off your snack donations in the big yellow box at the preschool registration desk.

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 or you can contact the Membership Office at 241.5130 or pthurman@montgomeryfbc.org.

New Members

By Baptism

Hastings Avant

9857 Wynchase Circle | Montgomery, AL 36117

Miss Madumon Bella Iye

915 S. Jackson Street | Montgomery, AL 36104

By Letter

Mr. Jerry Bennett

Mrs. Jerry Bennett (Elaine)

50 Mon Louis Court | Pike Road, AL 36064

Mr. Wayne Lennon

Mrs. Wayne Lennon (Jan)

1918 Parkview Drive S | 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

Family & Friends in the death of Edwina Walker

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Perdue (Sandra) in the death of her mother, Betty Courson; Mr. & Mrs. Lee Courson (Stephanie) in the death of his mother; Mr. & Mrs. Eric Griesheimer (Lele) in the death of her grandmother; Mrs. Elizabeth Norris in the death of her grandmother; Mr. Jack Fain in the death of his grandmother

Mr. & Mrs. Terry Brown (Jean) in the death of her mother

Ms. Mary Walters in the death of her sister, Mille Bennett

Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Wynn (Gwenn) in the death of her uncle, John Harwell

Miss Amy Smith in the death of her cousin

Mr. & Mrs. Jay Miller (Anna) in the death of his mother

Baptist South

Richard Engle

Jackson

Woody Lamar

Capitol Hill Healthcare

Tom Neal

Crowne Healthcare & Rehab

Johnnie Powell • Norman Vowell

HealthSouth

Clarence Snowden

East Alabama Medical Center

Patsy Richardson

UAB

Sam Law

Congratulations Extended to

Ms. Ina Hightower in the birth of a great-grandson and a great-granddaughter



FBC Offering Envelopes are now sent quarterly. The first quarter of 2016 was mailed in December. Please contact Jill Johnson at 241.5183 or Patti Shoemaker at 241.5181 if you requested envelopes and did not receive them.

Winter 2016 FBC Discipleship Classes

For a complete list visit www.montgomeryfbc.org/discipleshipclasses

ABC'S of Evangelism

Sundays, January 10 through March 13 | 4:30 PM | 413

Facilitated by Jay Wolf, Kenny Hoomes and Will Spivey

Introduction to the New Testament

Sundays, January 10 through May 22 | 4:30 PM | B415 | Cost is \$50

Facilitated by Mike Chitwood

Biblical Prophecies Upon Nations Now and in the Last Days

Sundays, January 10 through April 17 | 5:00 PM | B402

Facilitated by Larry Dunagan

Return to Mayberry

Sundays, January 10 through May 1 | 5:00 PM | B405

Facilitated by Doug and Lori Rogers

Personal Discipleship: Prayer, Purity, Purpose

Sundays, January 10 through February 28 | 4:30 PM | B408

Facilitated by Keith & Jo Hancock

Financial Peace University

Sundays, January 10 through March 6 | 4:30 PM | B403

Facilitated by Garner Westbrook & Brandon Miller

Faith-Focused Safe Travel Training

Sundays, January 10 through January 24 | 5:00 PM | 443

Facilitated by Reggie Quimby

War Room Bible Study

Wednesdays, January 13 through April 20 | 5:45 PM | B402

Facilitated by Jody & Donna McClinton

DivorceCare

Wednesdays, January 13 through April 20 | 6:45 PM | B405

Facilitated by Holly Strickland & Beth Sullivan

Ladies Bible Study: To Live As Christ (Beth Moore Study)

Tuesdays, January 19 through May 3 | 9:30 PM | Bell Chapel

Facilitated by Nancy Burt

January Bible Study: 2 Corinthians (The Church's Ministry Handbook)

Monday, January 25 through Wednesday, January 27 | 10:00 AM | Stakely Sanctuary

Facilitated by Kenny Hoomes, Harrell Cushing, John Bush, Harper Shannon, Gil Barrow & Dale Huff

Ladies Bible Study: The Armor of God

Sundays, January 24 through March 13 | 5:00 PM | B412

Facilitated by Kathy Cooper

The Mission: Joining God in His Work

Sundays, January 31 through March 13 | 5:00 PM | 443

Facilitated by Mike & Pam Newman

Love and Respect: Marriage2Marriage Seminar

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

Facilitated by Mike & Pam Newman

This week at FBC Montgomery

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

Sunday, January 10

- Mission Project: Senegal
- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 12:15 Membership Information Class
- 4:00 Reflections Ensemble
- 4:30 ABCs of Evangelism
- Discipleship Classes
- 5:00 Children's Missions
- Discipleship Classes
- One Heart/One Voice Choirs
- Prayer Time for South Asia
- 6:00 Children's Ministry: Bible Drill
- 6:15 Worship Service

Monday, January 11

- Mission Project: Senegal
- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal
- 11:30 Amy Cooper Women on Mission
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 5:30 Freedom in Christ Recovery Group
- 7:00 Charlotte Cearley Women on Mission

Tuesday, January 12

- Mission Project: Senegal
- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 MOPS
- 5:30 Women's Support Group
- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, January 13

- Mission Project: Senegal
- 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
- 6:00 First Family Prayer Time
- 6:30 Student Ministry: Powerhouse
- 6:35 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 6:45 Ejamat Prayer Time

Thursday, January 14

- Mission Project: Senegal
- 9:00 Conversational English
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group
- JOY Singers Rehearsal
- 10:30 Jackie Swan Women on Mission
- 6:00 English as a Second Language

Friday, January 15

- Mission Project: Senegal
- Student Ministry: Disciple Now
- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 5:00 Nehemiah Basketball

Saturday, January 16

- Mission Project: Senegal
- Student Ministry: Disciple Now
- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member :: Mary Folds

1775 Halcyon Blvd Room 312 | Montgomery, Alabama 36117-3487

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

- Call to Worship** | Sanctuary Orchestra
- Press On** | Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra
- God of Wonders** | Rachel Love
- Message** | Jay Wolf

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

- Call to Worship** | One Heart & One Voice Choirs
- Alive** | Elena Elwell
- Message** | Will Spivey

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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