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

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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

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



Parents night out

Friday, February 5

6:00 to 9:00 pm :: 8 weeks to 6th grade

to rsvp contact nancie mcqueen at 241.5166 by Friday, January 29 at noon



Looking Backwards But Living Forward

As we enter another new year, it is important to look back and thank God for our yesterdays. Psalm 103 is a praise-prompter because God's Word instructs us to, *"Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget none of His many BENEFITS."*

An elderly woman and her young grandson were spending the day together at the zoo. The little boy's face was sprinkled with bright freckles. Many of the children were waiting in line to get their cheeks painted by a local artist who was decorating them with colorful tiger paws. The attentive grandmother overheard a little girl in the line speak to her grandson. With childlike candor, the young lady observed, "My goodness, you've got so many freckles, there is no place to paint on your face!" The little boy dropped his head in embarrassment. However, his sensitive grandmother knelt down next to him and said, "Billy, I love your freckles. When I was a little girl, I wanted freckles. I think your freckles are beautiful," she said as she traced her fingers across the child's cheek and brushed away a few newly formed tears.

Billy looked at his grandmother and said, "Do you really like my freckles, Granny?" She replied, "Of course! Just name me one thing that is prettier than freckles." The little boy thought for a moment. He peered intensely into his grandmother's face and he softly whispered, *"Wrinkles!"*

As we bring 2015 to an end, let us not forget to count all of God's many benefits and blessings that we have gathered along the way. I pray that your blessings are as plentiful as freckles and wrinkles.

Furthermore, when you follow King Jesus you can trace His hand among the blessings of your yesterdays and in faith, you can embrace the future because all of the promises of God are **"YES in Christ Jesus!"** (2 Corinthians 1:20)

Always remember, life can be understood when we look backwards, but it must be lived looking forward.

Following Him TOGETHER
into a Bright New Year,

FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, January 10, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5054 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 2014
Weekly Attendance 2414 | **Discipleship Attendance** 1281

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$125,480.77 | **Received Sunday** \$99,600.15
Required To Date \$250,961.54 | **Received To Date** \$170,802.40
Building Fund Sunday \$461.50 | **Building Fund to Date** \$1,456.50
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® | \$328,688.94

Under Budget | \$80,159.14

Ministry Announcements

Children's Ministry

Bible Drill continues this **Sunday, January 17** 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.

Young Worshiper's Club (YWC) is coming! 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. The YWC booklets will be handed out on January 31 during Sunday school. They will be responsible for bringing it to church each week and keeping up with it. For more information, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164 or gleathers@montgomeryfbc.org.

College Ministry

College Students..Join us for **ELEVATE** on **Tuesday, January 19** 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.

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.

Senior Adult Ministry

The **Senior Adult Valentine Luncheon** will be **Tuesday, February 9** at noon in the fellowship hall. Our special guest will be Marie Barnes. She is a performer, composer, arranger and has been playing the harp for more than 23 years. She graduated from Samford University with a BS degree in Elementary Education and a minor in music. She is married to Tyler Barnes and has three children. Tickets, \$8 per person, will be on sale in your Bible Fellowship Class this Sunday or call Mary Virginia at 241.5180. The deadline for purchasing tickets is January 31.

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.

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 Irvin at airvin@montgomeryfbc.org.



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, January 20

No reservations required!

Adult & Children's Meal: Poppy Seed Chicken, Vegetable, Salad, Dessert

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

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

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.

Community Ministries

Conversational English will offer a **Citizenship Class** beginning on **Thursday, February 4** from 9:00 to 11:15 AM. This free class, taught by Bill Lambert, is open to everyone and focuses on American history and the US government. Please share this information with a friend. For more information, contact Jane Ferguson at 241.5141 or jferguson@montgomeryfbc.org.

Churchwide News & Events

Earn your diploma in Biblical Studies from Samford University's Ministry Training Institute. The **Biblical Interpretation** class, taught by Ken May, will begin on **Tuesday, January 19** at 6:00 PM in room 413. The course is \$50. 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.

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

Sam Hall

1300 Bon Terre Blvd | Pike Road, AL 36064

Ms. Kendra Martin

PO Box 640133 | Pike Road, AL 36064

Mrs. Dana McQueen

600 Park Lane Drive | Montgomery, AL 36117

By Letter

Mr. Cory Alverson

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669 Hunter Loop Road | Montgomery, AL 36108

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PO Box 5160 | Montgomery, AL 36103

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Mr. Heyward Evans

Mrs. Heyward Evans (Lynne)

209 Gail Street | Prattville, AL 36066

Mr. Chris Fuller

410 Runway Drive | Deatsville, AL 36022

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Mrs. Keith McCay (Diana)

2158 Addison Way | Prattville, AL 36066

Mr. George Scott Morris

PO Box 2101 | Montgomery, AL 36102

Mr. Trent Nolan

Mrs. Trent Nolan (Kasie)

6507 Ridgeview Lane | Montgomery, AL 36117

Ms. Dotti Yates

8742 Old Marsh Way | 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. Art Bolin (Joyce) in the death of her father

Mr. & Mrs. Ken May (Helen) in the death of his brother

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Bohannon (Ava) in the death of his sister

Mrs. Charles Crocket (Judy) in the death of her husband

Col. & Mrs. Ben Hulsey (Connie) in the death of her grandmother

Baptist South

Sue Smitherman

Baptist East

Jill Johnson Leach • Jessica Smith

Tiffany Dantzler

Crowne Healthcare & Rehab

Johnnie Powell • Norman Vowell

HealthSouth

Clarence Snowden • Patsy Richardson

Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Dub Morris (Sarah) in the birth of a daughter; Mr. & Mrs. Bob Brown (Joy) in the birth of a granddaughter

Mr. & Mrs. Stuart Leach (Jill) in the birth of a daughter; Mr. & Mrs. Tom Crews (June) in the birth of a granddaughter; Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Johnson (Mary Ann) in the birth of a great granddaughter

Dr. & Mrs. Cole Smith (Jessica) in the birth of a son; Mr. & Mrs. Jay Tidwell (Michele) in the birth of a grandson

Ministerial Staff Birthdays

Brian Gay (January 17)

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 | 4:00 PM | 443 | Cost is \$35

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 AM | 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 Brian Gay

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 17

- Mission Project: Senegal
Student Ministry: Disciple Now
8:30 Worship Service
9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
11:00 Worship Service
3:00 Cuba Mission Project Team Meeting
4:30 ABCs of Evangelism
Discipleship Classes
5:00 Children's Missions
Discipleship Classes
5:45 One Heart/One Voice Choirs
6:00 Children's Ministry: Bible Drill
6:15 Worship Service

Monday, January 18

- 10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal
11:00 Senior Adult Ministry Council
5:30 Men's Bible Study
5:30 Freedom in Christ Recovery Group
6:00 MLK Event Mass Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, January 19

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
Samford's Center for Science &
Religion Workshop
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 Samford MTI: Biblical Interpretation
Narcotics Anonymous
8:00 College Ministry: Elevate

Wednesday, January 20

- 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, January 21

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

Friday, January 22

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

Saturday, January 23

- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member :: Ann Hall

3179 Fernway Drive | Montgomery, Alabama 36111-1814

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

- Have Faith in God** | Sanctuary Orchestra
Praise the Father, Praise the Son | Sanctuary Choir
It Is Well | Anna Sailors
Message | Jay Wolf

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

- Holy Spirit** | DiscipleNow Student Choir
Offertory | Welden Willis
Message | Jay Wolf

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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