

First Baptist Church Montgomery

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

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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

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



7 Last Words of Christ

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

January 24

"Father Forgive Them" :: Kenny Hoomes



Join us for a movie night!

Sunday, February 14
6:00 PM :: Fellowship Hall



Pursuing Peace

NBA Laker Forward Ron Artest, one of the most aggressive players in pro basketball, changed his name to **Metta World Peace**. A few months after his name change, he was ejected from a game for smashing James Harden in the face. His name changed, but his behavior didn't. The Bible declares that the source of peace is not from the United Nations, a big Army or a name change; but comes from a relationship with Jesus Christ. *"Since we have been justified through faith, we now have PEACE with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."* (Romans 5:1) God designed you to experience peace spiritually, personally, and relationally. Use this PEACE acrostic to help you seek the Savior's Serenity.

P stands for God's PROMISES. Jesus our Prince of Peace bequeathed a great gift, *"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."* (John 14:27) In Mark 4, Jesus and the disciples were caught in a violent storm on the Sea of Galilee, yet in the middle of the turbulence Jesus slept. The disciples awakened Him. He calmed the storm and called them to have more faith and trust Him. The best definition of peace is not an absence of problems, but **peace is claiming God's gift of serenity in the midst of your storm.**

E stands for ELUSIVE. Sometimes holding onto our peace is equivalent to grasping a slippery pig. We can quickly exchange our peace for fear, dread, anxiety and the projection of negative outcomes. When Peter tried to walk on the water with Jesus, he took his eyes off the Savior and started to sink. Hear God's call to *"keep your eyes fixed upon Jesus."* (Hebrews 12:2) The discipline of keeping your spiritual eyes riveted on the Redeemer enables you to maintain inner tranquility in the midst of situational volatility.

A stands for AFFIRMING God's promise. When anxious thoughts function as thieves attempting to rob you of your peace, affirm Philippians 4:6-7. *"Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything through prayer and thanksgiving, make your requests known to God and the PEACE of God which surpasses all understanding will keep your heart and mind in Christ Jesus."*

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FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, January 17, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5065 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1941
Weekly Attendance 2501 | **Discipleship Attendance** 1371

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$125,480.77 | **Received Sunday** \$88,468.75
Required To Date \$376,442.31 | **Received To Date** \$259,271.15
Building Fund Sunday \$530.00 | **Building Fund to Date** \$1,986.50
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® | \$334,764.58

Under Budget | \$117,171.16

**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

You're Invited to our
VBS Preview PARTY

SUBMERGED
Psalm 139:23-24

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

Ministry Announcements

Children's Ministry

Bible Drill continues this **Sunday, January 24** 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 26** 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.

Senior Adult Ministry

The **Senior Adult Valentine Luncheon** will be **Tuesday, February 9** at noon in the



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, January 27

No reservations required!

Adult & Children's Meal: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Salad, Dessert

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

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

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

Are you ready to go on mission? Join us on **Sunday, January 24** for the **Ejamat Mission Project Interest Meeting** at 4:00 PM in room 347 and on **Sunday, January 31** for the **New York City Family Mission Project Interest Meeting** at 4:00 PM in room 347. For more information contact Brian at 220.4402 or briang@montgomeryfbc.org.

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.

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.

Community Ministries

Conversational English will offer a **Citizenship Class** beginning **Thursday, February 4** from 9:00 to 11:15 AM. This free class, taught by Bill Lambert, is open to anyone who is interested in becoming a citizen of the United States or who is interested in knowing American History and Government. Preschool childcare is available. Please share this information with a friend. For more information, contact Jane Ferguson at 241.5141 or jferguson@montgomeryfbc.org.

New Members

By Baptism

Mr. Joshua Cornwell

Mrs. Joshua Cornwell (Patty)

281 Cotton Blossom Road | Prattville, AL 36054

Andrew Ensminger

8407 Marsh Pointe Drive | Montgomery, AL 36117

By Letter

Miss Amanda Collier

8431 Timber Creek Road | Pike Road, AL 36064

Mr. Jeff Marona

Mrs. Jeff Marona (Lee Ann)

292 Magnolia Road | Millbrook, AL 36054

Mr. Brannan Reaves

Mrs. Brannan Reaves (Meredith)

3457 Southview Avenue | Montgomery, AL 36111

Mr. Miguel Vasquez

Mrs. Miguel Vasquez (Candy)

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

Mr. & Mrs. O'Neal Green (Paula) in the death of her mother; Emma Parker

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Heartsill (Bonita) in the death of her father

Mr. & Mrs. Rick Neal (Tes) in the death of her father

Mr. & Mrs. Ken Brothers (Joann) in the death of her brother-in-law

Mr. Chris Rhodes in the death of his father, Ronald

Baptist South

Sharon Cleveland • Chrystal Morris

Baptist East

Gerald Hartley

Jackson

Mary Frances Parker

Crowne Healthcare & Rehab

Johnnie Powell • Norman Vowell

HealthSouth

Patsy Richardson • Woody Lamar

Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dantzler (Tiffany) in the birth of a son

Ministerial Staff Birthdays

Alissa Irvin (January 28)

WAR ROOM

PRAYER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON

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

Winter 2016 FBC Discipleship Classes

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

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

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

If you are interested in becoming a foster parent, The Alabama Baptist Children's Home will host a **Foster Parent Training Class** on **Mondays, February 1 through April 4**. This 10-week class will be from 6:00 to 9:00 PM in room 413. For more information, contact Bobbi Olson at 430.7569 or bolson@alabamachild.org.

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.

Earn your diploma in Biblical Studies from Samford University's Ministry Training Institute. The **Biblical Interpretation** class, taught by Ken May, continues on **Tuesday, January 26** 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.

Connections from Your Pastor's Heart (continued from page 2)

C stands for COMMUNICATE Christ's peace to everyone. Here's the score: **Know Jesus, KNOW Peace. No Jesus, NO Peace.** Since Jesus is the source of true spiritual peace join Paul in *"not being ashamed of the Gospel because it is the power of God for salvation for everyone who believes."* (Romans 1:16)

E stands for EXTENDING peace to others. In your relational world, don't be a troublemaker but a peacemaker. Learn to overlook small offenses (Proverbs 19:11) instead of making mountains out of every mole hill. *"Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called Sons of God."* (Matthew 5:9) You never look more like Jesus than when you break barriers and build bridges of reconciliation through His love and forgiveness.

Growing the fruit of
God's PEACE together,



This week at FBC Montgomery

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

Sunday, January 24

- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 11:00 Worship Service
International Worship Service
- 4:00 Reflections Ensemble
Ejamat Mission Project Interest Meeting
- 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, January 25

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 10:00 January Bible Study
- 5:15 Sanctuary Handbells
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
Deacon's Meeting
Freedom in Christ Recovery Group

Tuesday, January 26

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 Ladies Bible Study
MOPS
- 10:00 January Bible Study
- 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 27

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 10:00 January Bible Study
- 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 28

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

Friday, January 29

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

Saturday, January 30

- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member :: Eunice Henig

3420 Lansdowne Drive | Montgomery, Alabama 36111-2115

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

Stayed Upon Jehovah | Sanctuary Orchestra

I Can Pray | Sanctuary Choir

Offertory | Ichthus Ensemble

Message | Jay Wolf

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

Be Unto Your Name | One Voice Choir

Offertory | Logan Pinkham

7 Last Words of Christ Message | Kenny Hoomes

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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