

First Baptist Church Montgomery

# BEACON

*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

January 31

"Today Shalt Thou Be With Me"  
Russell McCrory

*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

# WAR ROOM

PRAYER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON

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



Join us for a movie night!

Sunday, February 14

6:00 PM :: Fellowship Hall



## ***His LAST Command is My FIRST Priority!***

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Jesus stated with clarity in His final earthly meeting with His followers that their primary task consisted of serving as His *“witnesses to Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.”* (Acts 1:8)

Jesus provides the singular cure for perishing humanity. The Gospel is only good news if it is received in time. So we must communicate Christ's love and light with urgency and consistency because the opportunities to receive the Lord's gift of eternal life can be forever lost.

Let me share an instructive and compelling story from history linked to God's call to supply a witness to help people find salvation in Christ. In the 13th century, Genghis Khan ruled an immense empire that stretched from China to Eastern Europe. No nation has ever rivaled the magnitude of the Mongolian Empire. Genghis Khan's grandson was named Kublai Khan and his mother embraced the Christian faith. In 1266, Kublai Khan met Marco Polo who journeyed to China on his famed explorations. Kublai Khan told Marco Polo that he desired Christian missionaries to come into his land. Consequently, Marco Polo took this request for providing Christian missionaries back to Pope Gregory X. He explained that Khan wanted 100 missionaries to come and teach his people about the Christian faith. Regretfully, the request was never fulfilled because evidently the Pope was more concerned about defending himself militarily than he was interested in extending God's Kingdom spiritually. This constitutes one of the greatest lost missionary opportunities of all times. Can you imagine the impact that could have been made in China and all of Asia, if that request for providing the Gospel would have been fulfilled?

Here's the point: The Lord is inviting YOU to be His witness and make an earthly and eternal impact as you share the Good News of Christ from your neighborhood to the nations. Make His last command, your first priority

Sharing His Transforming  
Truth TOGETHER,

## **FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, January 24, 2016**

### **ATTENDANCE**

**Bible Fellowship Enrollment** 5076 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1840  
**Weekly Attendance** 2400 | **Discipleship Attendance** 1387

### **OFFERING**

**Required Weekly** \$125,480.77 | **Received Sunday** \$107,061.32  
**Prepaid Pledges** \$120,300.00  
**Required To Date** \$501,923.08 | **Received To Date** \$486,632.47  
**Building Fund Sunday** \$215.50 | **Building Fund to Date** \$2,202.00  
**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®** | \$335,133.71

**Under Budget | \$15,290.61**



## Ministry Announcements

### Children's Ministry

**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](mailto:gleathers@montgomeryfbc.org).

### Student Ministry

There will be a **Student Ministry Super Bowl Party** on **Sunday, February 7** from 5:45 to 8:45 PM in the student center. Bring a dessert, chips/dip, or a finger food. A \$50 Amazon gift card and other prizes will be given away throughout the game to those who are present! For more information, contact Russell McCrory at 241.5163 or [rmccrory@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:rmccrory@montgomeryfbc.org).

Join us for the **Area Wide Youth Night of Worship** on **Saturday, February 13** from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at Vaughn Forest Church. First Baptist students will join other area Baptist churches for this worship service. The highlight speaker will be Adam Robinson and The Matt Laughter Band will be leading us in music. We will meet in the Vaughn Forest lobby and enjoy worship together with hundreds of other area youth. This is a great opportunity for unity in the Montgomery body of Christ. For more information, contact Russell McCrory at 241.5163 or [rmccrory@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:rmccrory@montgomeryfbc.org).

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](http://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! For more information, contact Amy Smith at [amysmith@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:amysmith@montgomeryfbc.org).



### First Family Dinner | Wednesday, February 3

*No reservations required!*

**Adult & Children's Meal:** Hot Dogs, Soup, Salad, Dessert

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

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

## College Ministry

College Students...Join us for **ELEVATE** on **Tuesday, February 2** 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](mailto:jlaw@montgomeryfbc.org).

## 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. Tickets, \$8 per person, will be on sale in your Bible Fellowship Class this Sunday or call Mary Virginia Crum 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 31** for the **New York City Family Mission Project Interest Meeting** at 4:00 PM in room 347. For more information contact Brian Gay at 220.4402 or [briang@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:briang@montgomeryfbc.org).

You're invited to join the **Amy Cooper Women on Mission Group** at their upcoming meeting on **Monday, February 8** in the Huff Building fellowship hall from 11:30 AM until 1:30 PM. Our guest speaker will be Malory Green, Consultant for Alabama WMU, who will share about our WMU partnership with New York. All members of FBC are welcome! Bring a sack lunch and a friend! For more information, call Karen Quimby at 281.6955.

The **Helen Hancock Women on Missions** will meet on **Tuesday, February 9** at 7:00 PM at the home of Lisa Powell (2122 Vaughn Lane). The program will be a Valentine's Day mission project for Children's Hope. For more information, contact Lisa Powell at 277.3217.

The **Sarah Women on Mission Group** will meet on **Wednesday, February 10** at 9:30 AM at the home of Sharon Windham (8316 Chadburn Lane - Sturbridge). We will be packing food for five children that attend the Pike Road School via the Backpack Ministry. Please join us. All First Baptist ladies are welcome.

The **Jackie Swan Bible Study Group** will meet on **Thursday, February 11** 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*

## New Members

### By Baptism

**Miss Blakely Brown**

PO Box 454 | Montgomery, AL 36101

**Joe Kilpatrick**

454 Longwood Trail | Pike Road, AL 36064

**Charlie Pittman**

205 Buckhead Drive | Pike Road, AL 36064

**Ms. Gracen Thompson**

3100 Whitney Drive | Montgomery, AL 36106

### By Letter

**Mr. Don Anderson**

**Mrs. Don Anderson (Alaina)**

8961 Autumn Brooke Way | Montgomery, AL 36117

**Mr. Bob Herbert**

**Mrs. Bob Herbert (Kim)**

1937 Parkview Drive S | Montgomery, AL 36117

**Mr. Donnie Miller**

**Mrs. Donnie Miller (Cathy)**

3024 Pinehurst Drive | Montgomery, AL 36111

**Mr. Burt Myrick II**

3100 Fieldcrest Drive | Montgomery, AL 36106

**Mr. Hyderick T. Norman III**

344 Montgomery Street, Apt 602 | Montgomery, AL 36104

## Our Church Family

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, contact Carolyn Bryan at 241.5120.

### Sympathy Extended to

Mr. Tom Neal in the death of his daughter Dr. & Mrs. Dan Hudson (Tammy) in the death of her father; Melita Hudson, Taylor Zimmerman, Mikayla Zimmerman and Bethany Hudson in the death of their grandfather

Mr. & Mrs. Tommy West (Susan) in the death of her mother, Mary Frances Parker; Mr. & Mrs. Blake West (Abbey) in the death of his grandmother

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Enoch (WenXin) in the death of her mother; Selena Enoch in the death of her grandmother

Family and Friends of Dorothy Boychuck

### Baptist South

Millie Anderson • Clarence Snowden

### Baptist East

Gerald Hartley

### Jackson

Frank McCollough

### Crowne Healthcare & Rehab

Johnnie Powell • Norman Vowell

### Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. CP Pouncey (Debbie) in the birth of a grandson

Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Tiller (Beppy) in the birth of a great-grandson

Ms. Hayden Johnson in the birth of a son;  
Mr. & Mrs. Randy Johnson (Donna) in the birth of a grandson



# Winter 2016 FBC Discipleship Classes

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For a complete list visit [www.montgomeryfbc.org/discipleshipclasses](http://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

*of King Jesus*. For more information, contact Sara Jane Lyon at 277.7240 or Beppy Tiller at 263.9491.

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

## 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](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org) or email Alissa Irvin at [airvin@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto: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](mailto:jferguson@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](mailto:sarah@childrens-hope.com) or visit [www.childrens-hope.com](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:mvcrum@montgomeryfbc.org).

# This week at FBC Montgomery

For the complete calendar, visit [www.montgomeryfbc.org](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org).

## Sunday, January 31

- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 4:00 Reflections Ensemble  
New York City 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, February 1

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

## Tuesday, February 2

- 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 Time
- 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, February 3

- 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
- 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 4

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

## Friday, February 5

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

## Saturday, February 6

- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous

## In Home Ministry Member :: Bobbie Higgins

297 Sylvest Drive, Apt 207 | Montgomery, Alabama 36117-5305

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

**In Christ Alone** | Sanctuary Orchestra

**Plead For Us** | Sanctuary Choir

**Offertory** | Michele Lott

**Message** | Jay Wolf

## Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

**Standing on the Promises** | One Heart & One Voice Choirs

**It Is Well With My Soul** | Mark Mills, flute

**7 Last Words of Christ Message** | Russell McCrory

## CrossRoads Broadcast Schedule

Watch the sermon at the time below or online at [www.montgomeryfbc.org](http://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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