

First Baptist Church Montgomery

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

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JOY Singers 16th Annual

Patriotic Celebration

Sunday, July 10 :: 6:15 PM :: Main Sanctuary



FBC Offering Envelopes are sent quarterly. The third quarter was delivered in June. Please contact Jill Johnson at 241.5183 or Patti Shoemaker at 241.5181 if you requested envelopes and have not received them.



CONNECTIONS

from your Pastor's Heart

Breaking Free!

The exploding fireworks on July 4th signal the celebration of freedom! For 240 years, America has been a unique experiment in liberty. While we are a free nation politically, I constantly encounter people who are languishing in some form of bondage.

Bondage comes in many ugly packages. The bondage of **addiction** controls people by creating a compulsion that generates unreasonable and destructive behaviors. Legions are enslaved to the addiction of alcohol, drugs, gambling, pornography, food, television, technology, work and pleasure pursuits. Like wearing invisible chains, destructive addictions thwart God's design for a person's productivity and discipleship.

Another bondage links to **toxic relationships** that are filled with impurities and negative outcomes. Counselors call those unhealthy connections "co-dependencies." Instead of providing encouragement and accountability, the contaminated relationship pulls the participants down and draws them away from walking with Christ and finding God's help.

Countless people develop a bondage associated with **materialism**. They have sold-out to society's call for more, bigger and faster. They spend money they don't have, to buy things they don't need to impress people they don't like. They are drowning in debt and tragically base their worth on acquisitions instead of their identity in Christ.

This year, let the freedom celebration of July 4th transport you to the true emancipation proclamation of Jesus when He declared, "**You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free!**" (John 8:32) After slashing your way to freedom with the sharp and living sword of Christ's truth, share that emancipating good news with everyone you encounter!

Seeking Christ's Freedom TOGETHER,

For updates on Jay, visit www.montgomeryfbc.org/jay

FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, June 26, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5111 | Bible Fellowship Attendance 1620
Weekly Attendance 2040 | Discipleship Attendance 1523

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$125,480.77 | Received Sunday \$89,769.79
Required To Date \$3,262,500.00 | Received To Date \$2,933,271.54
Building Fund Sunday \$451.50 | Building Fund to Date \$14,936.76

Under Budget | \$329,228.46

Don't forget to sign your kids up for camp!

Kids' Kamp :: Monday, July 11 through Friday, July 15
Online Registration Deadline is Sunday, July 3

Youth Camp :: Tuesday, July 19 through Saturday, July 23
Online Registration Deadline is Sunday, July 17

Sign up at www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration.

Ministry Announcements

Children's Ministry

Don't miss **Something Far Out** on **Wednesday, July 6** at 5:30 PM. We will have a swim party at the Spivey's home. For more information, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164 or gleathers@montgomeryfbc.org.

All those who have completed fourth through sixth grade are invited to **Kids Kamp** on **Monday, July 11 through Friday, July 15**. We will head back to Camp Lee! Online registration (\$250) closes on July 3. You can register and pay online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration. For more information, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164 or gleathers@montgomeryfbc.org.

Calling all 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders...Join us for a **Day Trip to Birmingham** on **Tuesday, July 19** from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. We will tour **Golden Flake** where we will see the production process of Golden Flake snacks and even taste a few along the way. Then, we will head to the **Vulcan Park and Museum** for lunch and a tour. You can register and pay online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration. For more information, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164 or gleathers@montgomeryfbc.org.

Student Ministry

There will be a **Crossover Swim Party** on **Sunday, July 10** for all upcoming 7th - 9th graders. We will meet in the youth center at 10:45 AM. Transportation and lunch will be provided. Please pick up your student at 1:30 PM at 1924 Beauvoir Lake Drive. For more information, contact Spencer Jones at 524.5974 or sjones@montgomeryfbc.org.

Students, get ready for **Youth Camp at Shocco Springs on July 19-23!** The cost is \$295. Register and pay online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration. For more information, visit www.fbmsm.com or call Russell McCrory at 241.5163.

College Ministry

Join us on **Tuesday, July 5** at 6:00 PM for our **College Summer Fellowship!** We will meet in the student center for dinner and Karaoke. For more information, contact Justin Law at 320.5634 or jlaw@montgomeryfbc.org.

The **College Lake Retreat** is **Friday, July 8 and Saturday, July 9** at the Birchfield's lake house! All college students and high school grads are invited! Cost is \$10! Check out fbmcm.com for more information. To sign-up, contact Justin at 320.5634 or jlaw@montgomeryfbc.org.



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, July 6

No reservations required!

Adult & Children's Meal: Chicken & Dumplings, Vegetable, Roll, Salad, Dessert

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

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

Senior Adult Ministry

The JOY Singers will present their 16th annual **Patriotic Celebration** on **Sunday, July 10** at 6:15 PM in the main sanctuary. Seniors, it's not too late to join us. Our last rehearsal is Thursday, July 7 at 10:00 AM in the Stakely Choir Suite.

Missions Ministry

Our First Priority, an account of the history of missions at First Baptist, can be purchased for \$15 each on Sunday mornings in the main sanctuary foyer or online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/ourfirstpriority.

Do you like creativity, recruiting, and managing? We are looking for five scene coordinators to help with this year's **River Region Judgment House**. Scene coordinators will serve as Directors for the drama scenes in this powerful outreach event. Are you up to the challenge? For more information contact Brian Gay at 220.4402 or briang@montgomeryfbc.org.

Save the Date for the **Global Impact Celebration (GIC)** on **Wednesday, February 15 through Sunday, February 19**. For more information, visit www.gic2017.com.

First Baptist Foundation

This year the First Baptist Foundation awarded \$51,300 in scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students. Did you know that you can be part of the investment we are making in these future Kingdom builders? Your gifts for the **"Gifts of Gratitude" fund** go directly toward scholarships for these young people. Your gifts given today honor the Lord and serve the future with Kingdom work!

Children's Hope

Become a part of the new **Hope Through Education** student sponsorship initiative. For \$25/month, you can cover the education costs of one of the 930 students in Children's Hope schools in Haiti. This includes teacher salaries, teacher training, uniforms, books, supplies, lunch, and more. Visit childrens-hope.com/givehope to learn more and become a partner, or contact Jared McCrory at jared@childrens-hope.com for more info.

Community Ministries

The Master's Garden is yielding a beautiful crop! One of the purposes of the garden is to teach the Nehemiah Kids basic business skills, develop a good

New Members

By Baptism

Jasper Carroll

1167 Pleasant Hill Road | Eclectic, AL 36024

Isabella Chavez

259 Ridgeland Farms Rd West | Montgomery, AL 36105

Mr. Jeff Donnithorne

440 Sydney Drive N | Prattville, AL 36066

Carolyn Jean Forest

1449 Mims Road | Hope Hull, AL 36043

Pierce Foy

8016 Westchester Place | Montgomery, AL 36117

Hadleigh Todd**Perry Elizabeth Todd**

19449 US Hwy 31 | Letohatchee, AL 36047

Michael Anne Williams

3339 Boxwood Drive | Montgomery, AL 36111

By Letter

Mrs. Jeff Donnithorne (Katherine)

440 Sydney Drive N | Prattville, AL 36066

Mr. Craig Lowery**Mrs. Craig Lowery (Alicia)****Landon Lowery • Logan Lowery**

397 Waters Edge | Wetumpka, AL 36092

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. Keith Pettus (Teresa) in the death of her father, Buddy Bragg

Mr. & Mrs. Byron Lamkin (Rachel) in the death of his grandmother

Ms. Angie Beilstein in the death of her mother;
Miss Allie Beilstein in the death of her grandmother

Baptist South

Kristie Wendel • Aresha Vinson

Baptist East

Jim Frankum

HealthSouth

Sarah Chesnutt

Children's Hospital (Birmingham)

Angel Phongsamout

Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Soo Seok Yang (Doh Ah) in the birth of a daughter



YOU CAN HAVE

A Better Life

"...I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

John 10:10

Join the *betterlives.info* movement!

We invite you to take the *betterlives.info* bracelets from the main sanctuary foyer. Hand them out to people you meet during the week inviting them to visit the website and discover how to have a better life through Jesus Christ.

work ethic and self-sufficiency through God's creation. The children will be at FBC near the porte-cochere each Wednesday from 5:00 to 6:30 PM selling boxed produce from the garden. The cost will be \$15. For more details, call Jane Ferguson at 241.5141.

Do you or do you know someone who struggles with an eating disorder? Join us for **Finding Peace with Food** and give hope and healing a chance. Meetings, led by Alicia Nickelson, will be each **Tuesday** at 6:00 PM in the Huff Community Ministries Building. For more information, contact Jane Ferguson at 241.5141 or jferguson@montgomeryfbc.org.

Churchwide News & Events

Save the date for the **Nehemiah Center Back-To-School Block Party and Medical and Dental Clinic** on **Saturday, August 6** from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. This is a great opportunity for a family mission experience. Call Kathy Cooper at 241.5125 for more information.

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.

Online Pictorial Directory

Did you know that you can update your family photo in the **FBC Online Member Directory**. Just email a recent photo to Amanda Smith at asmith@montgomeryfbc.org. If you haven't started using this ministry tool, now is a great time to start. For full instructions on using the online directory visit:

www.montgomeryfbc.org/member-directory

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).

This week at FBC Montgomery

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

Sunday, July 3

- Mission Projects: Brazil, Haiti, Cuba
8:30 Worship Service
9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
10:00 Pastor's Class
11:00 Worship Service

Monday, July 4

- Mission Projects: Brazil, Haiti, Cuba
Independence Day
FBC Offices Closed

Tuesday, July 5

- Mission Projects: Puerto Rico,
Brazil, Haiti, Cuba
11:30 Children's Hope Prayer Time
5:30 Women's Support Group
6:00 College Summer Fellowship
Finding Peace with Food
Support Group
Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, July 6

- Mission Projects: Puerto Rico,
Brazil, Haiti, Cuba
12:10 War Room Prayer Time
4:45 First Family Dinner

- 5:30 Children's Ministry: Something
Far Out
Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal
6:00 First Family Prayer Time
6:30 Student Ministry: Powerhouse
6:35 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
6:45 Ejamat Prayer Time

Thursday, July 7

- Mission Projects: Puerto Rico,
Brazil, Haiti, Cuba
10:00 Caregivers Support Group
JOY Singers Rehearsal
11:15 Senior Adults to Sweet Creek
Farm Market

Friday, July 8

- Mission Projects: Puerto Rico,
Brazil, Haiti, Cuba
College Ministry: Lake Retreat
6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group

Saturday, July 9

- Mission Projects: Puerto Rico,
Brazil, Cuba
College Ministry: Lake Retreat
6:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member :: Betty Hollon

1142 E Main Street | Prattville, Alabama 36066-5639

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

- God of Our Fathers* | Sanctuary Orchestra
America the Beautiful | Sanctuary Choir
I See America | Tom Anderson
Message | Chuck Ashley

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

**No evening worship
or activities**

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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