

BEACON

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

First Baptist Church Montgomery



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2016 VBS
June 20-24
9:00 AM to Noon
ages 4 - 6th grade



www.montgomeryfbc.org/vbs

As kids are submerged in God's Word, they will discover that Jesus saw people differently. He saw people for who they were deep down, not who they appeared to be on the surface. Kids will look below the surface to find the truth about how Jesus sees them.

REGISTRATION

You can register each morning of VBS in the main sanctuary foyer. Registration forms can be downloaded on VBS web page or picked up in the main sanctuary foyer.

VBS T-SHIRTS & MUSIC CDS

They will be on sale in the main sanctuary foyer this Sunday, June 19 as well as each morning of VBS.

VBS PRAYER WALK :: SUNDAY, JUNE 19 :: 5:00 PM

Join us we saturate First Baptist with prayer for VBS. We will meet in room 347 and walk around the church to cover all areas with prayer.

VBS DROP OFF & PICK UP INSTRUCTIONS

PRESCHOOLERS:

Park in the Perry Street Lot and walk in with your preschooler to receive their security wristband for pick up. PICK UP will be from their classroom.

1ST-6TH GRADERS:

DROP OFF will be at the Lawrence Street Entrance. **For the safety of your children, please DO NOT Drop Off on Perry Street.** Please park in the Perry Street lot and come to the main sanctuary to PICK UP your child.

www.montgomeryfbc.org | Office: 334.834.6310 | Prayer Line: 334.834.4585



CONNECTIONS

— from your Pastor's Heart

I Saw the Wreck Coming!

On a recent Saturday evening, Mary Ruth and I were traveling on Vaughn Road to attend a prayer service. We were waiting at a light, when I noticed two cars on a collision course. The driver of a silver vehicle pulled out in front of a red car. I exclaimed to Mary Ruth, “*They are about to crash!*” Within seconds we heard the dull thud of metal colliding. Fortunately, airbags deployed and no one was seriously injured. In the theater of my imagination, I kept seeing those cars crash. ***I saw it coming*** and wanted to intervene, but there was neither time nor opportunity.

Over the years, I have observed a lot of people crash relationally, financially and spiritually. *Sometimes you see it coming.* You see people spending beyond their means: ***using money they don't have to buy things they don't need to impress people they don't even like.*** Then an emergency arises and the financial crash occurs. *Sometimes you see people* spending too much time on work or a pleasure pursuit and neglecting their spouse. Their marriage grows weak because that sacred relationship is not nurtured with time and love. Another person drives into the picture and a marriage wreck occurs. *Sometimes you see parents* who neglect disciplining their child. They substitute buying their kids toys instead of giving them the time and attention every child craves. That poorly-guided child grows into a rebellious teen and charts a course for a collision with catastrophe. *Sometimes you see a friend* drinking too much alcohol and you don't want to sound judgmental, so you ignore it. After a while, your friend is no longer taking a drink but that drink is taking them into places they didn't intend to go. You saw the wreck coming, but you failed to intervene and the smashup does immeasurable damage to multiple generations. *Sometimes you see a friend* disengaging from church. You opt not to encourage a course correction. Soon you see your brother's spiritual temperature drop to lukewarm and later their attitudes and actions reflect the world's junk instead of the Jesus way.

God calls us to be our brother's keeper. ***“Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom.”*** (Colossians 3:16) We have a biblical responsibility to intervene in the lives of the people we love. If you see someone traveling toward a wreck -- spiritually, relationally or financially -- it is your holy responsibility to share a warning. Ezekiel 3 pictures God's prophet on a wall watching over Israel with the responsibility of warning the people of impending wrecks if they pursue a course of rebellion. Furthermore, if the prophet is silent then he becomes an accomplice to his friend's demise. If you know a bridge is out on the road ahead you are obligated to share the warning,

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FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, June 12, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5103 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1673
Weekly Attendance 2093 | **Discipleship Attendance** 617

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$125,480.77 | **Received Sunday** \$116,098.55
Required To Date \$3,011,538.46 | **Received To Date** \$2,706,961.76
Building Fund Sunday \$90.00 | **Building Fund to Date** \$14,426.26

Under Budget | \$304,576.70



One Voice Choir Tour June 10-19

Homecoming Worship Concert
Sunday, June 19
6:15 PM :: Main Sanctuary

onevoicetour.com

Ministry Announcements

Children's Ministry

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! Registration (\$250) is due by July 3. You can register and pay online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration. Scholarships are available, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164 for more information.

Student Ministry

Students, get ready for summer! We have a host of events planned just for you. Register and pay online (www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration) for the following Student Ministry Summer Events: **Missions Montgomery on June 28-30** (\$40) and **Youth Camp on July 19-23** (\$295). For more information, visit www.fbmsm.com or call Russell McCrory at 241.5163.

College Ministry

Join us on **Tuesday, June 21** at 6:00 PM for our **College Summer Fellowship!** We will have dinner and a Bible study at the Haney's (3760 Everest Drive). For more information, contact Justin Law at 320.5634 or jlaw@montgomeryfbc.org.

Adult Ministry

Feel Unplugged? Then get plugged in as Jay continues his **Pastor's Class** on **Sunday, June 19** at 10:00 AM in the main sanctuary. The 13-week class, open to everyone, will be an overview of the Bible.

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. Remaining rehearsals are Monday, June 27, Thursday, June 30 and Thursday, July 7. All rehearsals are at 10:00 AM in the Stakely Music 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.

Want to hear how you can pray for the Zaza? Join us on **Sunday, June 26** at 5:00



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, June 22

No reservations required!

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

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

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

PM in room 347. We will have the chance to meet with Ryan who lives among the Zaza. You will hear stories of God's work among the Zaza and how you can pray and be involved. For more information contact Brian Gay at 241.5131 or briang@montgomeryfbc.org.

The following supplies are still needed for the upcoming Cuba Mission Project: balloons, ladies make up and a variety of over-the-counter medications including children's Motrin, children's Tylenol (liquid and pills), children's vitamins, adult Aleve and Tylenol (generic is fine). Please place items in the bins located at the Scott Street entrance. For more information, contact Kathy Cooper at 241.5125 or kcooper@montgomeryfbc.org.

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.

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!

Community Ministries

The **Caring Center** is in need of a **volunteer to assist at the Clothing Desk** on **Mondays** from noon – 3:00 PM. No experience required, we will be happy to train you! Contact Judy Nuss at 241.5144 for more information.

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 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.

New Members

By Baptism

Hank Brasher

2655 Capstone Drive | Montgomery, AL 36106

Angel Stokes

Jakiya Stokes

Kayla Stokes

281 Canna Drive | Montgomery, AL 36105

Mr. Valy Vongdara

2076 Lucas Drive | 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. Ray Rossell (Synetta) in the death of her aunt

Mrs. Sam Lowther (Janis) in the death of her father-in-law

Mr. & Mrs. Jason Brown (Deborah) in the death of his grandmother

Baptist South

Platt Driskill • Sarah Chestnutt

Capitol Hill Healthcare

James Blake • Claire Morris

Congratulations Extended to

Ms. Christina Hayes in the birth of a daughter;

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hayes (Sharon) in the birth of a granddaughter

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).

Thank You, Ed

for faithfully serving the Lord
through His First Baptist Family.

Congratulations on 5 years
of service at FBC!



Ed Cleveland
Associate Minister of Music

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.

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.

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.



FBC Offering Envelopes are now sent quarterly. The third quarter will be 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 (continued from page 2)

otherwise you contribute to the coming crash.

It takes courage to share the truth about what you are seeing. Additionally, it takes humility to receive advice from a faithful friend. ***"Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future."*** (Proverbs 19:20)

Mary Ruth and I have a wonderful marriage and share a deep love and respect for each other. In the morning, as I leave the house, she generally says, *"Jay, let me check your hair in the back."* She lovingly brushes my unruly locks into their proper position. I do not resent her assistance but I appreciate her helping me fix what I can't see.

Here is your assignment: if you see a friend on a course for a collision, summon the courage to intervene. You are following the instructions of Jesus who said, "Go and tell a brother of his fault. If he listens to you, you have won your brother." (Matthew 18:15) Preventing wrecks is better than repairing wreckage!

Preventing Wrecks TOGETHER,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jay".

Happy Father's Day!

The righteous man leads a blameless life; blessed are his children after him.

— Proverbs 20:7

This week at FBC Montgomery

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

Sunday, June 19

- Happy Father's Day!
- One Voice Choir Tour
- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 10:00 Pastor's Class
- International Bible Study & Worship
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 2:00 VBS Decorating
- 5:00 VBS Prayer Walk
- Visitation
- 6:15 One Voice Choir Worship Concert

Monday, June 20

- 9:00 Vacation Bible School
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 6:00 Freedom in Christ Recovery Group

Tuesday, June 21

- 9:00 Vacation Bible School
- 10:00 Senior Adult Game Day

- 5:30 Women's Support Group
- 6:00 College Summer Fellowship
- Finding Peace with Food
- Support Group
- Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, June 22

- 9:00 Vacation Bible School
- 4:45 First Family Dinner
- 6:00 First Family Prayer Time
- 6:30 Student Ministry: Powerhouse
- 6:45 Ejamat Prayer Time

Thursday, June 23

- 9:00 Vacation Bible School
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group

Friday, June 24

- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 9:00 Vacation Bible School

Saturday, June 25

- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member :: Ann Hall

3179 Fernway Drive | Montgomery, Alabama 36111-1814

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

- I Love You, Lord* | Sanctuary Orchestra
- Merciful God* | Sanctuary Choir
- Give Thanks/Because He Lives* | Soo Seok & Johanna Yang
- Message | Jay Wolf

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

One Voice Choir Homecoming Concert

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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