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

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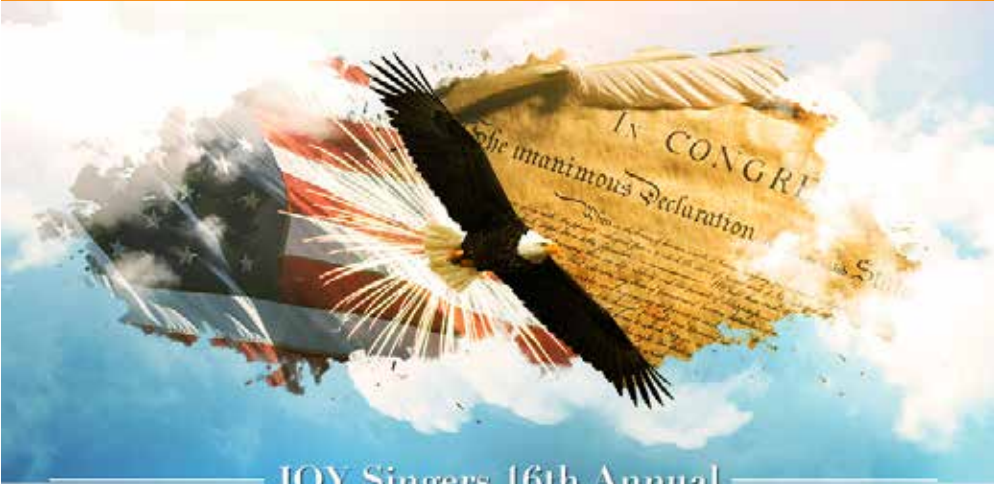


Sunday,  
**June 26**  
6:15 PM :: Main Sanctuary



## VBS Family Night & Kona Ice Fellowship

*Submerged* was a huge success and you're invited to celebrate with the week's teachers and students. A big **THANK YOU** to all who made the VBS week possible, from parking to registration, Bible lessons, crafts, music, missions, refreshments, recreation, and providing snacks for our hard-working teachers.



JOY Singers 16th Annual

## Patriotic Celebration

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

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# CONNECTIONS

from your Pastor's Heart

## *I'm Going to Tampa to Work on My Thorn!*

On June 30th, I will have surgery in Tampa to help me with a long-time problem with my swallowing mechanism. For more than 50 years, I have had difficulty swallowing. My esophagus is impaired with a disease called achalasia, which slowly deactivates the nerves in the esophagus and makes it difficult to swallow. Over the years, I have learned how to deal with this troublesome problem. This difficulty has definitely constituted a "thorn in my flesh." Like Paul, who prayed for the removal of his thorn three times, I have asked God to take this burden from me on countless occasions. God explained to Paul that the thorn is a humbling agent which allows God's power to be manifested through weakness. (2 Corinthians 12:7-10) Furthermore, a thorn makes you humbly dependent upon the Lord. So Paul essentially thanked God for his thorn and pressed on, letting it refine him and not define him.

However, several years ago, my swallowing difficulties intensified and caused me more dangerous problems. It culminated last November with a serious esophageal bleed that put me in the hospital for five days. My faithful friend and skilled gastroenterologist, Dr. Mark Anderson, connected us to Dr. Joel Richter in Tampa who is a renowned expert on achalasia. After tests and consultations, Dr. Richter has advised me to have a surgery called a Heller's Myotomy, which will be performed by Dr. Vic Velanovich in Tampa on June 30th to "salvage my esophagus and prevent cancer." Since "minor surgery is on someone else," your prayers are deeply appreciated. I'll spend several days in the hospital and have dietary restrictions following the surgery. My plan is to take off the month of July and heal up.

Our church is blessed with a strong servant-leadership team--from our Christ-like staff to our faithful army of Bible fellowship teachers and deacons. God has assembled a loving family of faith at FBC that I treasure beyond measure. The bases will be well covered during my absence.

If you would like to contribute to my recovery, let me suggest the following:

1. **Pray fervently.** *"The fervent prayer of a righteous person accomplishes much."* (James 5:16)
2. **Attend faithfully.** *"Do not neglect assembling yourselves together but encourage one another."* (Hebrews 10:25)
3. **Witness consistently.** *"You will be My witnesses."* (Acts 1:8)
4. **Give generously.** *"God loves a cheerful giver."* (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Thank you in advance for your love, intercession and support.

With Much Appreciation and Anticipation  
of God's Gracious Provision,

## FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, June 19, 2016

### ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5108 | Bible Fellowship Attendance 1669  
Weekly Attendance 2089 | Discipleship Attendance 610

### OFFERING

Required Weekly \$125,480.77 | Received Sunday \$136,539.99  
Required To Date \$3,137,019.23 | Received To Date \$2,843,501.75  
Building Fund Sunday \$95.00 | Building Fund to Date \$14,521.26

Under Budget | \$293,517.48

# FBC Summer Interns



We welcome the following interns to assist at the Nehemiah Center this summer! Picture left to right: (first row) Audrianna Davis, Keren Blachard, Ginny Gallaway, Morgan Thompson, (second row) Tyler Mitchel and Payton Shoemaker.

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.fbmsm.com) or call Russell McCrory at 241.5163.

### College Ministry

Join us on **Tuesday, June 28** at 6:00 PM for our **College Summer Fellowship!** We will have a picnic at Shakespeare Park. Grab some fast food and join us as we play frisbee, kickball and flag football. For more information, contact Justin Law at 320.5634 or [jlaw@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto: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](http://fbmcm.com) for more information. To sign-up, contact Justin at 320.5634 or [jlaw@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:jlaw@montgomeryfbc.org).



### First Family Dinner | Wednesday, June 29

*No reservations required!*

**Adult & Children's Meal:** Mexican, Salad, Dessert

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

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

## 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 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](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/ourfirstpriority).

**Want to hear how you can pray for the Zaza?** Join us on **Sunday, June 26** at 5:00 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](mailto:briang@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](mailto: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.

## New Members

### By Letter

**Ms. Stephanie Midyett**  
PO Box 2101 | Montgomery, AL 36102

**Mr. Steve Wooley**  
**Mrs. Steve Wooley (Janet)**  
580 Shady Nook Drive | Deatsville, AL 36022

## Our Church Family

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

### Sympathy Extended to

Mr. Carey Hawkins in the death of his father,  
Charles

### Capitol Hill Healthcare

James Blake

### HealthSouth

Sarah Chesnutt

### Children's Hospital (Birmingham)

Angel Phongsamout

### Ministerial Staff Birthdays

Russell McCrory (July 2)

## 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](mailto:kyserm@gmail.com)) or Amanda Smith (241.5122 or [asmith@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:asmith@montgomeryfbc.org)).



# Thank You, Patti

for faithfully serving the Lord  
through His First Baptist Family.

Congratulations on 20 years  
of service at FBC!



Patti Shoemaker  
Church Administrator

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/member-directory)



**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.

**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.

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](mailto: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](http://childrens-hope.com/givehope) to learn more and become a partner, or contact Jared McCrory at [jared@childrens-hope.com](mailto: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.

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](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/update) or you can contact the Membership Office at 241.5130 or [pthurman@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:pthurman@montgomeryfbc.org).

# WAR ROOM

PRAYER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON

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

## This week at FBC Montgomery

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

### Sunday, June 26

- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 10:00 Pastor's Class
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 5:00 Visitation
- 6:15 VBS Family Night

### Monday, June 27

- 10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal
- 5:30 Deacon's Meeting  
Men's Bible Study
- 6:00 Freedom in Christ Recovery Group

### Tuesday, June 28

- Mission Project: Missions Montgomery
- 5:30 Women's Support Group
- 6:00 College Summer Fellowship  
Finding Peace with Food  
Support Group
- Narcotics Anonymous
- 7:00 Kids Kamp Counselor Meeting

### Wednesday, June 29

- Mission Project: Missions Montgomery
- 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, June 30

- Mission Projects: Cuba &  
Missions Montgomery
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group  
JOY Singers Rehearsal

### Friday, July 1

- Mission Project: Cuba
- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group

### Saturday, July 2

- Mission Projects: Cuba & Brazil
- 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)

**O Worship the King** | Sanctuary Orchestra

**Days of Elijah** | Sanctuary Choir

**Offertory** | Thomason Bryan

**Message** | Jay Wolf

## Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

### VBS Family Night

## 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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