

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

March 6 :: Spencer Jones
"Father Into Thy Hands"

He Covers Me

WMU Women's Celebration
Thursday, March 10
6:00 PM :: Fellowship Hall
\$12 per person

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SPRING

celebration

and Easter Egg Hunt

SATURDAY, MARCH 26
10:00 AM to Noon :: Perry Street Lot & Courtyard :: Free
www.montgomeryfbc.org/egg-hunt



CONNECTIONS

FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART

Take it to the Lord in Prayer!

God's Word invites us to live in the atmosphere of prayer. *"You shall make your prayer unto Him, and He will hear you, and you shall pay your vows."* (Job 22:27)

The dear hymn reminds us, *"O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry, everything to God in prayer."*

Follow me down this ordinary road. The meeting with your friend started as an amiable encounter that awkwardly morphs into a disagreement. What commenced as a conversation turns into a confrontation. The tension becomes so thick you can cut it with a knife. Wisdom prompts you to separate before things disintegrate. Then when you separate, it's time to communicate with the Lord. When you get alone with God then the communion of conviction comes and you move from confusion into revelation. More often than not, the Holy Spirit has shown me that I was in the wrong and need to ask for forgiveness. Next, you make a vow to the Lord to untie the relational knot. You operate in the spirit of Isaiah 1:18, *"Come let us reason together, says the Lord, though your sins are as scarlet, they will be as white as snow."*

Summary: Use prayer to untie relational knots by retreating, reflecting and receiving God's instructions

Growing our Prayer Muscles TOGETHER,

PS. Bear down in prayer for our NAMB missionaries and mark your calendar to join a giant prayer rally for Awakening in America at the Alabama State Capitol led by Franklin Graham on April 14.

FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, February 28, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5091 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1855
Weekly Attendance 2415 | **Discipleship Attendance** 1443

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$125,480.77 | **Received Sunday** \$113,281.39
Required To Date \$1,129,326.92 | **Received To Date** \$1,007,996.02
Building Fund Sunday \$372.50 | **Building Fund to Date** \$5,071.00
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering \$12,512.50

Under Budget | \$121,330.90

HERE I AM SEND ME.

ISAIAH 6:8

FBC GOAL: \$110,000

Week of Prayer for North American Missions
ANNIE ARMSTRONG
EASTER OFFERING
ANNIEARMSTRONG.COM

Week of Prayer for North American Missions March 6 through 13

Schedule of Prayer Meetings for Week of Prayer:

Monday, March 7 :: 9:30 AM

Speaker: Jared & Sarah McCrory — Children's Hope

Home: Lisa Powell (2122 Vaughn Lane)

Prayer Calendar: Susan Smith

Tuesday, March 8 :: 9:30 AM

Speaker: Donna McCullough — Forest Park Ministry

Home: Cheri Love (5611 Woodside Circle)

Prayer Calendar: Elaine Walton

Thursday, March 10 :: 6:00 PM

All FBC ladies and friends are invited to join us for the **Women's Celebration** featuring dinner, inspirational testimonies, and uplifting Broadway music performed by Michele Lott and Guy & Deb Anderson. (See ad on front cover)

Friday, March 11 :: 9:30 AM

Speaker: Ben Hulseley — New York Mission Project

Home: Pam Bryan (8531 Marsh Pointe Drive)

Prayer Calendar: Laura Saucer

Ministry Announcements

Preschool Ministry

There will be a **VBS Preschool Directors Meeting** on **Sunday, March 13** at 4:00 PM in room B112. Topics covered include materials, due dates for supplies, decorations, security and rotation schedule. For more information, contact Nancie McQueen at 241.5166 or nmcqueen@montgomeryfbc.org.

Our Spring Celebration and Egg Hunt will be **Saturday, March 26** from 10:00 AM to Noon in the Perry Street lot. ***We need lots of candy to fill the eggs for the Egg Hunt! Please bring a bag of candy and place it in one of the bins in the main sanctuary foyers by Sunday, March 13.*** For more information, visit www.montgomeryfbc.org/egg-hunt or contact Nancie McQueen at 241.5166 or nmcqueen@montgomeryfbc.org.



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, March 9

No reservations required!

Adult & Children's Meal: Beef Tips, Rice, Vegetable, Roll, Dessert

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

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

There will be a **Parent/Child Dedication** on **Sunday, April 10** in the 8:30 & 11:00 AM worship services. To register for this special dedication, visit www.montgomeryfbc.org/dedications or call Tiffany Alewine at 241.5165. If you would like your baby's photo to be included in the Order of Worship that day, email a high resolution photo of your baby to asmith@montgomeryfbc.org by Sunday, March 27.

Children's Ministry

Mark your calendars for **Children's Sunday** on **April 3**. Our special guests for the evening service will be **Jason Houser from Seeds Family Worship**. Summer information will also be available. For more information, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164 or gleathers@montgomeryfbc.org.

Adult Ministry

A new round of the **Pastor's Class** begins on **Sunday, March 6** at 10:00 AM in the main sanctuary. The 13-week class, open to everyone, will be an overview of the Bible.

Missions Ministry

Order your copy of the FBC Missions book, **Our First Priority**, online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/ourfirstpriority. Cost is \$15.

Now is the time to sign up for **Summer Mission Projects**. To apply for a mission project visit our website www.missionsfactory.org.

There will be a **New Orleans Mission Project** on **Wednesday, June 1 through Sunday, June 5**. This mission project is open to families and will consist of outreach, block parties and street ministry in New Orleans. The cost is \$160 per person for double occupancy and includes breakfasts and lunches. For more information contact Mike Talley at 300.1596 or Kathy Cooper at 241.5125.

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

First Baptist Foundation Scholarship Applications for the 2016-2017 school year are available until Friday, April 1. Last year, we awarded \$52,000 to 48 students at 25 different schools. For an application, visit www.montgomeryfbc.org or email Alissa Parrish at airvin@montgomeryfbc.org.

New Members

By Baptism

Gaines Daniel
2454 Hawthorn Drive | Montgomery, AL 36111

By Letter

Mr. Jere Graham
5830 Roxboro Drive | Montgomery, AL 36117

Our Church Family

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

Sympathy Extended to

Mrs. Roger Morrow (Susan) in the death of her husband
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Bagley (Sara Jo) in the death of her brother, Winston Fontaine

Baptist East

Charlie Tidwell • Allison Cody

Jackson

Pam Morgan

HealthSouth

Terry Yarbrough

Tallassee Health and Rehab

Sue Smitherman

Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Gene Cody (Allison) in the birth of a son



FBC Offering Envelopes are now sent quarterly. The second quarter of 2016 will be mailed in March. Please contact Jill Johnson at 241.5183 or Patti Shoemaker at 241.5181 if you requested envelopes and do not receive them.

Have you considered planning what your legacy will be? The First Baptist Foundation is committed to help you create a legacy through estate planning that will honor your family and your faith. We have partnered with PhilanthroCorp so you can receive this free gift of estate planning. For more information on how to get started on your free estate plan, contact Alissa Parrish at airvin@montgomeryfbc.org.

Children's Hope

Looking for a meaningful, early-summer missions opportunity? There is still room on the **FBC Haiti Mission Team** that will be serving with Children's Hope on **May 28 through June 3** in Jacmel, Haiti. This team will be serving alongside our local partners as part of Children's Hope's efforts to minister in the local community and make disciples through Bible clubs and evangelism. For more information on how you can join this team, contact Ann Amster at ann@childrens-hope.com or 202.2714.

Community Ministries

Volunteers are needed to work in the Master's Garden at the Nehemiah Center in Chisholm. For more information or to volunteer, contact Jane Ferguson at 241.5141 or jferguson@montgomeryfbc.org.

Churchwide News & Events

Join us on **Sunday, April 3** for our annual **Bible Fellowship Class High Attendance Day**. This year's theme is "Easter Encore: Everyone Back" and our goal is to have 2,100 in Bible Fellowship Class attendance the week after Easter. We need your help! Begin now to pray for a great harvest and good weather. Invite prospects, friends and neighbors to come with you. For more information, contact Chuck Ashley at 241.5161 or cashley@montgomeryfbc.org or your Bible Fellowship directors and teachers.

Men, join us for the annual **Glenn Gordy Golf Retreat on Thursday, April 28 through Saturday, April 30** at the Bluewater Bay Resort in Niceville, Florida. The cost is \$325, which includes lodging, unlimited green fees, 18-hole cart per day, and prizes. Checks should be made payable to First Baptist Church. Deadline for reservations is Sunday, April 10. Get your check in the mail today. Sign up by calling Steve Dubose at 277.8604 or Chuck Ashley at 241.5161.

Save the date for the **Missions Auction** for Single Adult Mission Scholarships on **Friday, April 29** at 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall. If you would like to donate items for the auction, contact Kathy Cooper at 241.5125 or kcooper@montgomeryfbc.org.

Join us for the **Bible Reading Marathon on Thursday, May 5 through Sunday, May 8** on the steps of the State Capitol. First Baptist is in charge of Friday, May 9 from 8:00 AM to Noon. If you would like to read or be a monitor, contact Kathy Cooper at 241.5125 or kcooper@montgomeryfbc.org.

2016 VBS Submerged is scheduled for **Monday, June 20 through Friday, June 24** from 9:00 AM to noon. Volunteers are needed to help our children find the truth beneath the surface. Contact Nancie McQueen (241.5166) if you are interested in helping with preschoolers or Glen Leathers (241.5164) if you are interested in helping with children.

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, March 6

- Mission Projects: India & Senegal
- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 4:00 Reflections Ensemble
- 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, March 7

- Mission Projects: India & Senegal
- R.O.M.E.O.
- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal
- 5:15 Sanctuary Handbells
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 6:00 Freedom in Christ Recovery Group
- Foster Care Training

Tuesday, March 8

- Mission Projects: India & Senegal
- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 Ladies Bible Study
- MOPs
- 3:45 Children's Ministry: Good News Club
- 5:30 Women's Support Group
- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous
- 8:00 College Ministry: Elevate

Wednesday, March 9

- Mission Projects: India & Senegal
- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 2:15 Baldwin Bible Study
- 4:45 First Family Dinner
- 5:30 Tutoring
- Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal
- 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
- 6:40 Finance Committee
- 6:45 Ejamat Prayer Time
- DivorceCare

Thursday, March 10

- Mission Projects: Cuba, India & Senegal
- 9:00 Conversational English
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group
- 6:00 English as a Second Language
- WMU Celebration
- 6:30 Decision America Tour Training

Friday, March 11

- Mission Projects: Cuba & Senegal
- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 5:00 Nehemiah Basketball

Saturday, March 12

- Mission Projects: Cuba & Senegal
- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member :: Jeanette Martin

404 Daphne Lane | Montgomery, Alabama 36108-5608

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

Jesus Saves | Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra

Refuge | Ichthus Ensemble

His Eye is the Sparrow | Steve Harris

Message | Russell McCrory

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

Mighty to Save | One Heart & One Voice Choirs

Offertory Solo | Lily Windham

7 Last Words of Christ Message | Spencer Jones

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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