

First Baptist Church Montgomery

BEACON

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

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7 Last Words of Christ

6:15 PM :: Main Sanctuary

March 13 :: Kenny Hoomes
"It Is Finished"

HERE
I AM SEND
ME.

ISAIAH 6:8

FBC GOAL: \$110,000
GIVEN TO DATE:
\$30,228.40

Wife of Pastor for North American Missions
ANNIE ARMSTRONG
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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

Our Worldmaker

The opening statement of God's Word declares that *"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."*

Some actually seem to believe that all of the created order is nothing but a cosmic accident. Their equation contains the following factors and unreasonable conclusion: **NO ONE x NOTHING = EVERYTHING.** The theory postulates that following an ancient "big bang," life was sparked and it eventually evolved into complex organisms wearing fins or feathers or flesh. The equivalent would be to assert that an explosion of a printing press produced a dictionary!

In contrast, the Biblically based worldview boldly declares that everything and everyone has been crafted by an all-knowing and all-powerful Creator. An eloquent preacher stated, *"God stepped behind the curtain of nowhere and stood upon the platform of nothing and spoke this world's system into existence."* God is the mighty Originator who formed all that exists as an expression of His creative and loving character. Everything that your hand can touch, your eye can see, your ears can hear, and your nose can smell came from the Lord's majestic creative power.

For instance, if you see a watch, it would stand to reason that somewhere there is a **watchmaker**. When you observe the movement and precision of our solar system; the delicate and intricate workings of the human body; and the consistent order of nature's harmonic and symbiotic infrastructure – it leads you to conclude that there must be an intelligent designer who functioned as our **worldmaker**.

Remember, God spoke your very life into existence and His living Word continues to sustain the pulsating of the stars and the beating of your heart. God is not distant and disengaged but He is as near as your breath. So thank Him for the wonder of His creation and the beauty of knowing the Creator through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ!

Let's Continue to Declare
His Truth TOGETHER,

FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, March 6, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5093 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1831
Weekly Attendance 2391 | **Discipleship Attendance** 1457

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$125,480.77 | **Received Sunday** \$132,200.75
Required To Date \$1,254,807.69 | **Received To Date** \$1,140,196.77
Building Fund Sunday \$1,189.25 | **Building Fund to Date** \$6,260.25
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering \$30,228.40

Under Budget | \$114,610.92



Children's Sunday is April 3!

Seeds Family Worship
6:15 PM :: Main Sanctuary

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.

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.

Adult Ministry

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

Missions Ministry

The First Baptist Missions book, ***Our First Priority***, is on sale in the main sanctuary foyer. The cost is \$15. Proceeds from the book will go to the Harold & Helen Hancock Foundation Account for International Missions.

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

Music Ministry

The FBC Youth Choirs are busy preparing for exciting mission opportunities this



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, March 16

No reservations required!

Adult & Children's Meal: Hamburgers, Chips, Dessert

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

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

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.

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

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. Michael Oliver (Judy) in the death of their grandson
Family and Friends in the death of Tom Neal
Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Stewart (Robin) in the death of his mother, Harriet

Baptist South

Bob Moffett

HealthSouth

Terry Yarbrough

Tallassee Health and Rehab

Sue Smitherman

St. Vincent's Hospital

Walter Norris • Helen Hancock

Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Cox (Jessica) in the birth of a son
Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Kilpatrick (Elissa) in the birth of a grandson



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.

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.



DECISION AMERICA TOUR 2016
with **Franklin Graham**

APRIL 14, 2016
12:00 PM
STATE CAPITOL

The poster features a dark background with a faint image of the State Capitol building. The text is in white and red. The word 'TOUR' is in red, and '2016' is in a large, stylized red font.



SUBMERGED
FINDING TRUTH BELOW THE SURFACE

The poster shows a cartoon submarine underwater. A small orange fish is swimming near the submarine. The background is blue with bubbles and other fish.

VBS :: JUNE 20-24 :: 9 AM TO NOON
WWW.MONTGOMERYFBC.ORG/VBS

 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT FBC MONTGOMERY

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 13

- Mission Projects: Cuba & Senegal
- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 4:00 Reflections Ensemble
- VBS Preschool Director's Meeting
- 4:30 ABCs of Evangelism
- Discipleship Classes
- 5:00 Children's Missions
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- One Heart/One Voice Choirs
- 6:00 Children's Ministry: Bible Drill
- 6:15 Worship Service

Monday, March 14

- Mission Projects: Cuba & Senegal
- 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 15

- Mission Project: Cuba
- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 Ladies Bible Study
- 3:45 Children's Ministry: Good News Club
- 5:30 Women's Support Group
- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous
- LAMP Hall of Fame Dinner

Wednesday, March 16

- Mission Project: Cuba
- 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 Church Leadership Council
- 6:45 Ejamat Prayer Time
- DivorceCare

Thursday, March 17

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

Friday, March 18

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

Saturday, March 19

- Mission Project: Cuba
- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member :: Gurnia Moore

6517 Monmouth Mews | Montgomery, Alabama 36117-3463

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

All the Glory Belongs to Jesus | Sanctuary Choir

Offertory Solo | Michele Lott

Message | Jay Wolf

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

Higher Ground | One Voice Choir

Offertory Solo | Hudson Cornett

7 Last Words of Christ Message | Kenny Hoomes

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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