

First Baptist Church Montgomery

# BEACON

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



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## Holy Week Opportunities

**Sunday, March 20**

8:30 & 11:00 AM

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

9:45 AM

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CLASSES

NO PM ACTIVITIES OR SERVICE

**Wednesday, March 23**

NO FIRST FAMILY DINNER, CHILDREN'S CHOIRS, DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES OR OTHER ACTIVITIES

6:15 PM

EASTER COMMUNION WORSHIP

**Friday, March 25**

12:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

**Sunday, March 27**

8:30 & 11:00 AM

EASTER CELEBRATION

9:45 AM

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CLASSES

5:00 PM

NO DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES, VISITATION, CHILDREN'S MISSIONS OR YOUTH CHOIRS

6:15 PM

EVENING WORSHIP

**HERE  
I AM SEND  
ME.**

ISAIAH 6:8

**FBC GOAL: \$110,000**

**GIVEN TO DATE:**

**\$48,605.40**

**ANNIE  
ARMSTRONG  
EASTER OFFERING**

ANNIEARMSTRONG.COM



# CONNECTIONS

— *from your Pastor's Heart*

## ***Easter Celebration Preparation***

The resurrection of Jesus Christ constitutes the hinge of human history. The resurrection validated the mission and message of Jesus. Christ came to provide God's gracious gift of salvation to the human family by offering the needed sacrifice for our sin debt. The resurrection verified Christ's identity, defeated the ultimate enemy of death, and compels all seekers to follow the Risen Savior!

As we approach Easter, it is appropriate to prepare our hearts. Here are some practical preparation considerations:

1. **Make Worship a Priority** – both personal and corporate. Privately, drink deeply from the Gospel cup of Luke 22-24. Inject yourself into the scenes of the crucifixion and resurrection. Activate the theater of your imagination and hear the angel say, ***"He is not here, but He is risen just as He said!"*** (Luke 24:6) Throughout the day in every new green blade of grass and the children that pass and the birds that sing and virtually everything, receive signals about God's provision, and praise Him for His mercy and grace. Thank God for His magnificent and matchless gift of eternal life that comes through Jesus Christ.

Be sure to make Easter worship services a top priority for your calendar. Attend the **Palm Sunday** worship experience. Share in the beauty of **Communion** on Wednesday evening. At noon on **Good Friday**, gather with the body of Christ and relive the events of the cross. Do not miss the glorious **Resurrection Celebration Worship Service** on March 27th. Be in God's house with God's people to hear God's Word and give Him your worship.

2. **Use Easter to invite unchurched friends to hear the Gospel.** If you invite them, they will come. Your invitation can provide the opportunity for God to change someone now and forever. Every survey confirms that if God's people invite their friends to worship, they will come. Use this Easter to introduce your friends to our Savior.
3. Let God's great gift of eternal life through the resurrection of Jesus prompt you to **give a great gift to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.** This offering financially fuels God's work of evangelism and church planting in North America through our Baptist team. Join me in giving a significant, sacrificial and impactful gift to God's work through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

This Easter season, let's emulate the angels who said to the astonished disciples, ***"Come and see, then go and tell!"*** (Matthew 28:6-7)

Celebrating His Life-Giving  
Resurrection TOGETHER,

**FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, March 13, 2016**

### **ATTENDANCE**

**Bible Fellowship Enrollment** 5090 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1778  
**Weekly Attendance** 2338 | **Discipleship Attendance** 1328

### **OFFERING**

**Required Weekly** \$125,480.77 | **Received Sunday** \$119,371.28  
**Required To Date** \$1,380,288.46 | **Received To Date** \$1,259,568.05  
**Building Fund Sunday** \$1,047.26 | **Building Fund to Date** \$7,307.51  
**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering** \$48,605.40

**Under Budget | \$120,720.41**

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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](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/egg-hunt)

## Ministry Announcements

### Preschool Ministry

**Extra help is needed on Easter Sunday in the preschool area** at 8:30, 9:45 or 11:00 AM. If you would be willing to help, please contact Nancie McQueen at 241.5166 or Tiffany Alewine at 241.5165.

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](http://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](mailto:asmith@montgomeryfbc.org) by Sunday, March 27.

### Student Ministry

**Graduate Recognition is Sunday, May 1.** The deadline for submitting photos is Friday, April 8. Register online at [www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration). If you have any questions, contact Russell McCrory at 241.5163.

### Adult Ministry

A new round of the **Pastor's Class** continues **Sunday, March 20** at 10:00 AM in the main sanctuary. The 13-week class, open to everyone, will be an overview of the Bible.

### Missions Ministry

**Our First Priority**, an account of the history of missions at First Baptist



**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.

Montgomery, 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). Harold and Helen Hancock will be available to autograph your copies on Sunday, April 3.

Now is the time to sign up for **Summer Mission Projects**. To apply for a mission project visit our website [www.missionsfactory.org](http://www.missionsfactory.org).

## FBC Foundation

From medical doctors to ministers, our First Baptist Foundation has been investing in the education of students for many years. Last year, our scholarship program awarded \$52,000 to 48 students. **Scholarship applications for the 2016-2017 school year are due Friday, April 1**, and can be obtained from [www.montgomeryfbc.org](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org).

**The First Baptist Foundation recently provided over \$42,000 toward the Children's Learning Center.** It is a blessing to get to invest in a ministry that so beautifully serves families in our community and provides a loving environment for children to thrive and develop.

## 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](mailto:ann@childrens-hope.com) or 202.2714.

## Community Ministries

There will be a **Community Ministries Volunteer Appreciation Brunch** on **Saturday, April 16** from 10:00 to 11:30 AM in the FBC fellowship hall. All

## New Members

### By Baptism

**Miss Monephachan Syvongxay**  
3816 Woodbury Court | Montgomery, AL 36110

### By Letter

**Mr. Charles Bing**  
122 Legends Drive | Montgomery, AL 36116

**Mr. Brent Crawley**  
2440 Mitchell Creek Road | Wetumpka, AL 36093

**Mr. Paul Griggs**  
**Mrs. Paul Griggs (Britt)**  
**Eli Griggs • Hannah Griggs**  
8624 Plantation Ridge Road | Montgomery, AL 36116

## 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. Richard Wilson (Rebecca) in the death of her father, Mike Barrett  
Ms. Jean White in the death of her sister  
Mr. & Mrs. Adam O'Ferrell (Vickie) in the death of her mother, Nancy Dixon

### Baptist South

Ray Rossell • Marlene Hall

### Baptist East

Gary Phillips

### Jackson

Teresa Wheeler

### Tallassee Health and Rehab

Sue Smitherman

### Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Lee Ziemba (Brittney) in the birth of a son; Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Varner (Cathy) in the birth of a grandson



**DECISION AMERICA**  
**TOUR 2016**  
with **Franklin Graham**

**APRIL 14, 2016**  
**12:00 PM**  
**STATE CAPITOL**

Community Ministries volunteers, partners and friends are invited to join us for brunch in your honor! Please RSVP to Jane Ferguson at [jferguson@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:jferguson@montgomeryfbc.org) or 241.5141 by Friday, April 1.

Join us for a **Spring Work Day at the Nehemiah Center** (216 Broadway Street) on **Saturday, April 2** from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The work day will consist of preparing and planting the Master's Garden, landscaping, and conducting facility maintenance. A hearty lunch and fun children's activities will be provided. Please bring work tools and a servant's heart! To volunteer, contact Robin Caddell at [rmcaddell@hotmail.com](mailto:rmcaddell@hotmail.com) or 546.7902.

**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](mailto:jferguson@montgomeryfbc.org).

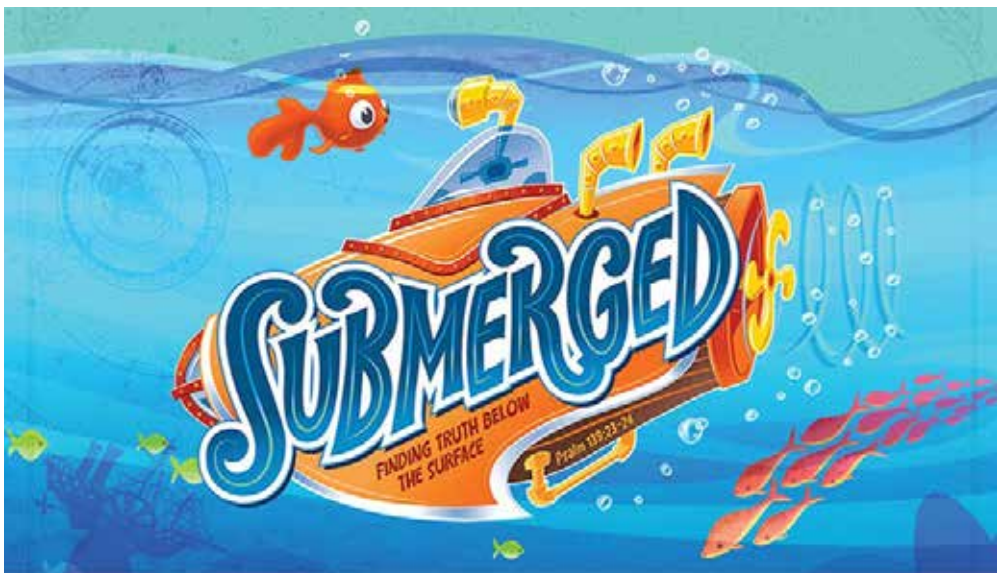
## Churchwide News & Events

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](mailto: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](mailto: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. You can sign up for a reading slot at [www.hisvessel.org](http://www.hisvessel.org).



VBS :: JUNE 20-24 :: 9 AM TO NOON  
[WWW.MONTGOMERYFBC.ORG/VBS](http://WWW.MONTGOMERYFBC.ORG/VBS)

 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT FBC MONTGOMERY



# Children's Sunday is April 3!

**Seeds Family Worship**  
6:15 PM :: Main Sanctuary

## This week at FBC Montgomery

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

### Sunday, March 20

- Mission Project: Haiti
- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 11:00 Worship Service

### Monday, March 21

- Mission Project: Haiti
- 10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal
- 11:00 Senior Adult Ministry Council
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 6:00 Freedom in Christ Recovery Group  
Foster Care Training

### Tuesday, March 22

- Mission Project: Haiti
- 9:30 Ladies Bible Study
- 10:00 Senior Adult Game Day
- 5:30 Women's Support Group

6:00 Narcotics Anonymous

### Wednesday, March 23

- Mission Project: Haiti
- 6:15 Easter Communion Worship Service

### Thursday, March 24

- Mission Project: Haiti
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group  
JOY Singers Rehearsal

### Friday, March 25

- Mission Project: Haiti
- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 12:00 Good Friday Worship Service

### Saturday, March 26

- Mission Project: Haiti
- 10:00 Spring Celebration & Egg Hunt
- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous

## In Home Ministry Member :: Alcie O'Brien

4000 Fieldcrest Drive, Apt B210 | Montgomery, Alabama 36111-3124

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

**Here Comes the King** | Combined Children's Choirs

**Calvary's Love** | Sanctuary Choir

**Hosanna** | Sarah McCrory

**Message** | Jay Wolf

## Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

**No PM Service or Activities**

## 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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