

First Baptist Church Montgomery

# BEACON

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



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## *Easter :: Sunday, March 27*

- 8:30 AM** EASTER WORSHIP CELEBRATION
- 9:45 AM** BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CLASSES
- 11:00 AM** EASTER WORSHIP CELEBRATION
- 5:00 PM** **NO** DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES, VISITATION, CHILDREN'S MISSIONS OR YOUTH CHOIRS
- 6:15 PM** EVENING WORSHIP: A CALL TO PRAYER

THERE WILL BE OVERFLOW SEATING IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR THE 8:30 SERVICE. PARKING IS AVAILABLE IN THE PERRY STREET LOT AND IN THE DECK ON THE CORNER OF SCOTT & LAWRENCE STREETS.

**HERE  
I AM SEND  
ME.**

ISAIAH 6:8

**FBC GOAL: \$110,000**  
**GIVEN TO DATE:**  
**\$64,385.40**

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# CONNECTIONS

— from your Pastor's Heart

## Proclaiming the Risen Savior in India

A few weeks ago, Doug McElvy, John Ashworth, Rhon Jones and myself were navigating the intriguing roadways of the Punjab province adjacent to troublesome Pakistan. India's roads are a chaotic symphony of tiny cars, huge trucks, camel-drawn carts, bicycles, pedestrians, rickshaws, and venerated cows (you could alleviate a lot of hunger with the appropriate use of those cows!)

Our FBC team, led by Doug McElvy, has worked for nearly 10 years with Nazir Masih – the Apostle Paul of northwest India. We have partnered with Nazir to fund the building of Churches in strategic areas. On this visit we dedicated our 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th Churches to the Glory of God and to the advancement of His Kingdom in one of the world's darkest corners where only .5% of the people claim a connection to Christ. For each Church, it was their first service and hundreds of people attended the inauguration of these "Lighthouses for the Lord." We rejoiced in seeing nearly 150 people commit their lives to Christ!



Additionally, we trained and encouraged 45 pastors. We distributed 25 computer tablets loaded with ministry equipping material. Lastly, we left a trail of gospel witnesses as we handed out 500 Hindi tracts and shared the contagious love of Jesus with everyone we encountered.



Jesus is for everyone because all people matter to the Lord. His liberating cross and empowering resurrection must be passionately proclaimed from Montgomery to Delhi, from Punjab to Prattville. ***"The apostles were proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead...Many who heard the message believed...Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men for salvation."*** (Acts 4:2-4, 12)

Sharing the Living Savior  
with Everyone TOGETHER,

## FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, March 20, 2016

### ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5103 | Bible Fellowship Attendance 1401  
Weekly Attendance 1965 | Discipleship Attendance 781

### OFFERING

Required Weekly \$125,480.77 | Received Sunday \$87,850.88  
Required To Date \$1,505,769.23 | Received To Date \$1,347,418.93  
Building Fund Sunday \$65.00 | Building Fund to Date \$7,372.51  
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering \$64,385.40

Under Budget | \$158,350.30



# Children's Sunday is April 3!

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

**WAR ROOM**  
PRAYER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON  
04.06.16 :: MAIN SANCTUARY :: 12:10 TO 12:50 PM

## Ministry Announcements

### Preschool Ministry

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.

### Senior Ministry

Financial Advisor Jerry Mitchell, Jackson Thornton Inc., will provide an informational seminar on **upcoming changes to Social Security's "File and Suspend" and "Restricted Application" programs** on **Sunday, April 3** from 5:00 to 6:00 PM in room 443. Specifically, these changes apply to: anyone that will be age 66 or older before April 30, 2016, and/or anyone who was born on or before January 1, 1954. Jerry will highlight the changes to the law and discuss how taking action before the April 30 deadline could positively impact your current and future SSI earnings.

### Women's Ministry

Save the date for **The Blessed Banquet**, FBC's Mother/Daughter Dinner, on **Tuesday, May 3** at 6:30 PM in the fellowship hall. This year's speaker is Montgomery's own Stacy Harris (wife, mom of 7, tv contributor/personality, cookbook/sustainability author, blogger speaker, lover of God). Tickets will be on sale the last two Sundays in April. Contact Sharon Windham at [sbwindham@aol.com](mailto:sbwindham@aol.com) with any questions.



### First Family Dinner | Wednesday, March 30

*No reservations required!*

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

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

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

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

## 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).

## Children's Hope

**Children's Hope is in need of sponsors for our children!** For just \$35/month, you can help provide a child with housing, clothes, food, education, and a place to learn about God's love. To learn more about sponsorship opportunities and ways to give, email Sarah McCrory at [sarah@childrens-hope.com](mailto:sarah@childrens-hope.com) or visit [www.childrens-hope.com](http://www.childrens-hope.com).

## 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 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

**Cody McCarver, outlaw gospel star and former Confederate Railroad member, will be in concert** at First Baptist on **Friday, April 1** at 7:00 PM in the main sanctuary. The concert is free and open to the public.

## New Members

### By Baptism

**Alli McCarthy • Warner McCarthy**  
3011 Boxwood Drive | Montgomery, AL 36111

**Miss Emily Reeder**  
5861 Hickory Drive | Millbrook, AL 36054

### By Letter

**Mr. Ebenezer Aryitey**  
915 South Jackson Street | Montgomery, AL 36104

## Our Church Family

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

### Sympathy Extended to

Ms. Jamie Ratliff in the death of her father;  
Addison and Brody Ratliff in the death of their grandfather  
Mr. & Mrs. Rex Seabrook (Wendy) in the death of her father; Frannie Seabrook in the death of grandfather

### HealthSouth

Art Bolin

### Tallassee Health and Rehab

Sue Smitherman

### Congratulations Extended to

Ms. Ina Hightower in the birth of two great-granddaughters

## Deacon Nominations Due By Sunday, May 1!

Forms are available in the main sanctuary foyers or online at [www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration).

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.

On **Sunday, April 10** in the evening worship service the church will **Vote to Amend the Articles of Incorporation for Community Ministries, Inc.** This will allow them to expand their ministry opportunities and reach more people for Christ.

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. Sign up for a reading slot at [www.hisvessel.org](http://www.hisvessel.org).

# DECISION AMERICA TOUR 2016 with Franklin Graham

APRIL 14, 2016  
12:00 PM  
STATE CAPITOL



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

 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT FBC MONTGOMERY



**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.

## This week at FBC Montgomery

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

### Sunday, March 27

- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 6:15 Worship Service

### Monday, March 28

- 5:15 Sanctuary Bells
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- Deacon's Meeting
- 6:00 Freedom in Christ Recovery Group
- Foster Care Training

### Tuesday, March 29

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 Ladies Bible Study
- 5:30 Women's Support Group
- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous
- 8:00 College Ministry: Elevate

### Wednesday, March 30

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 2:15 Baldwin Bible Study
- 4:45 First Family Dinner

- 5:30 Tutoring
- Sanctuary Orchestra
- 5:45 Graded Children's Choirs
- Parenting By Grace Discipleship Class
- 6:00 First Family Prayer Time
- 6:30 Student Ministry: Powerhouse
- 6:35 Sanctuary Choir
- 6:45 DivorceCare
- Ejamat Prayer Time

### Thursday, March 31

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

### Friday, April 1

- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 7:00 Cody McCarver Concert

### Saturday, April 2

- 8:00 Nehemiah Garden Work Day
- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous

## In Home Ministry Member :: Louise Parrish

2149 Young Farm Place | Montgomery, Alabama 36106-3136

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

**Easter Celebration Worship** featuring...  
**Beautiful Music** by our Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra  
**Powerful Narration**  
**And a powerful Easter message** by Jay Wolf!

## Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

**Were You There?** | Pat Hendrix  
**Offertory Solo** | Ronnie Shaw  
**A Call to Prayer**

## 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)

**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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