

First Baptist Church Montgomery

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

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*"Her children arise and call her
blessed...a woman who fears the
Lord is to be praised."
— Proverbs 31:28&30*

Worship God and honor your mom by being in worship
this week at 8:30 & 11:00 AM. No PM activities or services.



The JOY Singers
present

Windows on the Word

Sunday, May 15
6:15 PM
Stakely Sanctuary

CONNECTIONS

— from your Pastor's Heart

Leading Our Children to Follow Jesus!



Ed and Eli Westbrook were recently baptized. The twins were very excited about the opportunity to publicly express their faith in Christ. They were following the instructions of Jesus: *“Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the Kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”* (Luke 18:16-17)

The salvation transaction is extremely simple: *We give everything that we know about ourselves to everything we know about Jesus.* As people grow older, they learn more about themselves and more about the Lord. Consequently, discipleship is designed to be a dynamic process of continual growth. We constantly grow our love relationship with the Lord, **but it begins with child-like faith.** God calls you to exercise child-like faith by admitting your sin problem, turning to your Savior in repentance, and totally trusting His gracious forgiveness to embrace you and place you into His forever family.

Some people criticize child evangelism with the indictment that little children do not know enough. However, such assertions contradict the instructions of Jesus and erroneously assume that the critic has it all figured out! Nothing is more natural than a child choosing to follow their Creator and Redeemer. Actually, the older you grow, the harder it grows to follow Jesus. The salvation invitation is not limited by a person's age, intelligence, literacy, cultural or social status. Jesus invited **everyone** to climb down from their high horse of arrogance and assume the posture of child-like humility in order to become His faithful and obedient follower.

Let us work together to see our precious children come to Christ. You should never coerce a child to follow the Lord. Instead, naturally cultivate a child's faith by sharing the stories of Jesus and praying with them. When children worship with their families and observe other people being baptized, translate that experience into an opportunity to explain why you believe in Jesus and help your child develop their own love relationship with the Lord.

One day, two pastors were comparing notes about their churches. And the Baptist Brother shared that he had baptized two and a half people on Sunday. His friend assumed that two adults and a child were baptized. But his Pastor Pal explained, *“Actually, I baptized an older man and two children. Since the old fellow has used up most of his life, I only counted him as a half!”* So, when a child embraces Jesus early and grows into a dynamic disciple, then they can spend their entire journey serving God's purpose and making a mighty eternal impact!

Growing Dynamic Disciples Together,

FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, May 1, 2016

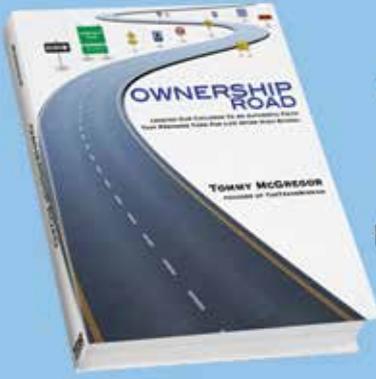
ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5111 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1920
Weekly Attendance 2450 | **Discipleship Attendance** 1128

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$125,480.77 | **Received Sunday** \$137,197.83
Required To Date \$2,258,653.85 | **Received To Date** \$2,039,897.95
Building Fund Sunday \$2,270.00 | **Building Fund to Date** \$11,79.01
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering \$123,134.00

Under Budget | \$218,755.90



Ownership Road calls Christian parents to the role of the chief discipler and gives them a vision for how to raise their children with the post-high school transition challenges in mind. This journey of discipleship involves leading kids down the road from Followship to Ownership: the path that all believers must tread to develop a real, authentic walk with Christ. This is your deepest desire for your children and what you will find along Ownership Road.

**Booksigning with Tommy McGregor
Sunday, May 8 • Main Sanctuary Foyer**

Ministry Announcements

Children's Ministry

Don't forget to register for the **Children's Ministry Summer Events** (IncrediKids, VBS, Kids Kamp and much more) online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration.

Student Ministry

Students, don't forget to sign up for our **Outdoor Adventure** on **Friday, June 3 and Saturday, June 4** at www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration.

College Ministry

Join us each Tuesday at 6:00 PM for our **College Summer Fellowship!** We will kick off the summer on **Tuesday, May 17** at Bama Lanes. Cost is \$9 and covers three games, shoes and food. For more information, contact Justin Law at 320.5634 or jlaw@montgomeryfbc.org.

Senior Adult Ministry

Senior Adult Day is Sunday, May 15. Our JOY Singers will be singing in the morning services and all senior adults will be recognized. Plan to attend and support our seniors. During the evening service our JOY Singers will lead us in a special musical presentation called "Windows on the Word." The service will be held in Stakely Sanctuary and feature the story of the stained glass windows of Stakely Sanctuary.

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.

The **Amy Cooper Women on Mission** will meet on **Monday, May 9** from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM in the Huff Building Fellowship Hall. All are welcome! Lisa Rose, Church and Community Ministries Director for Montgomery Baptist Association, will be the guest speaker. Bring a sack lunch and a friend for a time of fellowship and inspiration! Call Karen Quimby at 281.6955, for more information.

The **Jackie Swan Bible Study Group** will meet on **Thursday, May 12** in room 413. Sewing the day gowns for Baptist Hospital preemies will be from 10:00 to



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, May 11

No reservations required!

Adult & Children's Meal: Poppy Seed Chicken, Green Beans, Roll, Salad, Dessert

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

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

11:30 AM. At noon the group will go to the AUM Baptist Student Center for lunch to hear students who will be serving as summer missionaries. To make reservations for lunch call 262.0658. For more information, contact Sara Jane Lyon at 277.7240 or Beppy Tiller at 263.9491.

Join us for a **GIC Kickoff Party** on **Sunday, May 22** at 4:00 PM in room 347. The GIC is a triannual event at FBC that involves missionaries from around the world. Come to the kickoff to find out how you can be involved in this exciting event. For more information, contact Viki Brant at 467.4449.

The following supplies are needed for the upcoming Cuba Mission

Project: shaving cream, deodorant for men and women, soaps, razors for men and women, small travel-sized toiletries, new makeup and unused samples, perfume samples, over-the-counter medications, crayons, pens, and pencils. Please place items in the bins located at the Scott Street entrance. For more information, contact Kathy Cooper at 241.5125 or kcooper@montgomeryfbc.org.

Are you going or do you know someone going out as a **Summer Missionary**? We want to join you in prayer as you take God's Message to the nations. Please email your dates and location to Brian Gay at 241.5131 or briang@montgomeryfbc.org.

First Baptist Foundation

The First Baptist Foundation awarded \$51,300 to 62 students

for the 2016-2017 academic school year. We're investing in students who are pursuing their education in several areas of study at 26 different colleges/universities. One student who received a scholarship said: *"Thank you for blessing me tremendously with this scholarship and investing in my education. I am so thankful for a church and church family that continues to support and encourage me while I follow God's plan for my life."*

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 or visit www.childrens-hope.com.

Children's Hope is currently seeking two or three additional team members with some construction or light carpentry experience for a **June 18-25 trip to Jacmel**, Haiti. This team will be working on various construction tasks in the surgery center and elsewhere on the campus, as well as some involvement in other ministry opportunities. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Ann Amster at ann@childrens-hope.com or 202.2714.

New Members

By Baptism

Kaelyn Morgan

328 Plantation Trl | Mathews, AL 36052

By Letter

Mrs. Belinda Martin

409 Nottingham Road | Montgomery, AL 36109

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. Jason Hallford (Pam) in the death of her mother, Sue Smitherman; Ashley, Jake & Josh Hallford in the death of their grandmother Mrs. James Johnson (Mary Ann) in the death of her husband; Mr. & Mrs. Bill Goodwyn (Mary) in the death of her father; Mr. & Mrs. Will Goodwyn (Lee) in the death of his grandfather; Mr. & Mrs. John Goodwyn (Laura) in the death of his grandfather; Mr. & Mrs. Chris Barker (Lindsey) in the death of her grandfather; Mr. Noel Johnson in the death of his grandfather; Mr. & Mrs. Stuart Leach (Jill) in the death of her grandfather Mr. & Mrs. Jay Warwick (Carmen) in the death of her mother, Eloise Head; Rachel & Lindsey Warwick in the death of their grandmother Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Myer (Millie) in the death of his father, John
Dr. & Mrs. Allen Ensminger (Casey) in the death of his mother; Parker, Andrew, Abbie & Audrey Ensminger in the death of their grandmother

Baptist South

Eddie Lancaster • Frank McCollough

Baptist East

Ashley Gilbreath • Lottie Smith

Jackson

Evelyn Britton

Congratulations Extended to

Dr. & Mrs. Richard Alford (Sarah) in the birth of a great-granddaughter
Mr. & Mrs. Barrett Gilbreath (Ashley) in the birth of a daughter

Churchwide News & Events

Would you like to serve as a messenger at the **Southern Baptist Convention** on **Tuesday, June 14 and Wednesday, June 15** in St. Louis, Missouri? If so, please call Carolyn Bryan at 241.5120. We will confirm all messengers at the Wednesday evening prayer service before the convention.

faith kids gifts family work home

LEGACY

conversations

relationships | expertise | resources

Sunday, May 22
6:15 PM | Main Sanctuary

Join Barry Bledsoe and discover the power of your story of God's faithfulness and the impact it can have on future generations. For more information, contact Alissa Parrish at 241.5127 or airvin@montgomeryfbc.org.

All children, including those currently enrolled in Sunday School at First Baptist Montgomery, must register for VBS. For more information, contact the Children's Ministry Office at 241.5165.

* Child must have turned 4 by August 31, 2015 to attend VBS.



VBS :: June 20-24
9:00 AM to Noon :: FREE!
ages 4* through 6th grade

As kids are submerged in God's Word, they will discover that Jesus saw people differently. He saw people for who they were deep down, not who they appeared to be on the surface. Kids will look below the surface to find the truth about how Jesus sees them.

Sunday, May 15 & 22 :: 4:30 PM :: B112
Submerged Decorating Party

Come get a jump on getting your decorations ready for VBS. Sara Denney will show us fun, unique, and easy ways to decorate our classrooms without the stress. **Childcare provided by reservation, contact Nancie at 241.5166 or email at nmcqueen@montgomeryfbc.org.**

Volunteers are still needed in the Children's area, please contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164 or gleathers@montgomeryfbc.org to sign up.

For more information or to register, visit
www.montgomeryfbc.org/vbs

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. 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

This week at FBC Montgomery

For the complete calendar, visit www.montgomeryfbc.org.

Sunday, May 8

- Happy Mother's Day!
No PM Activities or Service
- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 10:00 Pastor's Class
- 11:00 Worship Service

Monday, May 9

- 10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal
- 11:30 Amy Cooper Women on Mission
- 5:15 Sanctuary Handbells
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 6:00 Freedom in Christ Recovery Group
- 7:00 Charlotte Cearley Women on Mission

Tuesday, May 10

- 9:30 MOPs
- 5:30 Women's Support Group
- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, May 11

- 2:15 Baldwin Bible Study
- 4:45 First Family Dinner
- 5:30 Sanctuary Orchestra
- 6:00 First Family Prayer Time
- 6:30 Student Ministry: Powerhouse
- 6:35 Sanctuary Choir
- 6:40 Finance Committee
- 6:45 Ejamat Prayer Time

Thursday, May 12

- 9:00 Conversational English Graduation
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group
- 10:30 Jackie Swan Women on Mission

Friday, May 13

- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group

Saturday, May 14

- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member :: Elizabeth Baldwin

3590 S Georgetown Dr. | Montgomery, Alabama 36109-2232

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

- Call to Worship** | Sanctuary Orchestra
- I Know Who Holds Tomorrow** | Sanctuary Choir
- Make a Way** | Wendy & Gray Brendle
- Message** | Jay Wolf

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

- Happy Mother's Day!**
No PM Activities or Service

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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