

First Baptist Church Montgomery

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



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Senior Adult Day 2016

Sunday, May 15 | 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Our JOY Singers will be singing in the morning services and all senior adults will be recognized. Join us on this special day as we honor our senior adults during the morning worship services.



The JOY Singers
present

Windows on the Word

Sunday, May 15 :: 6:15 PM
Stakely Sanctuary



CONNECTIONS

— from your Pastor's Heart

God's Call to Graduates and All Others

Several years ago I made a memorable trip over to Johnson City, Texas, to check on my father's sister and brother-in-law who were living in a nursing home. Aunt Ima was a prisoner of Alzheimers. She spoke in jumbled phrases as she nervously tugged at her dark blue, food-stained warm-ups. In the adjacent room, my Uncle John Lengefeldt spoke with piercing clarity and impressive insight. He was battling prostate cancer, fighting a dangerous infection and he had lost his mobility due to crippling arthritis. His body was shot but his spirit was bullet-proof.

As we talked, Uncle John described his puzzlement at God's apparent insistence that he and Ima remain on earth instead of crossing over to heaven. However, he calculated that as long as his body functioned he would do his best to serve the Lord. John explained, *"I have preached every Sunday in the nursing home for the last five years. I try to share about God's power to bring hope."*

Uncle John, a man who operated a gravestone business for years in South Texas further observed, *"Just this morning one of the nurses came to me for counseling. Her fiancé broke their engagement. I dried her tears with God's hope."*

Later in the conversation, Uncle John began to weep as he explained, *"Little Jay, when I was 18 years old, God clearly called me to preach His Word, but I ran from His call. Then after about twenty years, I told God I was now ready. However, God whispered in reply, 'Someone else filled your place, John. But it's okay — keep serving as best as you can.'" As he wiped more tears and removed his thick glasses he reasoned, "I missed the joy of embracing God's call and doing God's work; but I am trying to serve now and make up for some of the lost opportunity."*

From graduating seniors to senior adults, we can learn from Uncle John's regrets and example. Be sure to listen. Do not miss God's call. Please do not cheat yourself out of the joy of serving. Additionally, seek every opportunity to accomplish God's purpose as long as you possess an earthly address.

Serving the Savior TOGETHER,

FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, May 8, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5107 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1721
Weekly Attendance 2187 | **Discipleship Attendance** 486

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$125,480.77 | **Received Sunday** \$107,591.64
Required To Date \$2,348,134.62 | **Received To Date** \$2,147,489.59
Building Fund Sunday \$810.50 | **Building Fund to Date** \$12,689.51
Alabama Baptist Children's Home Offering \$1,839.10

Under Budget | \$236,645.03



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.

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.

Students, if you want to serve at VBS, please register at www.montgomeryfbc.org/vbs. If you have any questions, contact Nancie McQueen at nmcqueen@montgomeryfbc.org or Glen Leathers at gleathers@montgomeryfbc.org. You must be registered and have an assigned place to help prior to the start of VBS.

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

Special thanks to our Deacons who will be serving our **In-Home Members Lord's Supper** on **Sunday, May 22**. For more information, contact Kenny Hoomes at 241.5182.

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.

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-



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, May 18

No reservations required!

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

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

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

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.

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.

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.

New Members

By Baptism

Mr. Sonny Wills
1442 Blairwood | Montgomery, AL 36106

By Letter

Ms. Jeannie Hancock
9524 Colleton Place | Montgomery, AL 36106

Mr. Grant Sullivan
8513 Harbinger Court | 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

Family and Friends of Johnny Baker
Mr. Ben Kelley in the death of his grandson

Baptist South

Ruth Lewis

Baptist East

Kathy Smith



★ Memorial Day Fellowship

Sunday, May 29 | 5:30 PM
Fellowship Hall

Bring your favorite dish to be paired with hamburgers and hotdogs. There will also be a time of prayer, praise and a nutritious message.

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

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.

To register or order t-shirts, visit
www.montgomeryfbc.org/vbs

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, May 15

- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 10:00 Pastor's Class
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 3:00 BTW Bacculaureate
- 4:00 Nominating/Deacon Selection Committee Meeting
- 4:30 VBS Decorating Party
- 5:00 Visitation
- One Heart/One Voice Choirs
- Refugee Ministry Team Meeting
- 6:15 Windows on the Word

Monday, May 16

- 10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal
- 5:00 Macon East Graduation Rehearsal
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 6:00 Freedom in Christ Recovery Group
- 7:00 Macon East Graduation

Tuesday, May 17

- 10:00 Senior Adult Game Day
- LAMP Graduation Rehearsal
- 5:30 Women's Support Group
- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous
- 6:30 LAMP Graduation & Reception

Wednesday, May 18

- 4:45 First Family Dinner
- 5:30 Sanctuary Orchestra
- 5:45 VBS Children's Teacher Meeting
- 6:00 First Family Prayer Time
- 6:30 Student Ministry: Powerhouse
- 6:35 Sanctuary Choir
- 6:45 Ejamat Prayer Time

Thursday, May 19

- Mission Project: Lesotho
- 10:00 BTW Graduation Rehearsal
- Caregivers Support Group
- JOY Singers Rehearsal
- 6:00 BTW Graduation
- 6:30 One Voice Choir Tour Adult Leadership Meeting

Friday, May 20

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

Saturday, May 21

- Mission Project: Lesotho
- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member :: James Baldwin

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

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

Senior Adult Sunday

Swing Low | JOY Singers

I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary | JOY Singers

Message | Kenny Hoomes

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

JOY Singers present *Windows on the Word* in Stakely Sanctuary

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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