



First Baptist Church Montgomery  
**BEACON**

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

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**FREE**

sunday **OCTOBER 30** 4 to 6 pm

[www.montgomeryfbc.org/familyfest](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/familyfest)

**2016 FAMILY FEST**

First Baptist Church Montgomery

Don't Forget to Wear a  
Fun, Happy Costume!

Bags of candy are needed for Family  
Fest. Please drop off in collection  
boxes this Sunday morning.





# CONNECTIONS

from your Pastor's Heart

## Living Dangerous Love

After graduating from Seminary in May of 1981, we moved to Montgomery. Our Sunday School teachers were Dr. Bill and Lois Norman, the legendary missionaries. Bill grew up at First Baptist Montgomery and spent 30 years serving the Lord through the International Mission Board as a physician in Nigeria. The Normans' son, Ray, followed in their footsteps and became a missionary serving with *World Vision*. In September of 2001, Ray and his family lived in Mauritania, an Islamic country on the western coast of Africa. In October of 2011, Ray and his daughter Hannah made a short drive to meet some friends on the beach. But instead of spending the afternoon enjoying the water, the father and daughter found themselves attacked by a personal terrorist and each had a bullet hole pumping blood into the floorboard of their jeep.



They mended medically in Paris, but spiritually they were compelled to return to Mauritania to live the dangerous love of Christ. Ray's wife Helene and his daughter Hannah made a strange request. They wanted to meet the man who hurt them and extend the love of Christ through forgiveness. Their assailant had been captured, placed in an abysmal prison, and sentenced to die. Through God-orchestrated measures Ray, Helene and Hannah, escorted by 12 armed body guards, went to the prison to meet Mr. Ali. In a moment dripping with drama, Hannah forgave the man who tried to kill her and her mom explained the love of Christ from the book of Romans. In violation of Muslim law, Helene gave the stunned prisoner of hate and the state her Bible.

Ray summed up this entire episode in his compelling book entitled ***Dangerous Love*** by saying, "We came to Mauritania knowing that God had given us a commandment to love and we had come wanting to be vessels of that love in both word and deed." After experiencing the Holocaust, Corrie Ten Boom framed God's calling eloquently by observing, "When God tells us to love our enemies, He gives us along with the command the love itself."

Regardless of the size of your wound, God calls you to follow the example of His Son and serve as His agent of love and forgiveness. Jesus instructed, "**A new commandment I give you that you love one another even as I have loved you. By this all men will know you are My disciples if you have love for one another.**" (John 13:34-35)

In this world of darkness and hate, let's live God's light and love TOGETHER,



PS — Thank YOU from the bottom of our hearts for your expressions of affirmation linked to our 25th anniversary. Your kindness has been overwhelming, humbling, and motivating to do more for the Lord in the future. "**To God be the glory Great things HE HAS DONE!**" — Jay and Mary Ruth Wolf

**FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, October 16, 2016**

### ATTENDANCE

**Bible Fellowship Enrollment** 5129 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1685  
**Weekly Attendance** 2245 | **Discipleship Attendance** 1387

### OFFERING

**Required Weekly** \$125,480.77 | **Received Sunday** \$114,532.48  
**Required To Date** \$5,270,192.31 | **Received To Date** \$4,703,471.14  
**Building Fund Sunday** \$166.25 | **Building Fund to Date** \$23,307.63  
**Global Hunger Relief Offering** \$11,313.56

**Under Budget | \$566,721.17**



## Ministry Announcements

### Preschool Ministry

Join us for **Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)** on **Tuesday, October 25** from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. For more information, visit [www.montgomeryfbc.org/mops](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/mops).

### Children's Ministry

Kids, don't forget **Outrageous Outfits. Sunday, October 23 is Blue Jean Sunday.** For more information, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164.

### College Ministry

College students and high school seniors are invited to join us for the **2017 Passion Conference** on **Monday, January 2 through Wednesday, January 4** in Atlanta, GA. Register and pay (\$140) online at [www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration). For more information, contact Justin Law at 241.5162 or [jlaw@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:jlaw@montgomeryfbc.org).

### Adult Ministry

Ladies, join us for a new Bible study continuing this **Sunday, October 23** at 5:00 PM in room B412. We are studying ***Breathe*** by Priscilla Shirer. One of the greatest challenges among women in our culture is taking time to stop all the activities and busyness and just breathe. Cost of book is \$10. Facilitated by Kathy Cooper.

A special **stewardship lesson** will be taught in all Bible Fellowship Classes on **Sunday, October 30**. If you have not received your teaching materials, contact Chuck Ashley at 241.5161 or [cashley@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:cashley@montgomeryfbc.org).

### Senior Adult Ministry

The **In-Home Ministry Lord's Supper** will be observed during the week of October 23. If you are an In-Home member and would like for one of our deacons to serve you the Lord's Supper during this week, contact your In-Home associate or call Connie Hulsey 399.1126.



### First Family Dinner | Wednesday, October 26

*No reservations required!*

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

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

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

Join us for a **Trip to the Anderson Farm** on **Thursday, October 27** at noon. Call Mary Virginia Crum at 241.5180 to make your reservation for this free event. We will depart from the Scott Street parking lot at 11:15 AM. Plans include lunch and wonderful fellowship!

## Music Ministry

The **Alabama Baptist Children's Honor Choir** is open to all students in the fourth through sixth grades. Audition materials may be obtained on Wednesdays during choir time, or from Ed Cleveland. The **auditions** are **Sunday, October 30** from 3:00 to 4:00 PM in the Music Ministry Office.

## Missions Ministry

**Judgment House** will be ongoing select nights through **October 31**. A host of volunteers are still needed to help with prayer, counseling, and more. We also want to encourage you to invite your lost friends to attend. For more information, visit [www.judgmenthouse.org](http://www.judgmenthouse.org) or contact Brian Gay at 220.4402.

Join us on **Monday, November 7** for the **2016 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer** and **Her Way: The Unbelievable Faith and Courage of a Missions Trailblazer**. The event will take place in the fellowship hall. Coffee and fellowship at 9:30 AM; a Time of Prayer at 10:00 AM; and our guest speaker, Rosalie Hunt at 10:30 AM. The event is free, but reservations are appreciated. For more information or to RSVP, contact Barbara Barrow at 272.7767 or [bbbarrow@charter.net](mailto:bbbarrow@charter.net). This event is brought to you by First Baptist Montgomery and the WMU Foundation.

Save the Date for the **Global Impact Celebration (GIC)** on **Wednesday, February 15 through Sunday, February 19**. For more information, visit [www.gic2017.com](http://www.gic2017.com). In preparation for Global Impact Celebration (GIC 2017), we're producing **The Purpose Podcast**. In this audio podcast you will hear inspiring conversations with guests that will be coming to the GIC from the US and all around the world. Visit [www.thepurposepodcast.com](http://www.thepurposepodcast.com) to learn more or listen today.

## Children's Hope

There will be a **Foster Care Awareness Event** on **Sunday, October 23** at 4:00 PM in room 443. Has the Lord given you a heart for foster children and families? Are you interested in helping, but just don't know how? Join us to learn how you can support and encourage foster families in our area. For more information, contact Jared McCrory at [jared@childrens-hope.com](mailto:jared@childrens-hope.com).

## Churchwide News & Events

Jo Hancock will teach a new series on prayer at the Vessel Room on **Friday, October 28** from 7:00 to 9:00 PM and on **Saturday, October 29** from 9:00 AM

## New Members

### By Letter or Statement of Faith

**Mr. Steven Lee**  
8462 Eastchase Pkwy, Apt 3301 | 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 in the death of Margaret Cooley  
Ms. Sharron Chambless in the death of her grandmother  
Family and Friends in the death of Joavenell McCoy

### Baptist East

Ellen Ashmore

### Jackson

Kathleen Stitt • Calvin Williams

### HealthSouth

Bill Holliday

### Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Lamar Ashmore (Ellen) in the birth of a son; Mr. & Mrs. William Ashmore (Jennie) in the birth of a grandson; Mr. Woody Trotman in the birth of a grandson; Mr. Bubba Trotman in the birth of a great-grandson.

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## Alabama Baptist State Convention

**Tuesday, November 15 & Wednesday, November 16**  
**Eastmont Baptist Church | Montgomery**

If you would like to serve as a messenger at the Alabama Baptist State Convention, contact Carolyn Bryan at 241.5120 or [cbryan@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:cbryan@montgomeryfbc.org).





# Fall Back

for FBC Bible Fellowship

Prove the Tithe High Attendance  
Sunday, November 6 🍁 Goal: 2100

Join us on Prove the Tithe Sunday  
and help make a difference for  
His Kingdom...

- 🍃 Invite friends & neighbors to join you for worship and bible fellowship class.
- 🍊 Bring your joyful offering to the Lord and help us "prove the tithe."
- 🍁 Give your time change hour back to the Lord.

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to 12:00 PM. ***Bend Me, Oh, Lord*** will focus on Psalm 85:6, *Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?*. There is no registration fee. To register, call His Vessel Ministries at 356.4478.

God is bringing the world to us, and we need a few more **Conversation Café volunteers** as well as **Thursday evening ESL co-teachers!** If you're not sure how to teach ESL, join the 14-hour certification class. The **ESL Certification Classes** are **Friday, October 28 and Saturday, October 29** at First Baptist Church, Prattville. Cost is \$20. Contact Carolyn Bryan at [cbryan@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:cbryan@montgomeryfbc.org) for a registration form or Larry Jenkins at 356.0606 or [larry@fbcprattville.org](mailto:larry@fbcprattville.org) for more information.

Join us on **Tuesday, November 1** at 5:00 PM for the **Montgomery Baptist Association's Annual Meeting** at Thorington Road Baptist Church. Special guest will be Dr. Richard Blackaby. Dr. Blackaby will also speak at the Minister's Conference at Gateway Baptist Church on Tuesday afternoon, for all church staff and ministry leaders. For more information, contact the MBA Office at 271.6227 or email [jpalmers@mgmbaptists.org](mailto:jpalmers@mgmbaptists.org).

Travel with First Baptist Church on the **Ark Encounter Tour, May 29 through June 4, 2017**. See this full-size replica of Noah's Ark located in Williamstown, Kentucky, built according to the dimensions given in the Bible. This agenda is packed with touring/sightseeing in Chattanooga, Lexington, Kentucky, and Nashville. For more information, visit [www.montgomeryfbc.org/ark](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/ark). Registration opens on Monday, October 31, for the first 50 adult travelers responding with completed reservation form and paid \$250 non-refundable deposit per person. To obtain a registration form, visit the web page or contact Mary Virginia Crum at 241.5180 or [mvcrum@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:mvcrum@montgomeryfbc.org). For information on the tour/travel agenda, contact David Smart at 546.4211 or [smart.traveler@yahoo.com](mailto:smart.traveler@yahoo.com).

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**RIVER REGION**  
**judgment-house**

4003 Eastern Blvd \ \ Montgomery Towne Center

[www.judgmenthouse.org](http://www.judgmenthouse.org)

#### This Week's Dates:

Sunday, October 23 | 6 to 9 PM  
Wednesday, October 26 | 6 to 9 PM  
Thursday, October 27 | 6 to 9 PM  
Friday, October 28 | 6 to 9 PM  
Saturday, October 29 | 6 to 9 PM  
Sunday, October 30 | 6 to 9 PM



# WAR ROOM

PRAYER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON

11.02.16 :: MAIN SANCTUARY :: 12:10 TO 12:50 PM

# This week at FBC Montgomery

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

## Sunday, October 23

- Mission Project: Talladega
- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes  
Nearly/Newlywed Class  
New Christian Class for Children
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 4:00 Reflections Ensemble  
Foster Care Awareness Event
- 4:30 ABCs of Evangelism
- 5:00 Children's Missions  
Discipleship Classes  
One Heart/One Voice Choirs
- 6:00 Judgment House
- 6:15 Worship Service

## Monday, October 24

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal
- 5:15 Sanctuary Handbells
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study  
Deacon's Meeting
- 6:30 Freedom in Christ Recovery
- 6:35 LCT Rehearsal

## Tuesday, October 25

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 Ladies Bible Study: The Armor of God  
MOPS
- 4:30 Community Ministries Board
- 5:30 Women's Support Group
- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous

- 8:00 College Ministry: Elevate

## Wednesday, October 26

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 2:15 Baldwin Bible Study
- 4:45 First Family Dinner
- 5:30 Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal  
Tutoring
- 5:45 Preschool & Children's Choirs  
Ownership Road Discipleship Class  
Disciple-Maker Mentor Training
- 6:00 First Family Prayer Time  
Judgment House
- 6:30 Powerhouse
- 6:35 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 6:40 DivorceCare
- 6:45 Ejamat Prayer Time  
Disciple-Maker Mentor Training

## Thursday, October 27

- 9:00 Conversational English
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group
- 11:00 Senior Adults to Anderson Farm
- 6:00 English as a Second Language  
Judgment House

## Friday, October 28

- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 6:00 Judgment House

## Saturday, October 29

- 6:00 Judgment House  
Narcotics Anonymous

## In Home Ministry Member :: Mary Folds

1775 Halcyon Blvd, Room 312 | Montgomery, Alabama 36117-3487

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

- Call to Worship** | Sanctuary Orchestra
- Parent/Child Dedication** | Sanctuary Orchestra
- God Is So Good** | Sanctuary Choir
- Still** | Wendy Brendle
- Message** | Jay Wolf

## Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

- This I Believe** | Praise Team
- Only One Life** | Darlene Berry
- Message** | Russell McCrory

## 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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