

First Baptist Church Montgomery

BEACON

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

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"He who is faithful in little is also faithful in much..." – Luke 16:10

OCTOBER 30 • Stewardship Kickoff
Stewardship lesson taught in youth and adult Bible Fellowship classes.

NOVEMBER 6 • Prove the Tithe Sunday
Bring your joyful offering to the Lord.

NOVEMBER 13 • Commitment Sunday
Return pledge card and bring canned goods for Caring Center.

NOVEMBER 20 • Victory Sunday & Ministry Visitation
We celebrate the grace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

FBC GOAL: \$6,642,000

www.montgomeryfbc.org/stewardship

www.montgomeryfbc.org | Office: 334.834.6310 | Prayer Line: 334.834.4585



CONNECTIONS

from your Pastor's Heart

Becoming God's Generous Giver!

Jesus taught, **"It is more blessed to give than to receive."** (Acts 20:35) Let's amplify God's truth by using a provocative experience provided by Stephen King, the famous author who is not usually noted for sharing theological insights.

"A couple of years ago I learned what "you can't take it with you" really means. I found out while I was lying in a ditch beside a country road, covered with mud and blood and with the tibia of my right leg poking out the side of my jeans like the branch of a tree taken down in a thunderstorm. I had a MasterCard in my wallet, but when you're lying in a ditch with broken glass in your hair, no one accepts MasterCard.

We all know that life is ephemeral, but on that particular day, and the months that followed, I got a painful but extremely valuable look at life's simple backstage truths. We come in naked and broke. We may be dressed when we go out, but we're just as broke. Warren Buffet? He's going out broke. Bill Gates? He's going out broke. Tom Hanks? He's going out broke. Stephen King? Broke. Not a crying dime.

All the money you earn, all the stocks you buy, all the mutual funds you trade – it's mostly smoke and mirrors. It's still going to be a quarter past very late whether you tell the time on a Timex or a Rolex. No matter how large your bank account; no matter how many credit cards you have; sooner or later things will begin to go wrong with the three things that you have – that you really call your own: your body, your mind, and your spirit.

So, I want you to consider making your life one long gift to others. And why not? All you have is on loan anyway. All that lasts is what you pass on. World needs are not a pretty picture, but we have the power to help and the power to change. You will not take it with you, so give it away. Giving is a way to take the focus off money and refocus on the lives we lead, the families we raise and the communities that nurture us. When you lead a life of giving, it helps you remember that you will go out broke. But right now, you're doing okay. Right now, we have the power to do something great for others and for ourselves."

Thank you, Mr. King. But, more importantly, listen to the King of kings who invites you to be His generous giver in this world of selfish takers. Jesus shares the ultimate truth, **"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasure in Heaven."** (Matthew 6:19-20) Here's the stunning reality: You cannot take it with you, but through Christ-directed giving you can send it on ahead!

Become Christ-like Givers TOGETHER,

Faithful
GIVING

• 2017 FBC Stewardship Campaign •

For more information on how you can make a commitment to the budget visit www.montgomeryfbc.org/stewardship

FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, October 23, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5134 | Bible Fellowship Attendance 1651
Weekly Attendance 2186 | Discipleship Attendance 1387

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$125,480.77 | Received Sunday \$84,053.14
Required To Date \$5,395,673.08 | Received To Date \$4,787,524.28
Building Fund Sunday \$55.00 | Building Fund to Date \$23,362.63
Global Hunger Relief Offering \$12,365.56

Under Budget | \$608,148.80

FREE

sunday **OCTOBER 30** 4 to 6 pm

www.montgomeryfbc.org/familyfest

2016 FAMILY FEST

First Baptist Church Montgomery

Free Games Fun Fellowship Fantastic Prizes

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

There will be a Hot Dog Dinner complete with chips and a drink for \$3 per person.



Ministry Announcements

Preschool Ministry

Parents, don't miss **Parents Night Out** on **Friday, November 11** from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. This is your time to do your "secret" shopping, have a date night or just sit at home in peace and quiet! The event is free, but you need to register your children (8 weeks to 6th grade) by noon on Friday, November 4. For more information or to register, contact Nancie McQueen at 241.5166 or nmcqueen@montgomeryfbc.org.

Children's Ministry

Kids, don't forget **Outrageous Outfits. Sunday, October 30 is Patriotic Day.** 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. For more information, contact Justin Law at 241.5162 or jlaw@montgomeryfbc.org.

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 or contact Brian Gay at 220.4402.

Join us on **Monday, November 7** in the fellowship hall for the **2016 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer** and **Her Way: The Unbelievable Faith** and



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, November 2

No reservations required!

Adult & Children's Meal: Ham, Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Salad, Roll, Dessert

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

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

Courage of a Missions Trailblazer.

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. This event is brought to you by FBC 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. 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 to learn more or listen today.

Music Ministry

Join us for the 36th presentation of the **Living Christmas Tree** on **Friday, December 9 through Sunday, December 11**. This is a wonderful opportunity to share Christ with others in a beautiful and powerful way. After 36 years, reaching the lost is still the core purpose for this special Christmas gift to Montgomery and the surrounding area. It's not too early to invite friends, family and neighbors to join you and use this as a purposeful opportunity to share Christ. The ticket request form will be in the November 6 *Beacon*. Order tickets and get more information online at www.thelivingchristmastree.org.

Churchwide News & Events

Download the **DEVOHUB Devotional App Today!** We have purchased this great devotional tool for our entire congregation. Next time you are on campus, take the time to download to your smart phone, this new app that will deliver seven updated devotionals (including Journey, Stand Firm and Open Windows) to your phone. **Just follow these simple steps:** First, go to the Apple, Kindle Fire, or Google Play app stores search for Devohub and download the app. Next, the App will discover where you are (location services must be turned on). When prompted, select Activate (You must be on the FBC campus and

New Members

By Baptism

Miss Brittany Blair

4357 Martin Lane | Montgomery, AL 36110

Abraham Yang

1543 Wingate Park Court | Montgomery, AL 36117

By Letter or Statement of Faith

Mr. Alan Cross

Mrs. Alan Cross (Erika)

Ashtyn Cross • Caelan Cross

Kieran Cross • Peyton Cross

2741 Brevard Avenue | Montgomery, AL 36109

Mr. Bill McLendon

Mrs. Bill McLendon (Peggy)

7807 Wynlakes Blvd | Montgomery, AL 36117

Miss Tesha Vickery

125 Brantwood Drive | Montgomery, AL 36109

Ms. Jenny Waters

3516 Narrow Lane Road | Montgomery, AL 36111

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. David Stevens (Lisa) in the death of his father, Walter; Ellie & Sarah Stevens in the death of their grandfather

Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Conte (Donna) in the death of her father, James Blount; Nate, Jacob & Joseph Conte in the death of their grandfather

Mr. & Mrs. Al Wheeler (Teresa) in the death of her uncle, Malcolm Goodin

Prattville Health & Rehab

Louise Calloway

Capitol Hill Healthcare

Louise Blake

HealthSouth

Bill Holliday • Ann Webster • Kathleen Stitt

Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Brent Buchanan (Becky) in the birth of a son; Mr. & Mrs. Steve Harmon (Mary) in the birth of a grandson

Mr. & Mrs. Burke Sylvest (Pat) in the birth of a granddaughter

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.



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.

may need to have WIFI turned on to activate.) Then, you will then have full access anywhere to these devotionals which are updated each day. If you like a particular devotional, you can copy and share it with a friend by e-mail or message. For more information, contact Chuck Ashley at 241.5161 or cashley@montgomeryfbc.org. We are hopeful that by making this great tool available, we can reduce the expensive hard copies of these devotionals that we buy. But don't worry, if you still prefer the hard copy we will get it for you!

God is bringing the world to us, and we need a few more **ESL Conversation Café volunteers** (Monday through Wednesday) and **Thursday evening ESL teachers!** Contact Ruth McKinney at mckinneyfam1@yahoo.com or Carolyn Bryan at cbryan@montgomeryfbc.org.

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 jpalmer@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 and Nashville. For more information, visit www.montgomeryfbc.org/ark. Registration is open 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. For information on the tour/travel agenda, contact David Smart at 546.4211 or smart.traveler@yahoo.com.

RIVER REGION
judgment-house

4003 Eastern Blvd \ \ Montgomery Towne Center

www.judgmenthouse.org

This Week's Dates:

6 to 9 PM

Sunday, October 30

Monday, October 31



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.

Sunday, October 30

- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
Nearly/Newlywed Class
New Christian Class for Children
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 3:00 Children's Honor Choir Auditions
- 4:00 Family Fest
- 6:00 Judgment House

Monday, October 31

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 6:00 Judgment House
- 6:30 Freedom in Christ Recovery

Tuesday, November 1

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 Ladies Bible Study: The Armor of God
- 11:30 Children's Hope Prayer Time
- 12:00 Staff Appreciation Lunch
- 5:30 Women's Support Group
- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous
- 8:00 College Ministry: Elevate

Wednesday, November 2

- 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
- 6:30 Powerhouse
- 6:35 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 6:40 Church Leadership Council
DivorceCare
- 6:45 LCT Orchestra Rehearsal
Ejamat Prayer Time
Disciple-Maker Mentor Training

Thursday, November 3

- 9:00 Conversational English
- 9:30 Pursue Planning Meeting
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group
- 6:00 English as a Second Language

Friday, November 4

- RA Father/Son Campout
- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group

Saturday, November 5

- RA Father/Son Campout
- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member :: Frances Foster

1555 Taylor Road, Apt B12 | Montgomery, Alabama 36117-3421

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

- Call to Worship** | Sanctuary Orchestra
- Bow the Knee** | Sanctuary Choir
- He Leadeth Me** | Soo Seok Yang & Missy Morgan
- Message** | Jay Wolf

Evening Worship

Family Fest 2016

4:00 to 6:00 PM | Perry Street Lot

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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