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First Baptist Church Montgomery

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

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First Family Fellowship Sunday, September 4 5:30 PM :: Fellowship Hall

Bring your favorite vegetable, salad or dessert to be paired with hamburgers and hot dogs. Join us for a time of prayer, praise and a nutritious message during our annual Labor Day Fellowship.



First Baptist Church Sunday, September 11 6:15 PM :: Main Sanctuary

Bring your team and wear your jersey or favorite school colors for this special, back-to-school event featuring...

a powerful testimony by
Inky Johnson

and music by *Flatline*

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WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR STATE MISSIONS
SEPTEMBER 11-18, 2016

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CONNECTIONS

from your Pastor's Heart

The Inspiring Journey of Henry "Harmonica" Steindorff

"The joy of the Lord is your strength." Nehemiah 8:10

Henry Steindorff graduated to glory a few days ago and he will be deeply missed. I met Henry and Claire in 1981 and we instantly bonded because of his Christ-like spirit.

Henry started his earthly journey in Greenville, Alabama. He was a "straight arrow" and an Eagle Scout. At Auburn, he served as president of his fraternity, Cadet Commander of the ROTC and the Editor of the Auburn Plainsman. After assisting our nation in World War II, he went to Wisconsin to train in the world of air conditioning. He eventually landed in Montgomery and started *Air Comfort Engineers*. Henry's well-lived 92 years instruct us on Christ-following, commitment, character and contentment.



1. **Christ** was the center of his life. When Henry came to Montgomery in 1950, he reflected his commitment to Christ by connecting to the FBC Family. It pays to go to church because he met Claire Bost. They married in September of 1951 and began to raise their children in partnership with our church.
2. A Deeper **Commitment**. In 1972, a spiritual awakening swept America called *The Jesus Movement*. Henry's daughter Susan shared that the annual summer youth camp was uniquely touched by the Lord. The students came back "on fire for Christ." When the youth shared on Sunday night their desire to be fully committed to Christ's Lordship, Henry and Claire chose "to go all in," too! After that Sunday night, Henry took his walk with God to a deeper level. Henry's renewed commitment led him to serve in many capacities: leading our deacons and finance committee, teaching Sunday School and using his business to minister to countless people.
3. Henry's **character** reflected God's encouragement. He **lifted up** everyone he encountered. He used his harmonica as a tool of encouragement. From the nursery to the nursing home, "Harmonica Henry" would make people smile with his lively renditions of the old hymns and lift their spirits toward Christ.
4. **Contentment**. Henry defined kind and happy. His children called him **contagiously cheerful**. Due to a broken leg two years ago, Henry spent a month at Hillview Terrace for rehab. When I went to visit him and asked the nurse directions to his room, she said, "That's about the happiest and sweetest man I've ever met. He never stops smiling." Henry exuded the joy of the Lord in all circumstances which made him a people magnet and powerful witness.

In the last few months, God has called home some of our tallest and finest saints. **Who will step forward and fill their large shoes?** Perhaps God will call YOU like He did Henry in 1972 to "go all in for Jesus" as YOU serve His purpose with commitment, consistency, and joy.

You are loved and appreciated,

FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, August 28, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5118 | Bible Fellowship Attendance 1837
Weekly Attendance 2347 | Discipleship Attendance 1144

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$125,480.77 | Received Sunday \$68,169.27
Required To Date \$4,391,826.92 | Received To Date \$3,920,503.84
Building Fund Sunday \$243.00 | Building Fund to Date \$19,694.26

Under Budget | \$471,323.08



Ministry Announcements

Children's Ministry

All first graders and their families are invited to join us for **The Big Church Tour** on **Sunday, September 11** at 12:15 PM in the fellowship hall. During this time you will be given information about our Children's Ministry, meet with Jay, and get a tour of the church. Please RSVP for lunch and the tour online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration or by contacting Tiffany Alewine at 241.5165 by Wednesday, September 7. Childcare will be provided for younger siblings during the tour. You also don't want to miss the evening service on **Sunday, September 18** as we present all of our **first graders with Bibles**.

College Ministry

College Students...Join us for **ELEVATE** on **Tuesday, September 6** at 8:00 PM in the youth center with free dinner served from 7:15 to 7:45 PM. For more information, contact Justin Law at 241.5162 or jlaw@montgomeryfbc.org.

CONNECTIONS is a ministry that connects Montgomery college students to families in our church to BRING, BUILD, and SEND! Throughout the school year you will "adopt" a college student which consists of having them over for a monthly meal or taking them out to eat, praying for them, and being a home away from home. If you are interested or have questions, contact Justin Law at jlaw@montgomeryfbc.org.

Adult Ministry

Join Jay for a new round of his **Pastor's Class** beginning **Sunday, September 4** at 10:00 AM in the main sanctuary. The 13-week class, open to everyone, will be an overview of the Bible.

Senior Adult Ministry

The **JOY Singers** will resume rehearsals on **Monday, September 12** at 10:00 AM in the Stakely Choir Suite. Everyone is welcome! For more information, contact Kenny Hoomes at 241.5182 or khoomes@montgomeryfbc.org.

Join us for a **Senior Adult Day Trip to Alabama Nature Center** in Millbrook on **Thursday, September 29** from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Space is limited. Call Mary Virginia at 241.5180. The cost is \$10 and includes a Chick-fil-A lunch and transportation. Deadline to sign up is Monday, September 19.

Music Ministry

Our Sanctuary Choir will soon begin preparations for the **2016 Living Christmas Tree!** Now is the time to join and be part of this wonderful experience. The choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 6:35 PM. There is no audition and very few commitments outside our Wednesday rehearsals. Our **LCT Kickoff** on **Wednesday**,



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, September 7

No reservations required!

Adult & Children's Meal: Chicken Fingers, Vegetable, Roll, Salad, Dessert

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

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

September 7 at 6:35 PM in the Roper Choir Suite, located just behind the fellowship hall. For more information, contact Donna Haney at 241.5150 or dhaney@montgomeryfbc.org.

Missions Ministry

The Jackie Swan Bible Study Group will meet on **Thursday, September 8** in room 413. Sewing the day gowns for stillborns at Baptist Hospital begins at 10:30 AM with lunch at noon (bring a sandwich lunch), and the Bible study begins at 12:30 PM. We will be studying Priscilla Shirer's *One in a Million: Journey to Your Promised Land*. For more information, contact Sara Jane Lyon at 277.7240 or Beppy Tiller at 263.9491.

Bible Fellowship Coordinators Needed for GIC! Each Bible Fellowship class is asked to designate one person to attend an informational meeting about how they can help support the GIC on February 15-19. The meeting will be **Sunday, September 11** at 10:00 AM in Stakely Sanctuary. Email Brian Gay at briang@montgomeryfbc.org with that designated person's name and contact information.

The **Amy Cooper WOM Group** will meet on **Monday, September 12** at 11:30 AM in the Huff Building Fellowship Hall. Mike Jackson will share with us about the many ministries of the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions that are supported through the new Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering. Bring a sack lunch and join us for a time of fellowship and inspiration. Call Karen Quimby at 281.6955 for more information.

The **Charlotte Cearley WOM Group** will meet on **Monday, September 12** at 6:30 PM for Salad Supper and meeting at Home of Kathy Hall (3668 Wiley Road). We will learn more about the Myers-Mallory Mission Offering and sign up for mission opportunities. Contact Kathy Hall at 271.1286 or Kathy Smith at 467.9178 if you are interested in attending.

On **Tuesday, September 13** from 10:00 to 11:00 AM at Dalraida Baptist Church, we will celebrate **Two Spiritual Giants: Dr. Martha Myers and Kathleen Mallory**. Come sit where Dr. Myers worshipped as a young girl, hear testimonies from friends who knew her well, and participate in a season of prayer by associational, national and international missionaries. This event is in conjunction with the Week of Prayer for the **2016 Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering**. For more information on this event, contact Jane Burdeshaw at 271.6609.

The **River Region Judgment House** preparations are underway. Workdays are on Sundays at 2:00 PM. Drama Rehearsals will be on Mondays and Thursdays in October. For more information, contact John Smith at 546.8088 or Brian Gay at 220.4402.

Save the Date for the **Global Impact Celebration (GIC)** on **Wednesday, February 15 through Sunday, February 19**. For more information, visit www.gic2017.com.

New Members

By Baptism

Miss Summer Smith
302 Connect Street | Greenville, AL 36037

By Letter

Mr. Ron Davenport
8363 Chadburn Crossing | Montgomery, AL 36116

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. William Filmore (Liz) in the death of his grandfather
Mr. & Mrs. Scott Killman (Molly) in the death of her sister

Baptist South

Sharon Self

Baptist East

Jodi Mason

Jackson

Betty Anderson • Gary Phillips

HealthSouth

Hal Choyce

Hillview Terrace

Donald Thompson

Prattville Health & Rehab

Helen Spencer • Leon Spencer

Children's Hospital (Birmingham)

Camp Hughes • Charlie Tidwell

UAB Medical Center

Susan Deloney

Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Chris Pierce (Leah) in the birth of a daughter
Dr. & Mrs. Cecil Prescott (Nell) in the birth of a great-granddaughter
Ms. Nancy Perkins in the birth of grandson

Fall 2016 FBC Discipleship Classes

For a complete list with descriptions, visit www.montgomeryfbc.org.

Ladies Bible Study: The Armor of God (Priscilla Shirer)

Tuesdays, September 13 – November 15 | 9:30 AM | Bell Chapel

Disciple-Maker Mentor Training

Sundays, September 11 – December 4 | 5:00 PM | B401

Intentional Parenting

Sundays, September 18 – November 6 | 5:00 PM | Bell Chapel



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. (Also available on iTunes by searching "The Purpose Podcast")

For more information on **FBC Disaster Relief Opportunities in Louisiana**, visit www.montgomeryfbc.org/disaster-relief.

First Baptist Foundation

Save the Date! Our partner from PhilanthroCorp, **Dave Keesling**, will be here **Monday, September 12** for a breakfast and lunch hosted by Jay. Dave will be sharing a conversation about living beyond your legacy. If you'd like to share a meal with Jay and Dave, contact Alissa Parrish at 241.5127 for more information.

Children's Hope

Become a part of the new **Hope Through Education** student sponsorship initiative. For \$25/month, you can cover the education costs of one of the 930 students in Children's Hope schools in Haiti. This includes teacher salaries, teacher training, uniforms, books, supplies, lunch, and more. Visit childrens-hope.com/givehope to learn more and become a partner, or contact Jared McCrory at jared@childrens-hope.com for more info.

Community Ministries

The Caring Center is in desperate need of paper grocery bags. Please drop them off at the Caring Center or the receptionist desk at Scott Street. For more information, contact Judy Nuss at 241.5144.

The **Nehemiah Center needs football equipment** for their upcoming season including cleats, helmets, socks, pads, and pants for boys ages 9 to 12. For more information, contact Rhonda Thompson at 263.6663 or Bud Burt at 430.8463.



FBC Offering Envelopes are sent quarterly. The fourth quarter will be delivered in September. 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.

Sunday, September 4

8:30 Worship Service
9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
11:00 Worship Service
5:30 First Family Fellowship & Worship Service

Monday, September 5

Labor Day :: FBC Offices Closed
6:30 Freedom in Christ Recovery

Tuesday, September 6

9:00 ESL Registration
11:30 Children's Hope Prayer Time
5:30 Women's Support Group
4:00 GIC Executive Team Meeting
6:00 Finding Peace with Food
Narcotics Anonymous
8:00 College Ministry: Elevate

Wednesday, September 7

9:00 ESL Registration
12:10 War Room Prayer Time
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
6:00 First Family Prayer Time
6:30 Student Ministry: Powerhouse
6:35 LCT Kickoff Rehearsal & Fellowship
6:40 Church Leadership Council
DivorceCare
6:45 Ejamat Prayer Time

Thursday, September 8

9:00 Conversational English Volunteer Meeting
10:00 Caregivers Support Group
10:30 Jackie Swan Bible Study
6:00 ESL Registration

Friday, September 9

6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group

Saturday, September 10

6:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member :: Mary Speed

7295 Copperfield Drive, Room 13 | Montgomery, Alabama 36117-7106

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

All the Glory Belongs to Jesus | Sanctuary Choir

All the Way My Savior Leads Me | Melanie Hudson

Message | Jay Wolf

Evening Worship (5:30 PM)

First Family Fellowship & Worship 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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