

BEACON

First Baptist Church Montgomery

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



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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*

www.montgomeryfbc.org/teamnight

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

Your gifts help support:

- ALABAMA WMU
- DISASTER RELIEF
- CHURCH PLANTING
- CHURCH REVITALIZATION
- GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP MISSIONS

Myers-Mallory.org

FBC Goal: \$20,000

M.I.C. (Membership Information Class)
Sunday, September 18 | 12:15 PM | Fellowship Hall

Thinking of joining First Baptist? The Membership Information Class explains what is involved in becoming effective members of FBC. The class is led by our pastor, Jay, and is an excellent opportunity to ask questions and make new friends. Be our guest for lunch and discover how to become a part of the First Family. For more information or to register, call Will Spivey at 320.0332 or Pat Thurman at 241.5130.

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CONNECTIONS

from your Pastor's Heart

Mentoring for Christ Makes an Earthly and Eternal Difference

First Baptist Church has offered a tutoring program for underprivileged children for 28 years. Many Christ-honoring stories have arisen from these years of mentoring. One of my favorite stories is the remarkable experience of Matt Black and Marcus Ashley. In 1995, Matt and Rita Black moved to Montgomery to attend school at Maxwell Air Force Base for one year. They quickly joined FBC in August and plugged-in. Matt heard Jane Ferguson's appeal for mentors and felt God nudge him to serve in the tutoring ministry. Jane paired Marcus, the shy second grader, with Matt, the vivacious Air Force Pilot. **Matt intended to tutor Marcus for a year, but instead he became a son for life and a brother for eternity.**

Each Wednesday, they would spend an hour together doing homework and learning a Jesus story. Marcus improved his reading and math skills, but the ultimate victory was won when Matt shared the Gospel with his young friend. Marcus opened his heart to the Lord Jesus. The next Sunday, Matt and I baptized Marcus as his mom, sister, and brother cheered from the front pew.

One day Matt wanted to visit Marcus at his school. He traveled over to Flowers Elementary and after lunch, Marcus asked Matt to see his class and meet his teacher. Matt said, "My chief memory was my little buddy holding on to my hand the entire visit."

Serving our country has taken Matt and Rita to many other assignments. But they have continually stayed in touch with Marcus. Marcus has visited their home everywhere they have lived and gone with them on many vacations. God wove Marcus into Matt and Rita's family because Matt listened to the Lord's voice and embraced the opportunity to tutor a young man. Now Marcus has grown up and he serves in the US Military. He is married to a wonderful young lady and God has blessed them with a son.

You have the capacity to make an earthly and eternal difference in the life of someone God calls you to mentor. Consider joining our tutoring team. Teach a Sunday School class. Connect to a new believer and become a Disciple-Maker. Follow the pattern established by Paul who tutored Timothy and led his young friend to become a world changer for Christ. Remember, God wants to use our earthly relationships to make a massive eternal difference!

Making Disciples TOGETHER,



FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, September 4, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5128 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1234
Weekly Attendance 1759 | **Discipleship Attendance** 615

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$125,480.77 | **Received Sunday** \$102,803.25
Required To Date \$4,517,307.69 | **Received To Date** \$4,023,307.09
Building Fund Sunday \$1,278.50 | **Building Fund to Date** \$20,972.76
Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering \$2,400.00

Under Budget | \$494,000.60



Ministry Announcements

Preschool Ministry

Join us for **Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)** on **Tuesday, September 13** from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. For more information, visit www.montgomeryfbc.org/mops.

There will be a **Parent/Child Dedication** on **Sunday, October 23** in the 8:30 & 11:00 AM worship services. To register for this special dedication, visit www.montgomeryfbc.org/dedications or call Tiffany Alewine at 241.5165. If you would like your baby's photo to be included in the Order of Worship that day, email a high resolution photo of your baby to asmith@montgomeryfbc.org by Sunday, October 9.

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**.

Student Ministry

Parents...join us for **Intentional Parenting with Doug Fields** on **Sundays, September 18 through November 6** at 5:00 PM in Bell Chapel. Raising kids is a difficult challenge and it requires a plan—without a plan, parents often default to what we call "Quick-Fix Parenting." Unfortunately, quick and easy isn't the same as good and effective. To be an exceptional parent, you need to be an intentional parent. This study provides you with ten actions that will impact the future of your children. As you implement these ideas into your parenting, you will see immediate results in your child, no matter their age. For more information, contact Russell McCrory at 241.5163 or rmccrory@montgomeryfbc.org or Spencer Jones at 241.5187 or sjones@montgomeryfbc.org.

Nationally renowned, author and speaker **Annie Downs** will be at Powerhouse on **Wednesday, September 21** in Stakely Sanctuary from 6:30 to 7:45 PM. This will be amazing for our students, but we also invite our youth parents to join us for this time of Worship and God's Word.



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, September 14

No reservations required!

Adult & Children's Meal: Meat Loaf, Green Beans, Roll, Salad, Dessert

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

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

College Ministry

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. For more information, contact Justin Law at jlw@montgomeryfbc.org.

Adult Ministry

Join Jay as he continues a new round of his **Pastor's Class** on **Sunday, September 11** at 10:00 AM in the main sanctuary. The 13-week class, open to everyone, will be an overview of the Bible.

Come be part of the **Disciple-Maker Mentor Training** on **Sundays, September 11 through December 4** at 5:00 PM in room B401. This study is for those who want to be mentors to new believers and new members to disciple them as they develop spiritual disciplines, become engaged with other believers, and establish accountability to someone within the body of Christ. This program will walk individuals through the discipleship process and prepare them to be paired with a new believer or new member. To sign up, contact Ken Webb at kewebbsr@gmail.com or 462.5800.

John and Jeanette Bush will host a Disciple-Maker Mentor Training at their home on **Thursdays, beginning September 15** at 6:30 PM. This is in addition to the training listed above. For more information, contact John Bush at 201.9493.

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.

New Members

By Baptism

Mr. Kwame Leroy Sullivan
1670 Oak Street | Montgomery, AL 36108

By Letter

Mr. Clint Stephens
Mrs. Clint Stephens (Faye)
184 Wrightsburg Court | Wetumpka, AL 36093

Mr. Johnnie F. Wood
3015 LaRhoda Street | Montgomery, AL 36110

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 Henry Thompson Rev. & Mrs. Ed Cleveland (Sharon) in the death of her grandmother, Bobbie Sue Pate Mr. & Mrs. Brien Cornett (Christy) in the death of her father; Madison & Hudson Cornett in the death of their grandfather Mr. & Mrs. Jim Bagley (Sara Jo) in the death of her nephew Mrs. Thomas Hancock (Mary Lee) in the death of her husband

Baptist South

Lewis Underwood

Baptist East

Bette Hayes

Jackson

Betty Anderson • Lore Poundstone
Tom McGregor

Hillview Terrace

Donald Thompson

East Alabama Medical Center

Pete Motisi

Congratulations Extended to

Dr. & Mrs. Joe Curtis (Laura) in the birth of a grandson
Ms. Sheila Munday in the birth of a grandson
Mr. & Mrs. Tyler Mason (Jodi) in the birth of a son

Ministerial Staff Birthdays

Jay Wolf (September 11)



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.

Music Ministry

Our Sanctuary Choir is just beginning preparations for the **2016 Living Christmas Tree!** Now is the time to join and be part of this wonderful experience. Join us this **Wednesday, September 14** 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

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 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. 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.

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. 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.

This week at FBC Montgomery

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

Sunday, September 11

- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 10:00 GIC Bible Fellowship Coordinator's Meeting
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 12:15 Children's Ministry: Big Church Tour
- 4:30 ABCs of Evangelism
Personal Discipleship
- 5:00 Children's Missions
Discipleship Classes
One Heart/One Voice Choirs
Prayer Time for South Asia
- 6:15 Team Night featuring Inky Johnson

Monday, September 12

- 6:45 Breakfast with Dave Keesling
- 7:30 R.O.M.E.O.
- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 11:30 Amy Cooper WOM Group
- 12:00 Lunch with Dave Keesling
- 5:15 Sanctuary Handbells
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 Freedom in Christ Recovery
Charlotte Cearley WOM Group

Tuesday, September 13

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 MOPS
Ladies Bible Study: The Armor of God
- 5:30 Women's Support Group
- 6:00 Finding Peace with Food

- Narcotics Anonymous
- 7:00 Helen Hancock WOM Group
- 8:00 College Ministry: Elevate

Wednesday, September 14

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 Sarah McCrory WOM Group
- 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
Children's Ministry Leadership Council
- 6:00 First Family Prayer Time
- 6:30 Student Ministry: Powerhouse
- 6:35 LCT Kickoff Rehearsal & Fellowship
- 6:40 Finance Committee
DivorceCare
- 6:45 Ejamat Prayer Time

Thursday, September 15

- 8:30 Conversational English Registration
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group
- 6:00 ESL Registration

Friday, September 16

- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 3:00 Supper for Lanier Football Team

Saturday, September 17

- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member :: Betty Anderson

PO Box 241227 | Montgomery, Alabama 36124-1227

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

- By Faith** | Sanctuary Orchestra
- Recognize & Honoring First Responders**
- Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering Emphasis**
- Midnight Cry** | Sanctuary Choir
- The Promise** | Michele Lott
- Message** | Jay Wolf

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

Team Night

CrossRoads Broadcast Schedule

Watch the sermon at the time below or online at 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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