

First Baptist Church Montgomery

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

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I AM
SERMONS FROM JOHN'S GOSPEL

JOHN 14:6
**I AM THE WAY,
THE TRUTH,
AND THE LIFE**

SUNDAY, APRIL 2 \\
6:15 PM \\
SPENCER JONES
MAIN SANCTUARY

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

SPRING

celebration
and Easter Egg Hunt



CONNECTIONS

— *from your Pastor's Heart*

The Universal Language of Love

A senseless tragedy occurred in Montgomery on the evening of March 23rd. Thirteen-year-old Maribel Barrera was watching television with her two younger siblings when gunfire erupted in her Chisholm neighborhood. A stray bullet from an AK-47 penetrated three walls and fatally wounded this precious young girl. Our church family has been connected to the Barrera family through our **Nehemiah Project** ministry in Chisholm. The police invited our Nehemiah Project Minister, **Rhonda Thompson**, to come and comfort Maribel's family. The Barreras are from Mexico and speak a tribal language called Mixteco. Rhonda and other Christian friends transcended the language barrier as they tenderly ministered to this broken-hearted family. Rhonda's Mom, the extraordinary **Jane Ferguson**, went to the Caring Center and teamed up with **Ben Hulsey** and **Tim Cearley** to provide a lot of food for this wounded family. Jane delivered this edible expression of compassion to their home on East Park Avenue.



Maribel Barrera

Jane found Maribel's mom engulfed in grief and crying inconsolably. Tears are a universal language, and so is love.

Jane sat next to Mrs. Barrera, and that broken-hearted woman buried her tear-stained face in Jane's shoulder. Later in the morning, **Lisa Rose**, a wonderful ministry partner with our Montgomery Baptist Association, came by to assist. Lisa told me that she saw Jane sitting on the sofa next to Mrs. Barrera and this exhausted mother had fallen asleep in Jane's embrace of grace. Lisa said, "*Jay, I believe that's one of the most beautiful pictures of Christ-like compassion that I have ever witnessed.*"

We live in a fallen world overrunning with too much hurt and hate. Jesus invites us to follow Him, and like the Good Samaritan, share compassionate care with the wounded people all around us. **Indeed, the love of Christ is a universal language and we need to speak it fluently.**

Seeking to be the Hands and
Voice of Jesus TOGETHER,

FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, March 26, 2017

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5161 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1633
Weekly Attendance 2228 | **Discipleship Attendance** 468

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$127,730.77 | **Received Sunday** \$99,659.09
Required To Date \$1,660,500.00 | **Received To Date** \$1,413,394.63
Building Fund Sunday \$488.00 | **Building Fund to Date** \$4,712.50
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® \$94,339.00

Under Budget | \$247,105.37



Ministry Announcements

Preschool Ministry

Our Spring Celebration is **Saturday, April 8** from 10:00 AM to Noon in the Perry Street lot. For more information, visit www.montgomeryfbc.org/egg-hunt or contact Nancie McQueen at 241.5166 or nmcqueen@montgomeryfbc.org.

Children’s Ministry

Mark your calendars for **Children’s Sunday** on **April 23**. Our special guest for the evening service is **Kidz Blitz**. Summer information will also be available. For more information, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164 or gleanthers@montgomeryfbc.org.

Student Ministry

Graduate Recognition is **Sunday, May 7**. The deadline for submitting photos is Friday, April 14. Register online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration. If you have any questions, contact Russell McCrory at 241.5163.

Save the Date for these upcoming events: Missions Montgomery (May 31-June 2); Outdoor Adventure (June 28-29); Crossover Swim Party (July 9); Youth Camp (July 17-21); Crossover Lake Retreat (July 28); and the Senior Lake Retreat (August 4-5). Register and pay online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration.

Senior Ministry

The Senior Adult Council Retreat will be **Monday, April 10** from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM in room 347. Council members, call Mary Virginia at 241.5180 to make your lunch reservations. You are allowed to invite one guest for lunch, but we must have your reservation.

Deacon Nominations Due By Sunday, April 30!

Forms are available in the main sanctuary foyers or online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration.



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, April 5

No reservations required!

Adult & Children’s Meal: Baked Chicken, Rice, Roll, Salad, Dessert

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

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

There will be an **In-Home Ministry Meeting** on **Tuesday, April 11** at 6:00 PM in room 347. All In-Home associates are invited.

The Senior Adult VBS will be held on **Monday, April 24 through Wednesday, April 26** from 10:00 AM to noon in room 413. Facilitated by Kenny Hoomes.

Missions Ministry

There will be an **Interest Meeting for the Third Culture Kids Education Camp in Thailand** on **Sunday, April 2** at 7:30 PM in room 347. Volunteers are needed for this mission project on September 22 through 29, 2017. For more information, contact Brian Gay at briang@montgomeryfbc.org or 220.4402 or John Halbrooks at halbrooks@gmail.com or 531.5774.

YOU are invited to join us for the **Amy Cooper Women on Mission** lunch meeting on **Monday, April 10**, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM, in the Huff Building Fellowship Hall. Hallay Cagle will share from her heart her incredible personal journey and ministry to the Mixtec People in Montgomery. Bring a sack lunch, a guest, and join us for a time of fellowship, inspiration, and missions mobilization! Call Karen Quimby at 281.6955 for more information.

The Jackie Swan Bible Study Group will meet on **Thursday, April 13** 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.

Music Ministry

The FBC Youth Choirs are busy preparing for exciting mission opportunities this summer. **One Heart Choir** (grades 7-8) will travel to **Atlanta, Georgia** on **June 12-16** and **One Voice Choir** (grades 9-12) will travel to **St. Louis, Missouri** on **June 10-18** for a week of music and missions. Both choirs rehearse on Sundays at 5:00 PM. Don't miss this opportunity! Register online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration.

New Members

By Baptism

Ms. Rachel Jarrett
7 Clayton Street, Apt 4M | Montgomery, AL 36104

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. Robert McKay (Elaine) in the death of her father, James Willis; Mr. & Mrs. Kent Brendle (Wendy) in the death of her grandfather
Mr. & Mrs. Benjy Harris (Janet) in the death of his father; Walker & Worth Harris in the death of their grandfather
Dr. & Mrs. Jody McClinton (Donna) in the death of their son-in-law
Mr. & Mrs. Keith Till (Lisa) in the death of her father

Baptist East

John Knighton

Jackson

Ann Hall • Brenda Kitchens • Dot Robinson

Children's Hospital

Ainsley Lipscomb

Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Chris Mills (Brooke) in the birth of a son
Dr. & Mrs. Rick Lance (Pam) in the birth of a grandson



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR North American Missions

March 5-12, 2017 | Goal: \$70 Million
FBC GOAL: \$115,000



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EASTER OFFERING™



Dear First Baptist Family,

Adele and I have been blessed to serve here at First Baptist Montgomery over the past two years. We want to thank you for pouring into our lives and showing us what a loving Christ-centered church should look like. God has used you, Pastor Jay, and our great staff to enrich our marriage and develop leadership skills that will go with us throughout our lives.

We have accepted a position at Houston's First Baptist Church as the Senior High Youth Pastor. We are sad to leave such a wonderful place with so many sweet friends. We are beyond thankful for our time in Montgomery and will forever cherish the memories and time spent here.

Thank you for your love and support,
Spencer & Adele Jones



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.

First Baptist Foundation

You're invited to join Jay Wolf and Barry Bledsoe for a **Legacy Conversations Luncheon** on **Monday, April 24** from 12:00 to 1:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Come have lunch with the pastor and hear about legacy opportunities at FBC! Contact Alissa Parrish for more information at airvin@montgomeryfbc.org or 241.5127.

Churchwide News & Events

Sunday, April 9 is our annual **Bible Fellowship Class High Attendance Day**. This year's theme is "Easter Prelude" and our goal is to have 2,200 in Bible Fellowship Class attendance on Palm Sunday. We need your help! Begin now to pray for a great harvest and good weather. Invite prospects, friends and neighbors to come with you. For more information, contact Chuck Ashley at 241.5161 or cashley@montgomeryfbc.org or your Bible Fellowship directors and teachers.

Join us for the **Bible Reading Marathon** on **Thursday, May 4 through Sunday, May 7** on the steps of the State Capitol. Sign up for a reading slot at www.hisvessel.org.

Save the date for the **Missions Auction** for Single Adult Mission Scholarships on **Friday, May 5** at 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall. If you would like to donate sweets, services or other items to the auction, contact Kathy Cooper at 241.5125 or kcooper@montgomeryfbc.org.

This week at FBC Montgomery

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

Sunday, April 2

- Mission Project: Denham Springs
8:30 Worship Service
9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
New Christian Class for Children
11:00 Worship Service
4:00 Reflections Ensemble
Missions Committee Meeting
Ordination Council for Spencer Jones
4:30 Financial Peace University
5:00 Visitation
Discipleship Classes
Children's Missions
One Heart/One Voice Choirs
Ordination Service for Spencer Jones
6:00 Children's Ministry: Bible Drill
6:15 Worship Service

Monday, April 3

- 7:30 R.O.M.E.O.
8:30 English as a Second Language
10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal
5:15 Sanctuary Handbells
5:30 Men's Bible Study
6:30 Freedom in Christ Recovery Group

Tuesday, April 4

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
9:30 Ladies Bible Study
5:30 Women with Emotional Pain

- 6:30 Upstream Support Group
7:00 Narcotics Anonymous
8:00 College Ministry: Elevate

Wednesday, April 5

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
12:10 War Room Prayer Emphasis
2:15 Baldwin Bible Study
4:45 First Family Dinner
5:00 Children's Ministry: Church Bible Drill
5:30 Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal
Tutoring
Disciple-Maker Mentor Training
Preschool & Children's Choirs
The Strong-Willed Child
6:00 First Family Prayer Time
6:30 Student Ministry: Powerhouse
6:35 Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal
6:45 Ejamat Prayer Time

Thursday, April 6

- 9:00 Conversational English
10:00 Caregivers Support Group
6:00 English as a Second Language

Friday, April 7

- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group

Saturday, April 8

- 10:00 Spring Celebration
7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member :: Mary Folds

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

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

Before the Throne of God Above | Sanctuary Handbells

There is a Redeemer | Sanctuary Choir

Redeemed | Bonnie Trulove

Message | Jay Wolf

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

The Great I Am | One Heart & One Voice Choirs

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing | Praise Team

Message | Spencer Jones

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, 8:00 PM; Thursday, 1:30 PM & 6:00 PM

WSFA-TV Channel 12 | Sunday, 10:30 AM

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