

First Baptist Church Montgomery

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



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Holy Week Opportunities

Sunday, April 9

8:30 & 11:00 AM
PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 AM
BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CLASSES

5:00 PM
DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES,
VISITATION, CHILDREN'S
MISSIONS & YOUTH CHOIRS

6:15 PM
EVENING WORSHIP

Wednesday, April 12

5:00 PM
FIRST FAMILY DINNER

5:45 PM
NO CHILDREN'S CHOIRS,
DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES OR
OTHER ACTIVITIES

6:15 PM
EASTER COMMUNION WORSHIP

Friday, April 14

12:00 PM
GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

Sunday, April 16

8:30 & 11:00 AM
EASTER WORSHIP CELEBRATION

9:45 AM
BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CLASSES

5:00 PM
NO DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES,
VISITATION, CHILDREN'S MISSIONS
OR YOUTH CHOIRS

6:15 PM
EVENING WORSHIP

"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE."

— JOHN 11:25 (NIV)



CONNECTIONS

from your Pastor's Heart

Preparing for Easter!

On three occasions, I have stood in the empty tomb of Jesus Christ.

Christ's vacant grave stands adjacent to an outcropping of rocks that resembles a skull near to the Jerusalem bus station. The tomb is open and empty. Written on the side of the ancient grave is the proclamation of the angels: "He is not here. He has risen!"

The resurrection validates all of the claims of Jesus of Nazareth. Because His tomb is empty our lives can be full of His resurrection presence, purpose and power.

Easter crowns our calendar. The validity of the resurrection split time into BC and AD. Every time you write the date, you proclaim the reality of His resurrection. Can you imagine facing the fears of death and the daily grind of life without the reassuring reality of Christ's resurrection? So let us proclaim along with the angels the ultimate good news that He has risen out of the tomb and now resides in our hearts!

Sam Shoemaker was the great preacher at Calvary Episcopal Church of New York City in the early 20th century. He was famous for his booming voice. Unfortunately, muscular atrophy diminished his mighty vocal mechanism to a whisper. On one of his last Easter Sundays on planet Earth, Sam instructed, "It is a terrible thing to wake up on Easter morning and not have a voice to shout that He is risen. However, it is even more terrible to wake up with a voice and not want to shout it."

The tomb is empty and our lives are full of His presence, promise, purpose, perspective, power and peace. Share that good news with everyone this Easter season and EVERYDAY by joining the angels in announcing, "Jesus has risen from the dead, just as He said. Come and see then go and tell!" (Matthew 28:6)



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR North American Missions

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



FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, April 2, 2017

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5161 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1900
Weekly Attendance 2495 | **Discipleship Attendance** 1114

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$127,730.77 | **Received Sunday** \$119,673.24
Required To Date \$1,788,230.77 | **Received To Date** \$1,533,067.87
Building Fund Sunday \$611.50 | **Building Fund to Date** \$5,324.00
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® \$108,245.00

Under Budget | \$255,162.90



Ministry Announcements

Preschool Ministry

Parents, don't miss **Parents Night Out** on **Friday, May 12** from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. This is your time to 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, May 5. Please register online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/parents-night-out.

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 gleathers@montgomeryfbc.org.

ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO!! Don't miss the **RA/GA Pinewood Derby** on **Sunday, April 30**. Registration begins at 3:30 PM and the race starts at 4:00 PM. Cars are available for purchase during GA's/RA's for \$12. Everyone is invited to attend! For more information, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164 or gleathers@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). For more information, visit www.fbmsm.com.

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 12

No reservations required!

Adult & Children's Meal: Pork Chops, Vegetable, Roll, Salad, Dessert

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

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

Senior Ministry

Please pray for our **Deacons and In-Home members** as they celebrate the **Lord's Supper** together on Sunday, April 9.

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.

There will be an **In-Home Ministry and Living Hope Cancer Ministry Meeting** on **Tuesday, April 11**. A light meal and fellowship begins at 6:00 PM in room 347 followed by a short general meeting and individual team meetings. For more information, contact Connie Hulseley at 399.1126 or ecphulsey@gmail.com.

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

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.

Team members are needed for the Cuba Mission Project on August 5-13. This team will travel to the Campamento Bautista (Baptist Camp) located in the beautiful Yumuri Valley. They will assist with a week-long retreat for young adults, which may include serving meals, helping with meetings, and/or coordinating recreational activities. If you are interested, contact Viki Brant at 467.4449 or vbrant@knology.net. Visa applications and deposits are due by April 30.

New Members

By Letter

Mrs. Evie Mae Johnson
4401 Narrow Lane Rd, Apt 206 | 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. Lawton Webb (Rachel) in the death of their brother-in-law

Baptist East

Jessica Smith

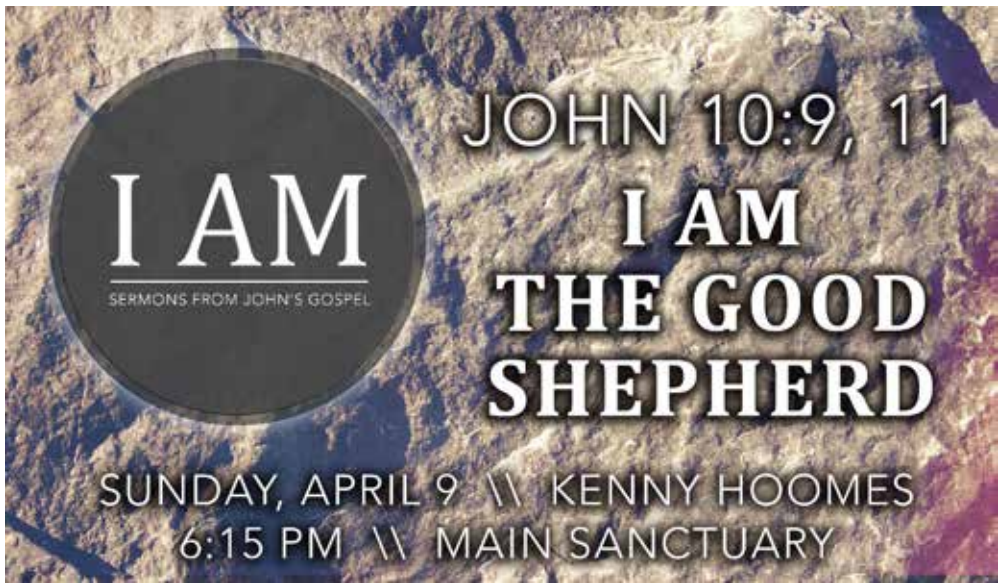
Ministerial Staff Birthdays

Kenny Hoomes (April 9)



EASTER
PRELUDE

HIGH ATTENDANCE
SUNDAY
APRIL 9
GOAL 2200



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.

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.

Children's Hope

Children's Hope is participating in a **Foster Care Awareness Walk** to promote awareness of the foster care crisis in Montgomery County due to the shortage of good foster homes and lack of community involvement. Participants are asked to bring a new or gently used suitcase to donate to foster children. The event is **Saturday, April 22** at 9:00 AM at Vaughn Road Park. There is no cost, but registration is required. You can register online or onsite. For more information and registration, visit facebook.com/ltpmontgomery.

Churchwide News & Events

For tickets to the **Montgomery Prayer Breakfast** on **Thursday, May 4** from 7:00 to 8:30 AM at the Alabama Activity Center (201 Dexter Avenue) visit www.hisvessel.org.

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 9

- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
New Christian Class for Children
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 4:00 Reflections Ensemble
- 4:30 Financial Peace University
- 5:00 Visitation
Discipleship Classes
Children's Missions
One Heart/One Voice Choirs
Prayer Time for South Asia
- 6:15 Worship Service
- 7:30 Reception for Spencer & Adele Jones

Monday, April 10

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 9:00 Senior Adult Ministry Council Retreat
- 10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal
- 11:30 Amy Cooper Women on Mission
- 5:15 Sanctuary Handbells
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 Freedom in Christ Recovery Group

Tuesday, April 11

- 8:30 English as a Second Language

- 9:30 Ladies Bible Study
MOPS
- 5:30 Women with Emotional Pain
- 6:00 In-Home Ministry Meeting
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous
- 8:00 College Ministry: Elevate

Wednesday, April 12

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 Sarah McCrory Women on Mission
- 2:15 Baldwin Bible Study
- 4:45 First Family Dinner
- 6:15 Easter Communion Worship Service
- 7:00 Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, April 13

- 9:00 Conversational English
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group
- 10:30 Jackie Swan Women on Mission
- 6:00 English as a Second Language

Friday, April 14

- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 12:00 Good Friday Worship Service

Saturday, April 15

- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member :: Frances Foster

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

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

- Here Comes the King** | Children's Choirs
- Duet** | Colin Clardy & Hannah Cherry
- Unto the Lamb** | Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra
- Yahweh** | Ichthus Ensemble
- Message** | Jay Wolf

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

- For the Glory of Your Name** | One Voice Choir
- Shepherd Monologue** | Roy Pickering
- Message** | Kenny Hoomes

CrossRoads Broadcast Schedule

Watch the sermon at the time below or online at www.montgomeryfbc.org.



Frazer Channel 13 (Montgomery & Prattville)
Briighthouse 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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