

First Baptist Church Montgomery

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

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Easter :: Sunday, April 16

- 8:30 AM** EASTER WORSHIP CELEBRATION
- 9:45 AM** BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CLASSES
- 11:00 AM** EASTER WORSHIP CELEBRATION
- 5:00 PM** **NO** DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES, VISITATION, CHILDREN'S MISSIONS OR YOUTH CHOIRS
- 6:15 PM** EVENING WORSHIP

THERE WILL BE OVERFLOW SEATING IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR THE 8:30 & 11:00 AM SERVICES. PARKING IS AVAILABLE IN THE PERRY STREET LOT AND IN THE DECK ON THE CORNER OF SCOTT & LAWRENCE STREETS.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR North American Missions

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



**ANNIE
ARMSTRONG**
EASTER OFFERING



CONNECTIONS

— from your Pastor's Heart

The Great Escape

Erik Weiss escaped the womb on March 24, 1874 and developed into an internationally famous illusionist, magician, stunt performer and escapologist known as **Harry Houdini**. He specialized in escaping from any type of confinement ranging from handcuffs and jail cells to straight-jackets binding him while he was submerged underwater. Houdini died on October 31, 1926 from a ruptured appendix. He promised his wife, Bess, that he would escape from the grip of death. He asked her to keep a candle burning in their home's front window to guide him. He did not fulfill his promise.

JESUS PROMISED IT

In contrast, Jesus of Nazareth clearly told His disciple, *"that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests and scribes; and be killed, and then be raised up on the third day."* (Matthew 16:21) Jesus not only predicted His demise, but He promised to burst the bonds of death and transform His fatality into our immortality. He made good on the guarantee!

JESUS FULFILLED IT

The angel told the startled followers of Jesus who had come to finish the burial process by anointing His corpse with spices, *"Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, JUST AS HE SAID!"* (Matthew 28:5-6)

HIS FOLLOWERS BENEFIT FOR ETERNITY AND ON EARTH FROM IT

God's Word explains, *"Knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus WILL RAISE US ALSO WITH JESUS."* (2 Corinthians 4:14) But before we arrive in heaven, the Spirit of Jesus indwells His followers to give us His peace, power, provision, perspective and the fuel of HOPE for our earthly journey. *"The mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, has now been manifested to His saints, to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery...which is Christ in you, the HOPE of Glory."* (Colossians 1:26-27)

NOW SHARE IT

The angel invited the astonished beneficiaries of Christ's resurrection to *"come and see the place where He was lying. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead!"* (Matthew 28:6-7) The angel's instructions constitute our daily assignment — COME AND SEE THEN GO AND TELL!

FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, April 9, 2017

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5165 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 2083
Weekly Attendance 2543 | **Discipleship Attendance** 484

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$127,730.77 | **Received Sunday** \$143,520.40
Required To Date \$1,915,961.54 | **Received To Date** \$1,676,588.27
Building Fund Sunday \$846.50 | **Building Fund to Date** \$6,170.50
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® \$120,655.90

Under Budget | \$239,373.27



Ministry Announcements

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. Photos are DUE NOW! 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.

Senior Ministry

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.

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 19

No reservations required!

Adult & Children's Meal: Lasagna, Roll, Salad, Dessert

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

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

Missions Ministry

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.

Music Ministry

The **Spring Preschool Choirs Program** will be **Wednesday, May 3** at 6:00 PM in Stakely Sanctuary.

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 needs volunteers at the Master's Garden to help elementary school kids learn about gardening. If you can volunteer your time for one or more days to assist these students and pick fresh strawberries, please contact Robin Caddell at rmcaddell@hotmail.com or 334.546.7902.

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

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.

New Members

By Baptism

Mr. Chris Peters
3561 Mobile Highway | Montgomery, AL 36108

Kate Sexton
1725 Radcliffe Rd | Montgomery, AL 36106

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 Nita Crawford

Ms. Janie Fitzgerald in the death of her grandmother

Mr. D. K. Grissett in the death of his aunt
Mr. & Mrs. Jay Tidwell (Michele) in the death of her mother; Joshua, Rosemary, Jacob, Ruby Jean, & Charlie in the death of their grandmother

Dr. & Mrs. Cole Smith (Jessica) in the death of her grandmother

Mrs. David Morris (Claire) in the death of her brother

Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Varner (Cathy) in the death of her father

Mr. & Mrs. Lee Ziemba (Brittney) in the death of her grandfather

Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Haney (Donna) in the death of his father; Aaron & Emily Haney in the death of their grandfather

Baptist South

Marilyn Tyus
Kim Willis

Jackson

Karen Marguriet

Congratulations Extended to

Dr. & Mrs. Cole Smith (Jessica) in the birth of a daughter

Mr. & Mrs. Jay Tidwell (Michele) in the birth of a granddaughter

Worthy of Worship

Sunday, April 30 | 6:15 PM

First Baptist Church Music
Ministry presents a worship
celebration featuring the
Sanctuary Orchestra

Parents night out

Friday, May 12

6:00 to 9:00 pm :: 8 weeks to 6th grade

rsvp online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/parents-night-out

Montgomery PRAYER BREAKFAST

THURSDAY, MAY 4

7:00 to 8:30 AM • \$20 per person

Alabama Activity Center

201 Dexter Avenue

For tickets visit www.hisvessel.org



June 19-23 \\ 9 AM to Noon
www.montgomeryfbc.org/vbs

f VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT FBC MONTGOMERY

This week at FBC Montgomery

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

Sunday, April 16

8:30 Easter Worship Service
9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
11:00 Easter Worship Service
6:15 Worship Service

Monday, April 17

10:00 JOY Singers at Wesley Gardens
5:15 Sanctuary Handbells
5:30 Men's Bible Study
6:30 Freedom in Christ Recovery Group

Tuesday, April 18

8:30 English as a Second Language
10:00 Senior Adult Game Day
5:30 Women with Emotional Pain
6:30 Upstream Support Group
7:00 Helen Hancock Women on Mission
Narcotics Anonymous
8:00 College Ministry: Elevate

Wednesday, April 19

8:30 English as a Second Language
2:15 Baldwin Bible Study
4:45 First Family Dinner
5:30 Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal

Tutoring

Disciple-Maker Mentor Training
5:45 Preschool & Children's Choirs
The Strong-Willed Child
6:00 First Family Prayer Time
6:30 Student Ministry: Powerhouse
6:35 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
6:40 Finance Committee
6:45 Ejamat Prayer Time

Thursday, April 20

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

Friday, April 21

6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
6:00 Older Children's Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, April 22

7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member :: Dot Gassett

1555 Taylor Road, Apt C6 | Montgomery, Alabama 36117-3489

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

Easter Celebration Worship featuring...
Beautiful music by our Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra,
Combined Youth Choirs, Men's Ensemble
Powerful Narration
And a powerful Easter Message by Jay Wolf!

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

Rise Again | Pat Hendrix

Message | Will Spivey

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

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

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