

# BEACON

First Baptist Church Montgomery

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

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## Kidz Blitz LIVE

*the Premier High-Octane event for kids*

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY, APRIL 23**  
6:15 PM \\ MAIN SANCTUARY \\ FREE!



## Senior Adult VBS

April 24-26 \\ 10 AM to Noon \\ 413



**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR  
North American  
Missions**

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



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# CONNECTIONS

— from your Pastor's Heart

## T.H.I.N.K. Before Your Talk

*"Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such words as are good for edification that it may give grace to those who hear."* (Ephesians 4:29)

We have all been guilty of blurting out statements that are hurtful and harmful instead of helpful and healing. On many occasions I have wished that I could have deleted the acidic comment that popped out of my mouth but it was too late because the damage was done by my verbal dart. Words are like arrows shot from a bow—once released, you cannot recall them.

God's Word provides timeless and timely advice about our verbal communication. Proverbs 18:21 reminds us that *"life and death is in the power of your words."* According to the Book of James, your speech is equivalent to fire; which means that your words can warm up a friendship with encouragement or burn up someone's reputation with gossip.

Let me share with you an acrostic that may help in preventing you from damaging others, ruining your witness and rupturing your relationships by poorly using the fire-power of your words. Before you engage your mouth, be sure you **T.H.I.N.K.**

**T** stands for **truth**. Before you criticize or pass on some juicy information, be sure that you have the facts correct. In the world of carpentry, the mantra is *"measure twice and cut once."* Be sure your information and measurement is accurate.

**H** stands for **helpful**. God's Word admonishes us to *"speak the truth in love."* (Ephesians 4:15) You can be harsh and hurtful with truth as you wield it like a damaging club. So develop positive and *helpful* communication patterns that create connecting bridges instead of destructive barriers.

**I** stands for **inspiring**. Everyone craves affirmation and encouragement. Seek to use the stewardship of your communication to lift up people and point them toward the Lord, His love and His redeeming power.

**N** stands for **necessary**. It is easy to focus on a person's shortcomings and mistakes. Sometimes we magnify another person's flaws because it makes us look better. Ask yourself if this communicated observation is *necessary* and will it bring improvement.

**K** stands for **kindness**. Kindness costs so little but the benefits can be priceless. Remove the sandpaper of sarcasm and slander from your tongue. Delete the acid and replace it with the velvet touch of humility, gentleness and *kindness*.

Remember, loose lips sink ships. Before you fire off the arrows of your next communication, take a moment to prayerfully measure your words and **T.H.I.N.K.!**

**FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, April 16, 2017**

### ATTENDANCE

**Bible Fellowship Enrollment** 5169 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 2344  
**Weekly Attendance** 2889 | **Discipleship Attendance** 485

### OFFERING

**Required Weekly** \$127,730.77 | **Received Sunday** \$106,976.05  
**Required To Date** \$2,043,692.31 | **Received To Date** \$1,783,564.32  
**Building Fund Sunday** \$280.00 | **Building Fund to Date** \$6,450.50  
**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering®** \$140,301.32

**Under Budget | \$260,127.99**

## M.I.C. (Membership Information Class)

**Sunday, April 30 | 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 Beth DeBardeleben at 241.5160.

# Ministry Announcements

## Children's Ministry

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](mailto:gleathers@montgomeryfbc.org).

All 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders are invited to attend our **IncrediKids Camp** on **Tuesday, June 6 through Thursday, June 8** from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM at Camp Chandler in Wetumpka, Alabama. The cost is \$55. You can register and pay online at [www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration). For more information, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164.

## Student Ministry

**Graduate Recognition is Sunday, May 1**. Register online at [www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration](http://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](http://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. On April 25, the senior adults will go to the Planetarium from 11:00 - 2:00 PM. Facilitated by Kenny Hoomes.

**Senior Adult Day is Sunday, May 21**. Our JOY Singers will be singing in the morning services and all senior adults will be recognized. During the evening service our JOY Singers, along with our handbell choir, will present the annual Patriotic Celebration in the main sanctuary. Plan to attend and support our seniors.

## Deacon Nominations Due By Sunday, April 30!

Forms are available in the main sanctuary foyers or online at [www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration).



### First Family Dinner | Wednesday, April 26

*No reservations required!*

**Adult & Children's Meal:** Chicken Fingers, Fries, 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. If you are interested, contact Viki Brant at 467.4449 or vbrant@knology.net. Visa applications and deposits are due by April 30.

**Team members are needed for the Guatemala Well Drilling Project on August 5-12.** This team will assist in drilling water wells in a small village without access to clean water. The team will also teach classes in health and hygiene to the children and the women in the village, show the Jesus film, distribute Bibles, and present the gospel through salvation tracts and other means. For more information contact Steven Faulkner at 491.0727 or sfaulknr@mwwssb.com.

## 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](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration).

## Community Ministries

We need **YOU** 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 [rncaddell@hotmail.com](mailto:rncaddell@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](mailto: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](http://www.hisvessel.org).

Save the date for the **Sweets-N-Services Missions Auction** on **Friday, May 5** at 5:30 in the fellowship hall. For more information, contact Kathy Cooper @ 241.5125 or [kcooper@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:kcooper@montgomeryfbc.org).

## New Members

### By Baptism

**Sarah Cate Gulsby**  
**Charlie Gulsby**  
8609 Wible Run | Montgomery, AL 36116

**Mr. & Mrs. Michael Haskell (Jennifer)**  
**Piper Haskell**  
6317 Union Academy Ada Road | Hope Hull, AL 36043

**Mrs. Mike Kelley (Traci)**  
**Michael Kelley, III**  
29 Avenue of the Waters | Pike Road, AL 36064

**Ms. Lori Stone**  
852 Greg Drive | Montgomery, AL 36109

### By Letter

**Mr. & Mrs. Scott Morgan (Beth)**  
**Emily Elizabeth, Walker & Winston**  
6407 Kathmoor Drive | Montgomery, AL 36117

**Ms. Susan Richardson**  
1992 Regent Road | Prattville, AL 36066

## Our Church Family

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, contact Carolyn Bryan at 241.5120.

### Sympathy Extended to

Dr. & Mrs. Jay Wolf (Mary Ruth) in the death of her aunt

Mr. & Mrs. Beau Cooper (Kathy) in the death of her brother

### Congratulations Extended to

Ms. Rosalie Booher in the birth of a great-granddaughter

### Baptist South

Marilyn Tyus  
Bob Cleland



# WAR ROOM

PRAYER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON

05.03.17 :: MAIN SANCTUARY :: 12:10 TO 12:50 PM

*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](http://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](http://www.hisvessel.org)



June 19-23 \\ 9 AM to Noon  
[www.montgomeryfbc.org/vbs](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/vbs)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT FBC MONTGOMERY

# This week at FBC Montgomery

For the complete calendar, visit [www.montgomeryfbc.org](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org).

## Sunday, April 23

- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 4:00 Reflections Ensemble  
Ordination Council for Will Spivey  
Nominating Committee
- 5:00 Visitation  
Discipleship Classes  
Children's Missions  
One Heart & One Voice Choirs  
Ordination Service for Will Spivey
- 6:15 Children's Sunday: Kidz Blitz

## Monday, April 24

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 10:00 Senior Adult VBS
- 12:00 Legacy Conversations Lunch
- 5:15 Sanctuary Handbells
- 5:30 Deacon's Meeting  
Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 Freedom in Christ Recovery Group

## Tuesday, April 25

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 MOPS
- 10:00 Senior Adult VBS
- 5:30 Women with Emotional Pain
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous
- 8:00 College Ministry: Elevate

## Wednesday, April 26

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 10:00 Senior Adult VBS
- 2:15 Baldwin Bible Study
- 4:45 First Family Dinner
- 5:30 Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal  
Tutoring Picnic
- 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
- 6:45 Ejamat Prayer Time

## Thursday, April 27

- Men's Golf Retreat
- 9:00 Conversational English
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group
- 11:15 CE Volunteer Appreciation Lunch
- 6:00 English as a Second Language

## Friday, April 28

- Men's Golf Retreat
- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group

## Saturday, April 29

- Men's Golf Retreat
- 12:30 State Bible Drill
- 1:00 Older Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

## In Home Ministry Member :: Ann Hall

3179 Fernway Drive | Montgomery, Alabama 36111-1814

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

- Call to Worship** | Sanctuary Orchestra
- Cornerstone** | Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra
- The Only Thing** | Steve Harris
- Message** | Jay Wolf

## Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

- Children's Sunday**
- Kidz Blitz**

## CrossRoads Broadcast Schedule

Watch the sermon at the time below or online at [www.montgomeryfbc.org](http://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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