



First Baptist Church Montgomery

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

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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.

Worthy of Worship

Sunday, April 30 | 6:15 PM

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

Benefitting the Single Adult Missions Scholarship Fund

SWEETS-N-SERVICES AUCTION

Friday, May 5

5:30 PM* :: Fellowship Hall

Join Us For A Night Of Auction Fun!

Items include:

Hunts • Babysitting • Handyman Work
Yard Work • Edible Delights • Home Goods
Antiques • Sports Tickets • and Much More

Dinner is free, but donations will be accepted to purchase backpacks for the children in Chisholm.

*5:30 PM :: Silent Auction | 6:00 PM :: Dinner | 6:30 PM :: Live Auction

**For more information,
to donate items, or
to reserve childcare, contact
Kathy Cooper at 241.5125.**



CONNECTIONS

— *from your Pastor's Heart*

The Cure for Snakebite!

"Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up that everyone who believes may have eternal life in Him. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:14-16)

I greatly enjoy God's Cathedral of the outdoors. A few days ago, I went on a turkey hunting expedition on a sparkling spring morning. The symphony of the dawn started with the whippoorwills, then the crows chimed in, an owl hooted followed by a big gobbler presenting his thundering overture to the arising sun! My ears pointed me toward the talking turkey. I moved at a brisk pace through thick woods to see if I could meet the boisterous bird. In the growing light of daybreak, I noticed in my path a stick-like object that suddenly moved, raised its head and opened its mouth. That stick was actually a copperhead snake. I did not want to diminish my chances to meet Mr. Turkey by discharging my gun, so I utilized a stick to dispatch this venomous viper. I went a little further and noticed in a patch of grass in front of my foot another well-camouflaged object the size of a frisbee. A closer look detected another copperhead. A handy stick cleared my path. These two encounters with poisonous snakes motivated me to abbreviate my hunt and return home because I've always had a healthy fear of being bitten by a snake!

God's Word gives us a vivid illustration of the impact of the deadly venom of sin, which has been injected into the bloodstream of the human family. Jesus explained in John 3 that His offer of salvation is akin to what happened in Numbers 21. The children of Israel rebelled against God's leadership and encountered thousands of deadly serpents. The people were dying from snakebites. They cried out for help. God instructed Moses to create a symbol of their sin in the form of a brass serpent then put it in the middle of the camp and tell the people to look with faith at the uplifted standard and they would live. God's message of how to be cured from the deadly snakebite was astonishingly simple: LOOK AND LIVE.

On the cross, Jesus became the sacrifice for our sin. Because of God's immeasurable love for His creation, our Savior invites us to find in Him the cure for the deadly poison of sin. Relay to everyone you encounter that the cure for all perishing people is to LOOK to Jesus and LIVE!

Sharing His Cure TOGETHER,

FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, April 23, 2017

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5167 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1519
Weekly Attendance 2064 | **Discipleship Attendance** 945

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$127,730.77 | **Received Sunday** \$100,145.35
Required To Date \$2,171,423.08 | **Received To Date** \$1,883,709.67
Building Fund Sunday \$72.00 | **Building Fund to Date** \$6,522.50
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® \$154,026.32

Under Budget | \$287,713.41



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. Everyone is invited to attend! For more information, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164 or 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. For more information, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164.

Save the Date for these upcoming events: Six Flags Over Georgia (June 13); Kids Kamp (July 10-14); and Desoto Caverns (July 18). For more information, visit montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration.

Student Ministry

Graduate Recognition is Sunday, May 7. 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

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.



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, May 3

No reservations required!

Adult & Children's Meal: Baked Chicken, Vegetables, 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. 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. For more information contact Steven Faulkner at 491.0727 or sfaulknr@mwwssb.com.

YOU are invited to join us for the **Amy Cooper Women on Mission** lunch meeting on **Monday, May 8**, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM, in the Huff Building Fellowship Hall. Reggie & Karen Quimby will "show and tell" about their 2016 mission adventures in Hawaii and Alaska. Bring a sack lunch, a guest, and join us for a time of fellowship and mission sharing! Call Karen Quimby at 281.6955 for more information.

The Jackie Swan Bible Study Group will meet on **Thursday, May 11** 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 **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

New Members

By Baptism

Anna Dymond

731 Stableway Road | Pike Road, AL 36064

Adeline Henry

Parker Henry

9767 Faversham Court | Pike Road, AL 36064

Rigsby Price

1253 S Lawrence Street | Montgomery, AL 36117

Khloe Surles

2078 Rexford Road | Montgomery, AL 36117

Lilah Grace Waters

59 Jackson Lane | Wetumpka, AL 36093

By Letter

Rev. & Mrs. Lee Dymond (Holly)

Caroline Dymond

731 Stableway Road | Pike Road, AL 36064

Mr. William Kent

360 Bowling Green Drive | Montgomery, AL 36109

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. Stan Bailey (Bobbie) in the death of her brother

Mr. & Mrs. John Gonleh (Bessie) in the death of his brother

Ms. Becky Hawkins in the death of her son

Ms. Emma Smith in the death of her brother

Baptist South

Bob Cleland

Marilyn Tyus

Ministerial Birthdays

Ben Hulsey (May 3)



WAR ROOM
PRAYER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON
05.03.17 :: MAIN SANCTUARY :: 12:10 TO 12:50 PM

at 5:00 PM. Don't miss this opportunity! Register online at 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 or 334.546.7902.

The Caring Center is looking for a gentleman to volunteer every Monday morning at 8:00 am to accompany another volunteer to the Montgomery Area Food Bank to pick up food for the Caring Center Food Pantry. If you can help, please contact Judy Nuss at 241.5144 for details.

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.



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



The First Baptist Church
Graded Children's Choirs
present the
Spring
Worship
Celebration
Sunday, May 7 | 6:15 PM



GALACTIC STARVEYORS
JUNE 19-23 \\ 9 AM to Noon
www.montgomeryfbc.org/vbs
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT FBC MONTGOMERY

This week at FBC Montgomery

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

Sunday, April 30

- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 12:15 Memberships Information Class
- 4:00 Reflections Ensemble
RA/GA Derby
- 5:00 Visitation
Discipleship Classes
Children's Missions
One Heart & One Voice Choirs
- 6:15 Orchestra Worship Concert

Monday, May 1

- 7:30 R.O.M.E.O.
- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal
- 12:00 Foundation Board Meeting
- 5:15 Sanctuary Handbells
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 Freedom in Christ Recovery Group

Tuesday, May 2

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 12:00 Deacon's Banquet
- 5:30 Women with Emotional Pain
- 6:30 Upstream Support Group
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, May 3

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 12:10 War Room Prayer Emphasis
- 2:15 Baldwin Bible Study
- 4:45 First Family Dinner
- 5:30 Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal
- 6:00 Preschool Choir Spring Program
- 6:30 Student Ministry: Powerhouse
- 6:35 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 6:40 Church Leadership Council
- 6:45 Ejamat Prayer Time

Thursday, May 4

- National Day of Prayer
Bible Reading Marathon
- 9:00 Conversational English Graduation
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group

Friday, May 5

- Bible Reading Marathon
Mission Project: Talladega
- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 5:30 Singles Mission Auction

Saturday, May 6

- Bible Reading Marathon
Mission Project: Talladega
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member :: Bobbie Higgins

297 Sylvest Drive, Apt 207 | Montgomery, Alabama 36117-5305

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

Call to Worship | sSanctuary Orchestra

Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King | Sanctuary Choir

The King of the World | Wendy Brendle & Sharon Cleveland

Message | Jay Wolf

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

Worthy of Worship

Worship led by the Sanctuary Orchestra

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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