

First Baptist Church Montgomery

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



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GIC \ February 15-19

PURPOSE

Register for Events & View Schedule at www.gic2017.com

GIC Senior Adult Lunch \ Friday, February 17

Noon | Fellowship Hall | Cost: \$6 per person

Tickets are also available in your Bible Fellowship Class through Sunday, February 5.

Pursue Conference

Friday, February 17 \ 6:30 to 9:45 PM

Saturday, February 18 \ 8:30 to 4 PM

Cost: \$10 per person for FBC Members

GIC Wild West Dinner \ Saturday, February 18

6 to 8 PM | Fellowship Hall | Cost: \$15 per person

GIC Youth Progressive Dinner \ Saturday, February 18

6 to 8 PM | Bell Chapel | Cost: \$5 per person

GIC Children's Event \ Saturday, February 18

6 to 8 PM | Youth Center | Free, but registration is required

GIC Preschool Event \ Saturday, February 18

6 to 8 PM | B112 | Free, but registration is required

**Register in the fellowship hall on Wednesdays
and the main sanctuary foyer on Sundays.
You can also register online at www.gic2017.com.**



CONNECTIONS

from your Pastor's Heart

The State of God's Church

We have completed our **State of the Church** report for 2016. Our staff teammates have compiled a collection of snapshots that represent God's work in and through our First Baptist Family. When I review God's ministry activity at FBC, it takes me to John 15:5 which proclaims, *"I am the vine; you are the branches...apart from Me you can do nothing."*

First Baptist is 187 years old. Most older congregations are fighting to stay alive. In contrast, our church family is experiencing a zenith of health, strength, growth, and ministry productivity. We continue to reach new heights in virtually all the measureable categories from new members to more people engaged in Bible Study and ministries. Our evangelism efforts in our multitude of ministries in Montgomery and on the mission field directly connected us to hundreds of new believers coming to know Christ and registering their name in Heaven's reservation book!

In 2016 we continued our goal of "2020 by 2020" in **Bible Fellowship** and our enrollment climbed to the new height of more than **5,100** precious people!

The financial faithfulness of our church is absolutely stunning. In the midst of a turbulent economy, our **First Baptist Family over gave our budget by \$976,219!** HALLELUJAH. The overage giving enables us to be good stewards by financially fueling our Mission endeavors. We continue to set new records in our mission giving: **Lottie Moon gifts** reached an amazing **\$314,086** and **Annie Armstrong** totaled **\$121,091**. So we are translating our earthly resources into making a vast eternal difference. Our aggregate expenditures for Mission Endeavors exceeded \$2 million!

As a Great Commission church, last year we saw **718** volunteers participate in **55 mission projects**. Hundreds more picked up the towel of service to minister in the **Caring Center** and extend Christ's love to our neighbors. From Chisholm to **Children's Hope** in Haiti, God is using His FBC Family to shatter the darkness with the light of Christ. May we continue to faithfully depend upon the Lord as we walk together in humility and unity to see new levels of Kingdom productivity.

Running the race together
and always doing MORE,

PS – For the complete State of the Church Report, please visit www.montgomeryfbc.org/state-of-the-church or pick one up in the main sanctuary foyer.

FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, January 29, 2017

ATTENDANCE

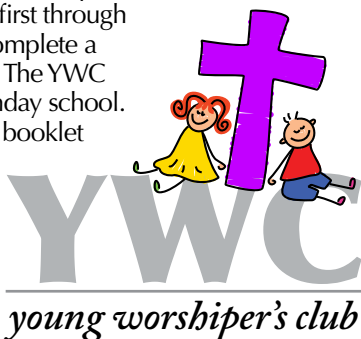
Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5144 | Bible Fellowship Attendance 1801
Weekly Attendance 2341 | Discipleship Attendance 1317

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$127,730.77 | Received Sunday \$72,467.92
Required To Date \$638,653.85 | Received To Date \$536,3998.30
Building Fund Sunday \$410.00 | Building Fund to Date \$1,655.75
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® \$314,086.91

Under Budget | \$102,255.55

The **2017 Young Worshiper's Club (YWC)** begins **Sunday, February 5!** During the month of February, every first through sixth grade student will have the opportunity to complete a booklet that will help them learn how to worship. The YWC booklets were given out on January 29 during Sunday school. The children will be responsible for bringing their booklet to church each week and keeping up with it. At the end of February, each child that has completed his/her booklet will turn it in for a surprise. February is going to be awesome as kids actively pursue worshipping the King. For more information, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164 or gleathers@montgomeryfbc.org.



Ministry Announcements

Preschool Ministry

The **Preschool Ministry** needs **empty coffee containers** (plastic or metal) for a GIC mission activity as well as Vacation Bible School. Items can be dropped off at the Preschool Information Desk. For more information, contact Nancie McQueen at 241.5166 or nmcqueen@montgomeryfbc.org.

Children's Ministry

The Children's Ministry is looking for a **volunteer to help organize, clean and stock** our resource rooms on the children's floors. If interested, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164 or gleathers@montgomeryfbc.org.

Student Ministry

There will be a **Student Ministry Super Bowl Party** on **Sunday, February 5** from 5:45 to 9:00 PM in the youth center. Bring a dessert, chips/dip, or a finger food. For more information, contact Russell McCrory at 241.5163 or rmccrory@montgomeryfbc.org.

College Ministry

Join us as we host the statewide annual collegiate **Pursue Conference** on **Friday, February 17 and Saturday, February 18**. The focus is "My Place in His Purpose." Cost for FBC members is only \$10! Speakers include Caleb Crider, J.D. Payne and David Boudia, 30+ breakout sessions led by missionaries across the world, and worship led by The Digital Age. To register, visit www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration. For more info, visit pursueal.org.

Senior Adult Ministry

Senior Adult Men, join us for **R.O.M.E.O. (Retired Old Men Eating Out)** on **Monday, February 6** at 7:30 AM at Chappy's on Perry Hill Road. It's a great time of food, fellowship and a sweet word from God's Word.

Missions Ministry

The upcoming **Cuba Mission Project** needs the following items by Sunday, March 4: travel and regular sized soaps and shampoos; women's make-up, lotion



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, February 8

No reservations required!

Adult & Children's Meal: Chicken & Dumplings, Roll, Salad, Dessert

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

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

and deodorant; men's shaving cream, razors and deodorant; crayons; balloons; over-the-counter medications like Tylenol, Aleve and multivitamins; bandaids; cotton swabs; cotton balls; small alcohol pads; quart size zip-lock bags and snack size zip-lock bags. Items can be dropped off at the Scott Street entrance or in the bin at the mission wall in the sanctuary foyer.

First Baptist Foundation

The **2017-2018 First Baptist Foundation Scholarship**

Applications are now available. All completed applications must be returned by Friday, March 31. For an application, visit www.montgomeryfbc.org/first-baptist-foundation or email Alissa Parrish at airvin@montgomeryfbc.org.

Children's Hope

Please prayerfully consider joining the upcoming **Haiti Mission Project** on **May 27 through June 2**. This team, led by Ken and Stephanie Peavy, will stay at Children's Hope in Jacmel and then travel to nearby mountain villages to pray, visit widows to deliver care/food packages, and share the gospel. It will be an unbelievable opportunity to partner with the local pastor and church to serve their people in these more remote areas. If interested, contact Ann Amster at ann@childrens-hope.com or 202.2714.

Community Ministries

English as a Second Language (ESL) needs volunteers for the Americana Café, one day per week, either **Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday**, from 9:00 AM to Noon. Sit at a table with a group of international English students, have a cup of coffee (or tea), munch on a few snacks and enjoy a conversation with wonderful new friends from interesting places in the world. For more information, call Bill Lambert at 277.3204.

The **FBC Caring Center** needs volunteers to serve in several areas of our ministry. We currently have urgent needs for help with sorting/organizing donations and greeting/registering clients. Be a blessing to others and receive the blessing of caring for others in Jesus' name. For more information, contact Judy Nuss, Caring Center Director, at 241.5144.

New Members

By Baptism

Mr. Chris Hahn
Hamilton Hahn
8412 Vintage Way | Montgomery, AL 36116

Mrs. Chang Levy
9200 Bridge Pointe | Montgomery, AL 36117

Damarion Palmer
2037 Terminal Road | Montgomery, AL 36108

By Letter/Statement of Faith

Mr. Chris Hahn (Emily)
8412 Vintage Way | Montgomery, AL 36116

Mr. Jim Johnson
Mrs. Jim Johnson (Martha)
236 Eastwood Drive | Montgomery, AL 36109

Mr. Chris Wilson
160 Stone Park Blvd, Apt 2412 | Pike Road, AL 36064

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. Walter Norris (Cathy) in the death of her mother, Beryl Copeland; Caroline and Mary Cate Norris in the death of their grandmother

Baptist East

Ken Brothers

Jackson

Bud Burt

Capitol Hill Healthcare

Margaret Cone

John Knox Rehab

Gwen McGriff

Volunteer Opportunity of the Week: Broadcast Ministry

We thank God for blessing us with the resources to upgrade our broadcast ministry so that we can reach more people for Christ. Now, we need YOU to join our team! Volunteers are welcome at anytime. Come visit our Broadcast Control Room (located on the 4th floor of the main building) on any Sunday during or between services. For more information, contact Mike Kyser (315.5599 or kyserm@gmail.com) or Amanda Smith (241.5122 or asmith@montgomeryfbc.org).

Winter 2017 FBC Discipleship Classes

For a complete list visit www.montgomeryfbc.org/discipleshipclasses

Financial Peace University

Sundays, February 5 through April 16 | 4:30 PM | B412

This 9-week course can change everything including your money and your life! Learn God's way of handling money by investing in this study. Learn the basics to becoming debt-free! Register at <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classes/1033292>. Cost is \$93 for your learner kit. **Facilitated by Brien & Christy Cornett**

Love and Respect: Marriage2Marriage Seminar

Sundays, February 12 through March 19 | 5:00 PM | B409

Do you want to feel closer as a couple? Do you want to experience marriage as God intended no matter how long or short a period of time you have been married? Join us for this DVD series based on the best selling book, *Love and Respect* featuring author Emerson Eggerichs. Class includes an individual workbook and minimal homework. **Facilitated by Mike & Pam Newman**



Do you know your ABCs? Can you share them with others?

Join Jay as he teaches the

ABC's of Evangelism

Sundays | 4:30 PM | 413



Churchwide News & Events

Travel with First Baptist Church on the **Ark Encounter Tour, May 29 through June 4, 2017. Registration Deadline is February 15, 2017.** Full tour fare will be refundable up to April 28, 2017 and Non-Refundable as of April 29, 2017. See this full-size replica of Noah's Ark located in Williamstown, Kentucky. The agenda is packed with touring/sightseeing in Chattanooga, Lexington and Nashville. For more information, visit www.montgomeryfbc.org/ark or pick up a brochure in the main sanctuary foyer.

Have you recently moved, changed jobs or just changed a phone number? If so, please let us know, so that we can update our membership information. You can update your information online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/update or you can contact the Membership Office at 241.5130 or pthurman@montgomeryfbc.org.

There are open dates in 2017 for Sanctuary flowers. Two arrangements are available each Sunday at a cost of \$82.50 each. You may choose to furnish one or both. If you would like to reserve a date in honor or in memory of someone, call Mary Virginia Crum at 241.5180.

This week at FBC Montgomery

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

Sunday, February 5

- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
New Christian Class for Children
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 3:00 GIC Planning Committee Meeting
- 4:00 Reflections Ensemble
- 4:30 Discipleship Classes
ABCs of Evangelism
- 5:00 Discipleship Classes
Children's Missions
One Heart/One Voice Choirs
- 6:00 Children's Ministry: Bible Drill
- 6:15 Worship Service

Monday, February 6

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

Tuesday, February 7

- 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, February 8

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 2:15 Baldwin Bible Study
- 4:45 First Family Dinner
- 5:30 Tutoring
Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal
Disciple-Maker Mentor Training
- 5:45 Preschool & Children's Choirs
The Five Love Languages
- 6:00 First Family Prayer Time
- 6:30 Student Ministry: Powerhouse
- 6:35 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 6:45 Ejamat Prayer Time

Thursday, February 9

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

Friday, February 10

- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 6:00 Parents Night Out

Saturday, February 11

- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member :: Nell Saucer

1775 Halcyon Blvd | Montgomery, Alabama 36117-3487

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

- Call to Worship** | Sanctuary Orchestra
- The Mind of Christ** | Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra
- You'll Never Walk Alone** | Ronnie Shaw
- Message** | Jay Wolf

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

- I Shall Not Want** | Rachel Palmer
- 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, 7:30 PM Thursday, 9:30 AM & 6:00 PM

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

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