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First Baptist Church Montgomery

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

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VBS Preview Party
Sunday, February 26
4-6PM // B112



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



M.I.C. (Membership Information Class)

Sunday, March 5 | 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.



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

Finding Your Place in God's Plan!

The **Global Impact Celebration** is now history but it compels us to find our place in God's plan.

One of the many motivating testimonies, that continues to ring in my spirit, came from the Olympic gold-medalist David Boudia. On Saturday morning he explained to a gathering of 500 college students that he had seen the Olympics on television when he was a child and proclaimed to his parents, "*That is what I plan to do, win an Olympic Gold Medal!*" He began a quest to become a great diver. As he accumulated awards David said, "***I was building the kingdom of David.***" Everything was about him. He made the USA Olympic team in 2008 but did not win a medal in Beijing. When David returned home, he plunged into a season of depression. He contemplated ending his life. As a college sophomore at Purdue, David met some Christ-followers who began to encourage him. Soon David committed his life to a much higher purpose as he chose to follow Jesus Christ. ***He shifted from building the kingdom of David to building the Kingdom of God!***



Perhaps you have been building your kingdom. Hear God's call to shift gears. ***It is time to find your place in God's plan.*** Translate your passions into advancing God's purpose of building His eternal Kingdom. Examine your priorities and pursuits. Remember that everything in this world will pass, only what is done for Christ will last.

Let GIC stand for "**God Invites Commitment!**" Choose to follow the directions of Jesus and "**Seek first the Kingdom of God!**"

Building HIS Kingdom TOGETHER,



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

FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, February 19, 2017

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5141 | Bible Fellowship Attendance 1778
Weekly Attendance 2373 | Discipleship Attendance 1285

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$127,730.77 | Received Sunday \$82,643.62
Required To Date \$1,021,846.15 | Received To Date \$863,809.90
Building Fund Sunday \$275.50 | Building Fund to Date \$2,890.00

Under Budget | \$158,036.25

The **2017 Young Worshiper's Club (YWC)** continues this **Sunday, February 26!** 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. For more information, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164 or gleathers@montgomeryfbc.org.



Ministry Announcements

Preschool Ministry

There will be a **Parent/Child Dedication** on **Sunday, April 2** in the 8:30 & 11:00 AM worship services. To register for this special dedication, visit www.montgomeryfbc.org/dedications or call Tiffany Alewine at 241.5165. If you would like your baby's photo to be included in the Order of Worship that day, email a high resolution photo of your baby to asmith@montgomeryfbc.org by Sunday, March 12.

Our Spring Celebration and Egg Hunt will be **Saturday, April 8** from 10:00 AM to Noon in the Perry Street lot. **We need lots of candy to fill the eggs for the Egg Hunt! Please bring a bag of candy and place it in one of the bins in the main sanctuary foyers by Sunday, March 26.** For more information, visit www.montgomeryfbc.org/egg-hunt or contact Nancie McQueen at 241.5166 or nmcqueen@montgomeryfbc.org.

Children's Ministry

There will be a **Children's Ministry Teacher Training** on **Sunday, February 26** from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM in room 413. Please have one person from each classroom there as we will discuss safety and security issues. For more information, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164 or gleathers@montgomeryfbc.org.

The **RA Spring Trip to the McWane Center** is **Saturday, March 11 and Sunday, March 12.** For more information or to sign up, contact Shawn Peterson (sap6510@gmail.com or 538.1726) or Lee Bozeman (patrickleebozeman@gmail.com or 313.2208).

Student Ministry

FBC Girls, you are invited to the **Complete Conference** on **Friday, March 10** (5:00 to 9:00 PM) and **Saturday, March 11** (8:00 AM to 3:30 PM) at First Baptist Church Prattville. This is a statewide girls conference sponsored by the WMU. Registration is online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration and the cost is \$30, which includes the conference, Saturday lunch, and a t-shirt. Our own Anna Sailors will lead worship! For more information, contact Amy Smith at amysmith@montgomeryfbc.org.



FBC Offering Envelopes are now sent quarterly. The second quarter of 2017 will be mailed in March. Please contact Jill Johnson at 241.5183 or Patti Shoemaker at 241.5181 if you requested envelopes and do not receive them.



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, March 1

No reservations required!

Adult & Children's Meal: Poppy Seed Chicken, Rice, Vegetable, Roll, Salad, Dessert

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

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

Adult Ministry

Join Jay for a new round of his **Pastor's Class** on **Sunday, March 12** at 10:00 AM in the main sanctuary. The 13-week class, open to everyone, will be an overview of the Bible.

Missions Ministry

The upcoming **Cuba Mission Project** needs the following items by **Sunday, March 5**: travel and regular sized soaps and shampoos; women's make-up, lotion 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.

There will be an **Interest Meeting for the Alaska Mission Project** on **Wednesday, March 8** at 6:00 PM in room 347. For more information, contact Ben Kelley at bfkelley@baptistfirst.org.

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!

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

Looking for a way to bless and help children and communities in need? Check out the **Gift of Hope** initiative at www.childrens-hope.com/giftofhope. It

New Members

By Baptism

Lainey McCrory
6600 Halcyon Drive | Montgomery, AL 36117

Margaret Ann McCrory
8506 Asheworth Drive | Montgomery, AL 36117

By Letter/Statement of Faith

Mr. Don Laird
Mrs. Don Laird (Wanda)
975 River Birch Circle | Wetumpka, AL 36093

Our Church Family

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

Sympathy Extended to

Miss Amy Smith in the death of her grandfather, Danny Harrison
Rev. & Mrs. Doug Rogers (Lori) in the death of his uncle

Baptist South

Ray Burdeshaw

Baptist East

LeVonne McGee • Myrtle Ridolphi

Capitol Hill Healthcare

Lynn Pool

Diversicare

Gwen McGriff

HealthSouth

Steve Graham

Prattville Health & Rehab

Connie Moore

Volunteer Opportunity of the Week: Broadcast Ministry

We thank God for blessing us with the resources to upgrade our broadcast equipment so that we can reach more people for Christ. Now, we need YOU to join our team!

Volunteers are welcome at anytime, no experience required. 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).



PURPOSE

Thank You!

The GIC was an amazing success and it is all thanks to the hundreds of volunteers who helped. From February 15-19 we had in our midst 44 missionaries, 22 missionary kids, and 4 guest speakers. During Friday and Saturday we were joined by more than 500 college students from all across Alabama for the Pursue Conference. And at the end of the week we counted over 400 people who made commitments to pray, give, go or answer the call. Please continue to pray for our GIC missionaries, and pray that God would continue to show you where He wants you to join Him in His mission.

Online Pictorial Directory

Did you know that you can update your family photo in the **FBC Online Member Directory**. Just email a recent photo to Amanda Smith at asmith@montgomeryfbc.org. If you haven't started using this ministry tool, now is a great time to start. For full instructions on using the online directory visit:

www.montgomeryfbc.org/member-directory

provides multiple ways that you can meet specific ministry needs in Haiti. If you would like to give in honor of a friend or family member, we have cards you can send them to let them know of your impactful gift.

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.

Our **Children's Learning Center** has several openings for children 6 weeks to 5 years old. The CLC is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM to 5:30 PM. Registration is \$30/child per year, and tuition is \$125/child per week. For more information, call Sheila Wilson at 834.7475.

Churchwide News & Events

Men, join us for the annual **Glenn Gordy Golf Retreat on Thursday, April 27 through Saturday, April 29** at Callaway Gardens Resort in Georgia. Join us for a great time meeting new friends, playing golf, eating fantastic food, and most importantly, drawing closer to the Lord. The cost is \$425, which includes lodging in Southern Pine two bedroom cottages, green fees, 18-hole cart per day, a Friday night seafood gumbo meal and prizes. Checks should be made payable to First Baptist Church. Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, March 21. Get your check in the mail today. Sign up by calling Steve Dubose at 277.8604 or Chuck Ashley at 241.5161.

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 26

- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 11:00 Worship Service
- Children's Ministry Teacher Training
- 4:00 VBS Preview Party
- Missions Committee Meeting
- Reflections Ensemble
- 4:30 Financial Peace University
- 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 27

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal
- 5:15 Sanctuary Handbells
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- Deacon's Meeting
- 6:30 Freedom in Christ Recovery Group

Tuesday, February 28

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 Ladies Bible Study
- MOPS
- 5:30 Women with Emotional Pain
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

- 8:00 College Ministry: Elevate

Wednesday, March 1

- Mission Project: India
- 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
- Tutoring
- 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 Orchestra Rehearsal
- 6:45 Ejamat Prayer Time

Thursday, March 2

- Mission Project: India
- 9:00 Conversational English
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group
- 6:00 English as a Second Language

Friday, March 3

- Mission Project: India
- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group

Saturday, March 4

- Mission Project: India
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member :: Virginia Brewer

7706 Wynlakes Blvd | Montgomery, Alabama 36117-5167

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

A Mighty Fortress is Our God | Sanctuary Orchestra

Come to the Water | Sanctuary Choir

I've Always Loved You | Lee Bozeman

Message | Jay Wolf

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

Bend Down Low | Children's Choir

Andrew Told His Brother | Reflections Ensemble

Gentle Savior | Chris Wilson

Message | Ben Hulsey

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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