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the gospel **resounds**
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®

100% of your gift helps send and sustain IMB missionaries.

2016 FBC Goal: \$220,000 \\ Given to Date: \$285,644.28



Sunday, January 8
5:00 PM
Fellowship Hall

Journey of
Prayer



COMPLACENCY
EXPOSED

A Study of the Book of Malachi

January Bible Study
January 23-25

10:00 AM to Noon :: Stakely Sanctuary



CONNECTIONS

— *from your Pastor's Heart*

Train Your Eyes to See JESUS!

*“Set aside every sin that so easily entangles you and run your race with endurance; **fixing your eyes on Jesus**, who is the author and finisher of your faith.” – Hebrews 12:1-2*

Michael Sparks is a treasure hunter of sorts. He resides in Tennessee and, on many Saturdays, Michael goes to yard sales and estate auctions looking for treasures. A few years ago, Michael picked up a copy of the *Declaration of Independence* which carried a \$2 price tag and seemed to be your standard class room reproduction. However, he noticed that the engraving looked too intricate to be a mass produced document. He bought his potential treasure and started to do some research. Michael discovered that in 1820 the United States Congress commissioned William Stone to make 200 official copies of the *Declaration of Independence*. Only 35 copies survive. Analysis revealed that Michael's \$2 purchase was the 36th copy of William Stone's collection and fetched a stunning \$477,000!

In the same way treasure hunters train their eyes to see a prize and doctors train their eyes to see disease, Christ-followers must train their eyes to see **JESUS!**

Every day in every place and person, intentionally seek to see the Lord's activity. In Luke 2 we meet a senior saint named Simeon. He came to the Temple every day looking for the promised Messiah. When Mary and Joseph brought baby Jesus to the Temple to dedicate their son to God's purposes, Simeon saw more than an infant—he saw his SAVIOR!

As you travel into 2017, set your eyes on the greatest prize of seeing Jesus everywhere and then with faith and obedience join His activity of loving and lifting His children.

Watching for and Working
with our Savior TOGETHER,

FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, January 1, 2017

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5150 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1083
Weekly Attendance 1083 | **Discipleship Attendance** 0

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$127,730.77 | **Received Sunday** \$45,804.08
Required To Date \$127,730.77 | **Received To Date** \$45,804.08
Building Fund Sunday \$705.50 | **Building Fund to Date** \$705.50
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® \$246,358.28

Under Budget | \$81,926.69

May 31 – June 2 » Missions Montgomery

June 6 – 8 » IncrediKids Camp

June 9 – 18 » One Voice Choir Tour

June 12 – 16 » One Heart Choir Tour

June 19 – 23 » Vacation Bible School

July 10 – 14 »» Kids Kamp

July 17 – 21 » Youth Camp

2017 **SUMMER** EVENTS

Ministry Announcements

Preschool Ministry

Mission Friends resumes on **Sunday, January 8** at 5:00 PM.

Join us for **Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)** on **Tuesday, January 10** from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. For more information, visit www.montgomeryfbc.org/mops.

Children's Ministry

GAs and RAs resumes on **Sunday, January 8** at 5:00 PM. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of these exciting groups.

Bible Drill begins on **Sunday, January 8** for all 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students. Join us at 6:00 PM in room A311 as we learn the books of the Bible, the location of key scripture passages, and memorize scripture. Register at www.montgomeryfbc.org/childrens-bible-drill.

Student Ministry

Disciple Now 2017 is almost here! Join us on **Friday, January 13 through Sunday, January 15** for a weekend filled with Bible Study, fellowship, worship and tons of fun. Register online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration.

Missions Ministry

The **2017 Missions Menu** is now available! You can pick up your copy in the main sanctuary foyer or visit www.montgomeryfbc.org.

Start the New Year with an emphasis on missions! You are invited to the **Amy Cooper Women on Mission Lunch Meeting** on Monday, January 9 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM in the Huff Building Fellowship Hall. Jared & Sarah McCrory will be our special guests sharing about Children's Hope ministries. Bring a sack lunch, a guest, and join us for a time of fellowship, inspiration, and mobilization! Call Karen Quimby at 281.6955 for more information.



First Family Dinner | **Wednesday, January 11**

No reservations required!

Adult & Children's Meal: Baked Chicken, Rice, Green Beans, Roll, Salad, Dessert

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

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

The **Charlotte Cearley Women on Mission Group** will meet on **Tuesday, January 10** at 6:30 PM at the home of Brenda Ingram (8148 Wynlakes Blvd). We welcome Susan West, Conversational English Director, as our special guest speaker.

Save the Date for the **Global Impact Celebration (GIC)** on **Wednesday, February 15 through Sunday, February 19**. For more information, visit www.gic2017.com. In preparation for Global Impact Celebration (GIC 2017), we're producing **The Purpose Podcast**. In this audio podcast you will hear inspiring conversations with guests that will be coming to the GIC from the US and all around the world. Visit www.thepurposepodcast.com to learn more or listen today.

Music Ministry

It's a great time to jump into the Music Ministry Opportunities. Join us on **Sunday, January 8** for One Heart and One Voice Youth Choir rehearsals and on **Wednesday, January 11** for Sanctuary Orchestra rehearsal at 5:30 PM; Preschool and Children's Choirs at 5:45 PM and Sanctuary Choir rehearsal at 6:35 PM.

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.childrenshope.com/giftofhope. It 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. May the Lord bless you as you enter into 2017!

Churchwide News & Events

Travel with First Baptist Church on the **Ark Encounter Tour, May 29 through June 4, 2017**. See the full-size replica of Noah's Ark located in Williamstown, Kentucky. This agenda is packed with touring/sightseeing in Chattanooga, Lexington and Nashville. For more information, visit www.montgomeryfbc.org/ark.

New Members

By Baptism

Lilly Grace Buchanan

240 New Providence Way | Pike Road, AL 36064

Scarlett Parsons

87 Double Oak Avenue | Pike Road, AL 36064

By Letter/Statement of Faith

Mr. Charles Brasswell

Mrs. Charles Brasswell (Janis)

Mr. Ronnie Brasswell

Blaine Brasswell

7633 Lakeridge Drive | Montgomery, AL 36117

Mr. David Garrett

Mrs. David Garrett (Martha)

5663 Hayneville Ridge Road | Mathews, AL 36052

Mr. Perry O. Hooper, Jr.

Mrs. Perry Hooper (Judy)

321 Pecan Trail Place | 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

Family and Friends in the death of Pat Stewart
Mr. Jack Thomas Jr. in the death of his mother, Opal
Mr. & Mrs. Keith Kirkland (Mary) in the death of his grandmother, Annie Lou Kirkland
Mr. & Mrs. Merrill Ingram (Phyllis) in the death of her brother-in-law
Mr. & Mrs. Rod Ritter (Sarita) in the death of his mother
Ms. Nancy Perkins in the death of her father;
Shea and Candice Perkins in the death of their grandfather

Baptist South

Platt Driskill

Baptist East

Bettie Anglin

Jackson

John Hendrix

Capitol Hill Healthcare

Kathleen Stitt

HealthSouth

Gwen McGriff

St. Vincent's Hospital

Bob Hinds

Congratulations Extended to

Ms. Sebrina Martin in the adoption of a son
Mr. & Mrs. James Bagley (Faye) in the birth of a granddaughter



FBC Offering Envelopes are sent quarterly. The first quarter of 2017 was mailed in December. Please contact Jill Johnson at 241.5183 or Patti Shoemaker at 241.5181 if you requested envelopes and did not receive them.

Winter 2017 FBC Discipleship Classes

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

Ladies Bible Study: Armor of God (Continuation)

Tuesdays, January 10 through April 11 | 9:30 AM | Bell Chapel

Every day, an invisible war rages around us—a devoted enemy seeks to wreak havoc on our lives. But his battle plan depends on catching us unaware and unarmed. If you're tired of being pushed around and caught with your guard down, this study is for you. **Facilitated by Nancy Burt**

The Five Love Languages (Gary Chapman)

Wednesdays, January 11 through April 26 | 5:45 PM | B402

Are you expressing love in a language your spouse understands? People behave differently when their emotional love tank is full! Discover your spouse's love language and learn to speak that language to your spouse fluently to meet his/her deepest emotional needs. **Facilitated by Jody & Donna McClinton**

DivorceCare

Wednesdays, January 11 through April 19 | 6:45 PM | B405

Find help and healing in the hurt of separation and divorce. This class is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Don't go through separation or divorce alone. You don't have to face it alone. Seminar will feature videos of top experts on divorce and recovery followed by support group discussion. **Facilitated by Kathy Cooper & Beth Sullivan**

ABC'S of Evangelism

Sundays, January 15 through March 12 | 4:30 PM | 413

This course will help you discern the spiritual condition of those you meet and prepare you to better share the gospel using our ABC tract. Join us for refreshments on January 15 to learn more about this class. **Facilitated by Jay Wolf, Kenny Hoomes and Will Spivey**

Personal Discipleship: Prayer, Purity, Purpose

Sundays, January 15 through February 19 | 4:30 PM | B408

Learn how to have an effective prayer closet, a more personal, intimate time with God every day, how to purify the heart, and how to pursue your purpose in life. This is a six-week, life-changing opportunity. **Facilitated by Keith & Jo Hancock**

Ladies Bible Study: Entrusted, A Study of 2nd Timothy

Sundays, January 15 through February 26 | 4:30 PM | B402

God has a plan for you! In this Beth Moore video study, you will be challenged to fulfill God's call on your life. He is calling you to be his mighty servant, willing to face unashamed whatever difficulty you encounter as you carry out HIS mission. **Facilitated by Kathy Cooper**

Soul Care 101

Sundays, January 15 through March 12 | 5:00 PM | B415

What is the condition of your soul? Are you feeling busy, stressed out, or overloaded? Are you wondering if this is really how God designed for you to live? This study aims to transform your life by showing you a new way to care for your soul. Utilizing videos and a curriculum developed by Potter's Inn Ministry, we'll explore together how to care for your soul, live well and lead well. **Facilitated by Jared McCrory**

Return to Mayberry

Sundays, January 15 through April 30 | 5:00 PM | B405

Join us for an hour of fun as we revisit some of the most classic episodes of "The Andy Griffith Show" and glean spiritual lessons for everyday life. **Facilitated by Doug & Lori Rogers**

Disciple-Maker Mentor Training

Sundays, January 15 through April 16 | 5:00 PM | B401, B417

Wednesdays, January 18 through April 19 | 5:30 PM | B417

Disciple-Maker is a program designed to train disciples to disciple others. This study is for those who want to be mentors to new believers and new members to disciple them as they develop spiritual disciplines, become engaged with other believers, and establish accountability to someone within the body of Christ. To sign up, contact Ken Webb at kewebbsr@gmail.com or 462.5800. **Multiple Facilitators**

This week at FBC Montgomery

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

Sunday, January 8

Mission Project: Central Asia
8:30 Worship Service
9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
11:00 Worship Service
4:00 Reflections Ensemble
5:00 Journey of Prayer
Children's Missions
Visitation
One Heart/One Voice Choirs
Prayer Time for South Asia

6:15 Worship Service

Monday, January 9

Mission Project: Central Asia
7:30 R.O.M.E.O.
8:30 English as a Second Language
10:00 JOY Singers
11:30 Amy Cooper WOM Group
6:00 Men's Bible Study
6:30 Freedom in Christ Recovery Group

Tuesday, January 10

Mission Project: Central Asia
8:30 English as a Second Language
9:30 MOPS
Ladies Bible Study
5:30 Women with Emotional Pain
6:00 Narcotics Anonymous
MLK Choir Rehearsal
6:30 Charlotte Cearley WOM Group

8:00 College Ministry: Elevate

Wednesday, January 11

Mission Project: Central Asia
8:30 English as a Second Language
11:45 Prison Ministry Board Meeting
2:15 Baldwin Bible Study
4:45 First Family Dinner
5:30 Tutoring
Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal
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
6:40 Church Leadership Council
6:45 DivorceCare
Ejamat Prayer Time

Thursday, January 12

Mission Project: Central Asia
9:00 Conversational English
10:00 Caregivers Support Group
10:30 Jackie Swan WOM Group
6:00 English as a Second Language

Friday, January 13

Student Ministry: Disciple Now
6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group

Saturday, January 14

Student Ministry: Disciple Now
6:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member :: Gurnia Moore

6517 Monmouth Mews | Montgomery, Alabama 36117-3464

Morning Worship (10:30 AM)

Let There Be Peace on Earth | Sanctuary Choir

Forgiven | Russell McCrory

Message | Jay Wolf

Evening Worship (5:30 PM)

Call to Worship | One Voice Choir

Praying for Our Missionaries

Lord, I Need You | Praise Team

Message | Jay Wolf

CrossRoads Broadcast Schedule

Watch the sermon at the time below or online at www.montgomeryfbc.org.



Frazer Channel 13 (Montgomery & Prattville)

Briighthouse 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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