

First Baptist Church Montgomery

# BEACON

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

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

Join Jay as he teaches the  
**ABC's of Evangelism**

Sundays, January 15 – March 26  
4:30 PM | 413

*A Practical Guide to Sharing Your Faith*

**Monday, January 23**  
Kenny Hoomes and John Fleming

**Tuesday, January 24**  
John Bush and Jared McCrory

**Wednesday, January 25**  
Chuck Ashley and Dale Huff

## COMPLACENCY EXPOSED

*A Study of the Book of Malachi*

January Bible Study :: 10:00 AM to Noon :: Stakely Sanctuary

**GIC**  
February 15-19

**PURPOSE**

[www.gic2017.com](http://www.gic2017.com)



# CONNECTIONS

— *from your Pastor's Heart*

## *The Inspiring Life of Pat Stewart*

*"Whatever you do in word or deed, do it unto the Lord." — Colossians 3:17*

Pat died on Christmas Day. A cruel stroke had robbed her of the ability to speak. She was ready to go home and meet the Lord, so a Christmas home-going was God's gracious gift.

I met Pat in March of 1981. Her husband, Alvin Stewart, served as the Minister of Education at FBC Montgomery. They graciously opened their home and hearts to us when Mary Ruth and I explored the option of serving as Dale Huff's associate pastor. Pat impressed me with her quiet strength, genuine compassion, and an unwavering commitment to serve Christ.

Pat was born in South Carolina in 1933. Her dad died when she was a little girl. Her Mom, Addie Grant, felt overwhelmed by life's harsh tides, so she sent Pat to live in Selma with a kind aunt. Pat became a follower of Jesus due to the witness of First Baptist Church of Selma. The church family loved this young lady who lived excellently for Christ and funded her college costs at Samford University. At Samford she met Alvin Stewart. In 1953, they married and formed a beautiful ministry partnership. After seminary in Texas, they came to Troy State where Alvin worked as a college student minister. In 1970, he was invited to become the Minister of Education at FBC of Montgomery. Pat's specialty was working with little children and for 43 years she served with excellence in our preschool ministry. Her teaching effectiveness opened doors for her to train others. She did teacher workshops across the southeast to help other Christ-followers grow their skill in ministering to children.



When the doors of FBC were opened, Pat was present because our church was her family. She not only ministered to our kids, she also served in the kitchen. She supported missions endeavors and was an ardent prayer warrior.

Recently, the Lord has called some of His top soldiers home to heaven. They leave big shoes to fill. Let me urge you at the start of this new year to follow Pat's example of excellence and in response to His grace find your Kingdom service place and ***"whatever you do in word or deed, do it as unto the Lord!"***

Serving the King of kings TOGETHER,

**FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, January 8, 2017**

### ATTENDANCE

**Bible Fellowship Enrollment** 5151 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1922  
**Weekly Attendance** 2067 | **Discipleship Attendance** 373

### OFFERING

**Required Weekly** \$127,730.77 | **Received Sunday** \$122,826.78  
**Required To Date** \$255,461.54 | **Received To Date** \$168,630.86  
**Building Fund Sunday** \$185.25 | **Building Fund to Date** \$890.75  
**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®** \$299,264.45

**Under Budget | \$86,830.68**



## Ministry Announcements

### Preschool Ministry

Join us for **Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)** on **Tuesday, January 24** from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. For more information, visit [www.montgomeryfbc.org/mops](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/mops).

### Children's Ministry

**Bible Drill** continues this **Sunday, January 15** 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](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/childrens-bible-drill).

**Young Worshiper's Club (YWC)** is coming! 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 will be handed out on January 29 during Sunday school. They will be responsible for bringing it to church each week and keeping up with it. For more information, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164 or [ggleathers@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:ggleathers@montgomeryfbc.org).

### College Ministry

Join the college ministry as we host the statewide annual collegiate Pursue conference February 17-18. The focus is "My Place in His Purpose." Cost for FBC members is only \$10! Phenomenal speakers such as Caleb Crider, J.D. Payne and David Boudia, 30+ breakout sessions led by missionaries across the world, and worship led by The Digital Age. Register by February 10 at [jlaw@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:jlaw@montgomeryfbc.org). For more info visit, [pursueal.org](http://pursueal.org)

### Adult Ministry

Join us for **Financial Peace University with Dave Ramsey** on **Sundays, February 5 through April 16** at 4:30 PM in room 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



### First Family Dinner | Wednesday, January 18

*No reservations required!*

**Adult & Children's Meal:** Hamburgers, Chips, Salad, Dessert

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

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

## 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](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org).

Construction and evangelism team members are needed for the **Denham Springs, Louisiana Mission Project on Thursday, January 26 through Sunday, January 29**. For more information, contact Kendall Shehane at 657.2643 or Mike Talley at 269.6800.

Save the Date for the **Global Impact Celebration (GIC)** on **Wednesday, February 15 through Sunday, February 19**. For more information, visit [www.gic2017.com](http://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](http://www.thepurposepodcast.com) to learn more or listen today.

## 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](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/first-baptist-foundation) or email Alissa Parrish at [airvin@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto: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](http://www.childrens-hope.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!

## Community Ministries

English as a Second Language (ESL) needs YOU to participate in our **Conversational Café** any **Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday**, for one hour between 9:00 AM and Noon in the Huff Building. No special training is required. 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

**Ruthie Blakeney**

8640 Huntingdon Ridge Lane | Montgomery, AL 36117

**Phoebe Parks**

3132 Boxwood Drive | Montgomery, AL 36111

### By Letter/Statement of Faith

**Mr. Bill Coley**

907 Green Ridge Road | 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. Haygood Poundstone (Beth) in the death of his mother, Lore; Jack & Elizabeth Poundstone in the death of their grandmother; Mr. & Mrs. Skip Parks in the death of his mother-in-law; Mr. & Mrs. Lee Parks (Alexandrea) in the death of his grandmother; Mr. & Mrs. Wylie Parks (Hillary) in the death of his grandmother; Miss Blair Parks in the death of her grandmother  
Mr. & Mrs. AJ Hard (Robin) in the death of their brother-in-law  
Family and Friends of Carl Wagner

### John Knox Rehab

Gwen McGriff

### St. Vincent's Hospital

Mike Phillips

### Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. David Carlisle (Mary Katherine) in the birth of a daughter  
Mr. & Mrs. Tim Bartgis (Patti) in the birth of a granddaughter  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wilkinson (Jewel) in the birth of a grandson

### Ministerial Staff Birthdays

Brian Gay (January 17)



# Winter 2017 FBC Discipleship Classes

For a complete list visit [www.montgomeryfbc.org/discipleshipclasses](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/discipleshipclasses)

## Ladies Bible Study: Armor of God (Continuation)

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

## The Five Love Languages (Gary Chapman)

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

## DivorceCare

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

## Personal Discipleship: Prayer, Purity, Purpose

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

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

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

## Soul Care 101

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

## Return to Mayberry

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

## 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

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

Sunday, January 22 | 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 Pat Thurman at 241.5130.

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100% of your gift helps send  
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## Churchwide News & Events

Let's honor and celebrate the **Retirement of Jane Ferguson, Minister of Community Ministries** on **Sunday, January 22** at 6:15 PM in the main sanctuary. A reception will follow the service in the fellowship hall.

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](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/ark).

# This week at FBC Montgomery

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

## Sunday, January 15

- Student Ministry: Disciple Now
- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 3:00 GIC Committee Meeting
- 4:30 Discipleship Classes  
ABCs of Evangelism
- 5:00 Discipleship Classes  
Children's Missions
- 5:30 One Heart/One Voice Choirs
- 6:00 Children's Ministry: Bible Drill
- 6:15 Worship Service

## Monday, January 16

- 10:00 JOY Singers
- 11:00 Senior Adult Ministry Council
- 6:00 Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 Freedom in Christ Recovery Group

## Tuesday, January 17

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 Ladies Bible Study
- 10:00 Senior Adult Game Day
- 4:30 Children's Learning Center Board
- 5:30 Women with Emotional Pain
- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous

- 8:00 College Ministry: Elevate

## Wednesday, January 18

- 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 DivorceCare  
Ejamat Prayer Time

## Thursday, January 19

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

## Friday, January 20

- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group

## Saturday, January 21

- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous

## In Home Ministry Member :: Ellen Motisi

3800 Marie Cook Drive | Montgomery, Alabama 36109-1612

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

- Glorious is Thy Name** | Sanctuary Orchestra
- As Long As I Have Breath** | Sanctuary Choir
- Before the Throne of God Above** | Jared & Sarah McCrory
- Message** | Jay Wolf

## Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

- Call to Worship** | One Heart & One Voice Choirs
- Disciple Now Report** | Russell McCrory
- Hallelujah** | Welden Willis & Mary Emily Taylor
- Message** | Jay Wolf

## 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)  
**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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