

BEACON

First Baptist Church Montgomery

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



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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.



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

Join us for a Retirement Celebration in honor of



Jane Ferguson

Sunday, January 22 | 6:15 PM

Join us as we celebrate Jane and thank her for her 28 years of service at First Baptist. A reception will be held following the evening service. Baskets will be available for you to drop cards and expressions of thankfulness for her ministry at First Baptist.

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

www.montgomeryfbc.org | Office: 334.834.6310 | Prayer Line: 334.834.4585

CONNECTIONS

— from your Pastor's Heart

The Celebration of and Inspiration from the amazing JANE FERGUSON

What Mother Teresa was to Calcutta, Jane Ferguson has been to Montgomery – God's angel of mercy!

Jane is retiring after completing 28 years as our all-star quarterback of Community Ministries. This Sunday, we will celebrate her work and be inspired from her Christ-honoring example.

Jane grew up in the home of George and Alma King in Calhoun County, Alabama. Her father was the first college graduate in his family, and Jane declared, "My daddy was the smartest man that I knew!" She graduated from Alexandria High School at age 16 as the Salutatorian.

In her entire educational experience, Jane only missed one day of school because she is a person of faith and faithfulness. She came to Christ early, and her faith was real and deep.

In 1957, Jane attended Jacksonville State College where she met Barney Ferguson, a young ministerial student. They connected at the Baptist Student Union Christmas Caroling party. God called them to be ministry partners and they married on February 14, 1959. They served churches in Alex City and Gadsden before going to Southern Seminary in Kentucky and ministering for nearly two decades at the 18th Street Baptist Church in Louisville. Jane saw the struggles of the inner city, which prompted her to get her seminary degree. In 1988 God led Dale Huff to invite Jane to start a Community Ministries program so that First Baptist could be Jesus to the center of our city.

I have served as Jane's ministry partner for over 25 years. She has guided our Community Ministries to be a national best practice. Each year we help in excess of 20,000 people receive food, clothing, addiction services, GED training, tutoring for students, coaching in conversational English for Internationals, along with a host of other special ministries. Jane's love for Christ propels her love for people and caring about their needs. Over the last 28 years, Jane has marshaled an army of volunteers to assist in the holy quest of "offering a cup of cold water in Jesus' name." Jane's Christ-honoring ministry has made us a more effective, authentic, and compassionate family of faith.

May Jane's example of Christ-like service inspire us to do the same.

Building His Kingdom TOGETHER,



FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, January 15, 2017

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5156 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1905
Weekly Attendance 2445 | **Discipleship Attendance** 1286

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$127,730.77 | **Received Sunday** \$84,058.45
Required To Date \$383,192.31 | **Received To Date** \$252,689.31
Building Fund Sunday \$310.00 | **Building Fund to Date** \$1,200.75
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® \$303,134.37

Under Budget | \$130,503.00



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.

Children's Ministry

Bible Drill continues this **Sunday, January 22** 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.

Don't forget to bring **Peanut Butter for the Caring Center** on **Sunday, January 29**. There will be collection bins on the Children's floors. For more information, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164 or gleanthers@montgomeryfbc.org.

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 gleanthers@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.

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



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, January 25

No reservations required!

Adult & Children's Meal: Ham, Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Roll Salad, Dessert

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

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

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

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.

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.

Ladies, be sure to save the date for the **2017 Renew Conference** on **Saturday, February 25** from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM at Taylor Road Baptist Church. This special conference is a time for recharging your spirit and refreshing your soul! Speakers include Katie Orr and Page Hughes and worship will be led by Shelly Johnson. Cost is \$35 which includes lunch. Registration deadline is February 1. To register, contact Kathy Hall at 324.6097 or kathyhall1959@yahoo.com.

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 traveling 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 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.

New Members

By Baptism

Noah Dyson
702 Spencer Street | Prattville, AL 36066

Mr. David A. Tapley
160 Stone Blvd, Apt 2006 | Pike Road, AL 36064

By Letter/Statement of Faith

Dr. David Fleming
209 Bradley Drive | Montgomery, AL 36109

Ms. Nathania Walters
2612 Clement Curve | Montgomery, AL 36111

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. Joe Davis (Betty) in the death of her mother, Marjorie Bradford

Mr. & Mrs. Chris Avant (Susan) in the death of her mother

Mr. & Mrs. Chris Lashlee (Madgie) in the death of her grandfather

Mrs. Phillip Stabler (Reba) in the death of her husband; Miss Mary-Austin Stabler in the death of her father; Mr. & Mrs. Larry Sutherland (Carolyn) in the death of their son-in-law

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Harwell (Carolyn) in the death of her mother, Mary England Ashley; Mr. Will Harwell in the death of his grandmother; Mr. & Mrs. Mark Norton (Ashley) in the death of her grandmother

Jackson

John Hendrix • Buddy Morgan

HealthSouth

Nell Saucer

John Knox Rehab

Gwen McGriff

St. Vincent's Hospital

Mike Phillips

Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Brinson (Logan) in the birth of a daughter; Mr. & Mrs. Brett Leary (Mary) in the birth of a granddaughter

Mr. & Mrs. Doyle Powell (Lisa) in the birth of a grandson

Ministerial Staff Birthdays

Alissa Parrish (January 28)

Winter 2017 FBC Discipleship Classes

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

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

The image contains two promotional banners. The top banner has a dark, textured background with a compass rose on the right. It features the text "GIC \\\ February 15-19" in blue and white, the word "PURPOSE" in large white and blue letters, and "Register for Events & View Schedule at www.gic2017.com" at the bottom. The bottom banner has a fiery, orange and black background with the text "WAR ROOM" in large, stylized letters, "PRAYER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON" below it, and "02.01.17 :: MAIN SANCTUARY :: 12:10 TO 12:50 PM" at the bottom.

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.

Churchwide News & Events

Save the Date for the **2017 VBS Preview Party** on **Sunday, February 26** from 4:00 to 6:00 PM in room B112. Drop in to see what's in store for the Galactic Starveyors VBS that will take place on Monday, June 19 through Friday, June 23.

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.

This week at FBC Montgomery

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

Sunday, January 22

- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
New Christian Class for Children
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 12:15 Membership Information Class
- 3:00 Cuba Mission Project 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
- 7:15 Reception for Jane Ferguson

Monday, January 23

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 10:00 January Bible Study
- 5:30 Deacon's Meeting
- 6:00 Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 Freedom in Christ Recovery Group

Tuesday, January 24

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 MOPS
Ladies Bible Study
- 10:00 January Bible Study
- 4:30 Community Ministries Board Meeting

- 5:30 Women with Emotional Pain
- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous
- 8:00 College Ministry: Elevate

Wednesday, January 25

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 10:00 January Bible Study
- 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
- 6:40 Finance Committee
- 6:45 DivorceCare
Ejamat Prayer Time

Thursday, January 26

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

Friday, January 27

- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group

Saturday, January 28

- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member :: Johnnie Powell

1837 Upper Wetumpka Rd, Room 54 | Montgomery, Alabama 36107-1333

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

- Call to Worship** | Sanctuary Orchestra
- Oh, to See the Dawn** | Sanctuary Choir
- When Love Takes You In** | Steve Harris
- Message** | Jay Wolf

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

- Celebrating the Ministry of Jane Ferguson**
- Offertory** | Nehemiah Kids

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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