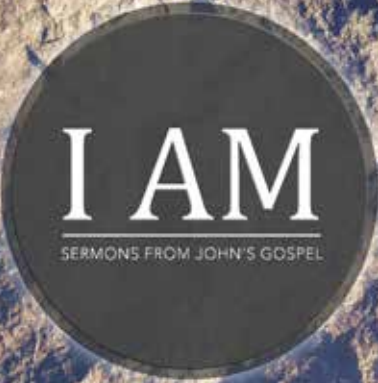


First Baptist Church Montgomery

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

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JOHN 8:12
I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

SUNDAY, MARCH 12 \ \ RUSSELL MCCRORY
6:15 PM \ \ MAIN SANCTUARY



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR North American Missions

March 5-12, 2017 | Goal: \$70 Million
FBC GOAL: \$115,000

 North American Mission Board

ANNIE ARMSTRONG
EASTER OFFERING

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

SPRING

celebration
and Easter Egg Hunt

Daylight Savings Time is here!
Don't forget to **Spring Forward** on March 12!



CONNECTIONS

— *from your Pastor's Heart*

Living on Mission with King Jesus

Jesus issued a magnetic invitation: **“Follow Me!”** As you travel through the years following Jesus, constantly seek your place in His plan.

Last week I put on my IMB Trustee hat and visited the *International Learning Center* in Virginia to meet with our newest missionaries who are preparing to share God's Gospel with the nations. Every person we are sending and supporting offered compelling testimonies of God's work in their lives. Specifically, we interviewed Casey and Joe who were preparing to be God's Voice to an Unreached People Group in a hard place. Casey captured our attention when she shared slices of God's work in her life:

*“I was a young child listening to a Christmas sermon with my Alabama church family when the weight of my sin hit me. My Mom thought it was my sister who hit me so she pinched her! I was too shy to go forward and stand for Christ that night but in my parents bedroom we prayed the sinner's prayer and I started following Jesus. In GA's I started asking what is my role in fulfilling the Lord's Great Commission? When I entered my teen years a gracious college student served as a spiritual mentor and taught me the beauty of constantly growing a love relationship with Jesus. In college God sent me on an international mission expedition to Africa where I encountered intense poverty and lostness. We worked with a passionate missionary who said daily, **‘God does not want your excuses but your obedience!’** I'm a shy introvert, but God opened my eyes as I read Exodus 3 and like Moses, my fears and excuses were subordinated to the Father's call to set people free. So we are going to a hard place to make Jesus known because HE IS WORTH IT!”*

Regardless of your age or stage, keep asking that question: WHAT IS MY PLACE IN GOD'S PLAN? Several years ago, my son-in-law started a new business with two friends and they put at the top of a white board in a planning meeting these words: HOW CAN WE USE THIS BUSINESS TO FULFILL CHRIST'S GREAT COMMISSION?

Purpose today to make an earthly and eternal difference by closely following King Jesus and share His love and light with everyone you encounter!

Fulfilling His Great
Commission TOGETHER,

FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, March 5, 2017

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5154 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1768
Weekly Attendance 2363 | **Discipleship Attendance** 1336

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$127,730.77 | **Received Sunday** \$147,236.76
Required To Date \$1,277,307.69 | **Received To Date** \$1,097,715.65
Building Fund Sunday \$686.50 | **Building Fund to Date** \$3,803.00
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® \$33,848.00

Under Budget | \$179,592.04

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

The next **New Christian's Class for Children** begins on **Sunday, March 19** during Sunday school. For more information, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164 or gleanthers@montgomeryfbc.org.

Mark your calendars for **Children's Sunday** on **April 23**. Our special guest for the evening service will be **Kidz Blitz**. Summer information will also be available. For more information, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164 or gleanthers@montgomeryfbc.org.

Student Ministry

Save the Date for these upcoming events: Graduate Recognition Sunday (May 7); Missions Montgomery (May 31-June 2); Outdoor Adventure (June 28-29); Crossover Swim Party (July 9); Youth Camp (July 17-21); Crossover Lake Retreat (July 28); and the Senior Lake Retreat (August 4-5). For more information, visit www.fbmsm.com.

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.

Ladies, join us for the **Finding I Am Bible Study on Sundays, March 5 through April 23** at 5:00 PM in room B402. What is the deep cry of your heart? That ache in your soul that keeps you up at night? The prayer you keep repeating. Jesus not only cares about this deep, spiritual wrestling, but He also wants to step in and see you through it. Join author Lisa Terkeurst as we explore the seven I AM statements of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. Facilitated by Kathy Cooper

Join us for a new discipleship class on **Sundays, March 26 through April 30** at 5:00 PM in room B415. **Biblical Interpretation Principles** is part one of a two part study that covers five interpretation principles to help the believer study, interpret and apply the Bible correctly. Interpretation is about answering the



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 15

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)

question: What does it mean?
Facilitated by Steve Langer

Senior Adult Ministry

Make plans to attend the **Senior Adult Singin'** on **Tuesday, March 14** at Hunter Street Baptist Church in Hoover, Alabama. We will depart the Scott Street lot at 7:30 AM and return around 3:30 PM. Cost is \$10 and includes lunch. Call Mary Virginia Crum at 241.5180 to make your reservation.

Missions Ministry

There will be a **Denham Springs, Louisiana Mission Interest Meeting** on **Sunday, March 12** at 3:30 PM in room 347. For more information, contact Brian Gay at 241.5131 or briangay@montgomeryfbc.org.

The **Charlotte Cearley Women on Mission** group will meet at 6:30 PM on **Tuesday, March 14**, in the home of Marie Sullivan (8513 Harbinger Court). Our guest speaker will be Connie Hulseby who will share about FBC In-home ministries. For more information, contact Kathy Hall at 324.6097 or kathyhall1959@yahoo.com.

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!

Registration for the Reflections Ensemble Spring Break Tour and the Summer Choir Tours is online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration.

Please join us in **congratulating our 14 students** who participated in this year's **Alabama Baptist State Children's Honor Choir**. Anna Kate Blissitte, Cate Scott Brendle, Gray Brendle, Hudson Cornett, Andrew Gay, Allison Grant, Will Gulsby, Sam Hartzog, Naomi Hudson, Webb McGregor, Kaelyn Morgan, Melissa Pace, Eva Phelps, and Mary Bradley Phelps.

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.

New Members

By Baptism

Mr. Rajnish Sahu

7027 Peppertree Lane | Montgomery, AL 36117

Mr. John Blades

8156 Longneedle Place | Montgomery, AL 36117

Miss Alexis Carr

2591 Lee Road, 148 | Opelika, AL 36804

Miss Sydney Grissett

3505 Reserve Circle, Apt G | Montgomery, AL 36111

By Letter/Statement of Faith

Mr. Scott Gilley

Mrs. Scott Gilley (Sandra)

Mr. Kevin Gilley

628 Westcott Drive | Wetumpka, AL 36093

Mr. D.K. Grissett

3505 Reserve Circle, Apt G | Montgomery, AL 36111

Mr. Drew Harrell

Mrs. Drew Harrell (Christian)

2262 Country Club Drive | Montgomery, AL 36106

Dr. Nickey Owen Johnson

Shelby Grace Johnson

Tate Johnson

160 Stone Park Blvd., #103 | Pike Road, AL 36064

Mr. Tim Powell

Mrs. Tim Powell (Sheree)

11610 Redland Road | Tallahassee, AL 36078

Miss D.J. Reyes

2398 Jasmine Hill Road | Wetumpka, AL 36093

Mr. Alex Williams

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Our Church Family

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

Sympathy Extended to

Family & Friends in the death of Gwen McGriff
Dr. & Mrs. Jay Wolf (Mary Ruth) in the death of
her uncle

Baptist South

Steve Graham

Jackson

Charles Brassell

Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Chad Payne (Jamie) in the birth of
a son

Mr. & Mrs. Scott Champion (Jasmyne) in the
adoption of a son



Have you considered planning what your legacy will be? The First Baptist Foundation is committed to help you create a legacy through estate planning that will honor your family and your faith. We have partnered with PhilanthroCorp so you can receive this free gift of estate planning. For more information on how to get started on your free estate plan, contact 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 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.

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.

Save the date for the **Missions Auction** for Single Adult Mission Scholarships on **Friday, May 5** at 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall. If you would like to donate items for the auction, contact Kathy Cooper at 241.5125 or kcooper@montgomeryfbc.org.

Volunteer Opportunity of the Week: Beacon Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help tab and label the **Beacons** every Thursday morning beginning at 8:00 AM. If you would like to volunteer, contact Beth DeBardeleben at 241.5160 or bdebardeleben@montgomeryfbc.org.

This week at FBC Montgomery

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

Sunday, March 12

- Mission Project: Haiti
8:30 Worship Service
9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
11:00 Worship Service
International Worship Service
3:30 Denham Springs Mission Project
Interest Meeting
4:00 Reflections Ensemble
Refugee Team Meeting
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, March 13

- Mission Project: Haiti
8:30 English as a Second Language
10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal
11:30 Amy Cooper Women On Mission
5:15 Sanctuary Handbells
5:30 Men's Bible Study
6:30 Freedom in Christ Recovery Group

Tuesday, March 14

- 7:30 Senior Adult Singin'
8:30 English as a Second Language
9:30 Ladies Bible Study
MOPS

- 5:30 Women with Emotional Pain
6:30 Charlotte Cearley Women On Mission
7:00 Narcotics Anonymous
8:00 College Ministry: Elevate

Wednesday, March 15

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
2:15 Baldwin Bible Study
4:45 First Family Dinner
5:30 Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal
Tutoring
Disciple-Maker Mentor Training
Preschool & Children's Choirs
The Five Love Languages
6:00 First Family Prayer Time
6:30 Student Ministry: Powerhouse
6:35 Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal
6:40 Finance Committee
6:45 Ejabat Prayer Time

Thursday, March 16

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

Friday, March 17

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

Saturday, March 18

- Mission Projects: Cuba & Haiti
7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member :: Jean Chandler

1462 Stowers Road | Mathews, Alabama 36052-4733

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

I Will Keep My Eyes on You | Ichthus Ensemble

The Majesty & Glory of Your Name | Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra

Offertory Solo | Melanie Hudson

Message | Jay Wolf

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

How Can I Keep from Singing? | One Voice Choir

Light of the World | Rachel Love & The Praise Team

Message | Russell McCrory

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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