

First Baptist Church Montgomery

BEACON

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

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Worldwide Communion

Sunday, October 1
8:30 & 11:00 AM

Share in the beauty and wonder of the Lord's Supper.



Nearly Newlyweds Class

Sundays, September 24 through November 5
9:45 AM | B411

WAR ROOM

PRAYER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON

10.04.17 :: MAIN SANCTUARY :: 12:10 TO 12:50 PM

RIVER REGION

judgment-house

A Dramatic Gospel Presentation That Changes Lives

Oct 15 - 31



4003 Eastern Blvd

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CONNECTIONS

— from your Pastor's Heart

Our Holy Quest: Learn and Live God's Word!

God has blessed our First Baptist Family with a huge group of first graders. We recently presented 53 precious children with their special Bibles. I communicated to these future world-changing disciples of Jesus the same message that I communicate to everyone. Our holy quest is to learn and live God's Word. God is real and His Word is true. **Make God's Word your textbook for life.** Jesus had the highest view of the Scripture when He proclaimed, *"Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I came to fulfill it. Until heaven and earth passes away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law until all is accomplished. Whoever keeps and teaches God's commandments will be called great in the Kingdom of heaven."* (Matthew 5:17-19) Use these four compelling pictures to propel your quest to learn and live God's Word each day.

1. The Bible is a LIBRARY. God divinely orchestrated the creation and preservation of His Word. The Bible's 66 books were written by 40 authors using three languages over 1500 years. But its singular theme is Jesus Christ and His redeeming fallen humanity. Paul explained, *"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness."* (2 Timothy 3:16)



2. The Bible is a LIGHT. *"Thy Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path."* (Psalm 119:105) You don't have to stumble in the dark, but turn on the light by opening God's Word which reveals His will and way to you each day.

3. God's Word is a COMPASS. To successfully navigate the maze of this fallen and deceptive world, you need to know where TRUE North is located. Like a compass for a traveler, God's Word is a reliable tool that provides liberating truth you can trust. Jesus said, *"You shall know the truth and the truth will set you free."* (John 8:32)

4. The Bible is a SWORD. Satan attempted to distract and defeat Jesus by offering a set of alluring temptations. Christ used the sword of God's Word and slashed Satan to pieces with three scriptures from Deuteronomy. Your goal is to get a good grip on the sword of God's Word by hearing, reading, studying, memorizing, and implementing it. *"The word of God is living and active, sharper than a double-edged sword, which penetrates to the dividing of soul and spirit and judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."* (Hebrews 4:12)

Remember, the Bible is not the book of the month. It is the book of the ages. So, make it your textbook for life by learning it and living it each day!

Following God's Guiding
Light TOGETHER,

A handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to the pastor mentioned in the text.

FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, September 24, 2017

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5187 | Bible Fellowship Attendance 1736

Weekly Attendance 2311 | Discipleship Attendance 1719

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$127,730.77 | Received Sunday \$87,778.96

Required To Date \$4,981,500.00 | Received To Date \$4,425,604.04

Building Fund Sunday \$96.00 | Building Fund to Date \$14,011.85

Myers-Mallory Offering \$23,372.93 | Disaster Relief \$23,744.20

Under Budget | \$555,895.96

FREE

sunday **OCTOBER 29** 4 to 6 pm

www.montgomeryfbc.org/familyfest

2017 FALL FESTIVAL

First Baptist Church Montgomery

Don't Forget to Wear a
Fun, Happy Costume!

Bags of candy are needed for the Fall
Festival. Please drop off in collection
boxes this Sunday morning.



Ministry Announcements

Preschool Ministry

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

There will be a **Parent/Child Dedication** on **Sunday, October 22** 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, October 8.

Children's Ministry

Outrageous Outfits in October begins Sunday! The schedule: Silly Sock Sunday (October 1); Camo Sunday (October 8); Blue Jean Sunday (October 15); Team Spirit Sunday (October 22); and Patriotic Sunday (October 29). For more information, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164 or gleanthers@montgomeryfbc.org.

Student Ministry

On **Wednesday, October 4** Powerhouse will meet at Cramton Bowl for **FCA Fields of Faith** from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Join us at 6:00 PM at the Multiplex (in the Cramton Bowl End Zone) for a free Chick-Fil-A dinner followed by worship with hundreds of teens from all around our community. Pickup will be at 8:00 PM. For more information, contact Russell McCrory at 241.5163 or rmccrory@montgomeryfbc.org.

College Ministry

College Students...Join us for **ELEVATE** on **Tuesday, October 3** at 8:00 PM



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, October 4

No reservations required!

Adult & Children's Meal: Spaghetti, Roll, Salad, Dessert

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

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

in the youth center with free dinner served from 7:15 to 7:45 PM. For more information, contact Justin Law at 241.5162 or jlaw@montgomeryfbc.org.

College students and high school seniors are invited to join us for the **2018 Passion Conference** on **Monday, January 1 through Wednesday, January 3** in Atlanta, GA. Register and pay (\$160) online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration. For more information, contact Justin Law at 241.5162 or jlaw@montgomeryfbc.org.

Adult Ministry

Join Jay as he continues a new round of his **Pastor's Class** on **Sunday, October 1** at 10:00 AM in the main sanctuary. The 13-week class, open to everyone, will be an overview of the Bible.

Senior Adult Ministry

All men are invited to join us at Chappy's Deli on Perry Hill Road, on **Monday, October 2** at 7:30 AM for **R.O.M.E.O. (Retired Old Men Eating Out)**. Join us for good food, fellowship, and a devotion.

Music Ministry

Our Sanctuary Choir has begun preparations for the **2017 Living Christmas Tree!** Now is the time to be part of this wonderful experience. Join us **Wednesday, October 4** at 6:35 PM in the Roper Choir Suite, located just behind the fellowship hall. For more information, contact Donna Haney at 241.5150 or dhaney@montgomeryfbc.org.

Missions Ministry

Judgment House Volunteer Opportunities include a Work Day on Sunday, October 1 at 2:00 PM and **Drama Rehearsals on Monday, October 2 and Thursday, October 5** at 6:00 PM. Both opportunities will take place at the Judgment House building, 4003 Eastern Blvd in the Montgomery Towne Center. For more information, contact Brian Gay at 220.4402.

Global Hunger Sunday is October 8. All money collected through the Global Hunger Relief is used to feed hungry people around the world and share the "Bread of Life" with those who hunger for the good news of salvation and eternal life through Jesus Christ. For more information, contact Brian Gay at 220.4402.

Community Ministries

Volunteers are needed to help with October Field Trips to the Master's Garden. Join us in helping kindergarten through second graders from the Nehemiah Center learn how fruits/vegetables are grown, understand the important role of a farmer,

New Members

By Baptism

Mr. Joseph Sankey Sr.
Mrs. Joseph Sankey (Doranda)
1031 Lynwood Drive | Montgomery, AL 36111

By Letter/Statement

Mrs. Sarah Lawson
520 S Hull Street | Montgomery, AL 36104

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. Jerry Roberson (Glenda) in the death of their daughter, Carmen
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Leatherwood (Jane) in the death of his father; Mr. & Mrs. Eric Leatherwood (Elizabeth Nan) in the death of his grandfather
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Swann (Denise) in the death of his mother, Helen
Ms. Rosalie Booher in the death of her brother, Ken Bemis
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Gorsuch (Sherry) in the death of her uncle

Baptist South

Rachel Hunter • Rhonda Stewart

Jackson

Kathy Cooper • Sherri Timberlake

Capitol Hill Healthcare

Sarah Lawson • Jim Blake

Children's Hospital

Sarah Cate Gulsby

Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Matt Thomason (Jenny) in the birth of a daughter; Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Myer (Millie) in the birth of a granddaughter
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Barker (Lindsey) in the birth of a son; Mr. & Mrs. Bill Goodwyn (Mary) in the birth of a grandson

2018 Proposed Budget

The church will vote on the budget without discussion during both morning worship services on **Sunday, October 1**.

Copies of the budget are available on the tables in the main sanctuary foyers or by visiting www.montgomeryfbc.org/stewardship.

handpick pumpkins and collards, and encourage healthy eating choices on **Tuesdays and Thursdays, October 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, and 26** from 9:30 to 11:00 AM. Come learn more about the FBC Community Ministries' Master's Garden while you lead these young children through fun activities, and bring your family! Call Robin Caddell at 546.7902 or rmcaddell@hotmail.com to sign up.

We Still Need Your Help to Get Ready for Christmas! We are collecting gifts for families in need. Items can be left in our regular donation box at the Scott Street entrance throughout the week or delivered to the Caring Center. Simple toys, balls (football, basketball, soccer), puzzles, games, Bibles and books for children, Hispanic Bibles, clothing for all ages (socks, underwear, slippers, etc.), diapers, linens, wash cloths and towels, kitchen towels, throws, etc. For more information, contact Tim Cearley at 241.5141.

Churchwide News & Events

The In-Home Ministry and Living Hope Cancer Care Ministry will have a **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and Planning Meeting** on **Tuesday, October 10** at 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall. Contact Connie Hulsey at 399.1126 or email ecphulsey@gmail.com if you are planning to attend.

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is coming November 13-20! The gifts in your shoebox thrill the heart of the child who receives it and open doors for ministry partners to share the Good News of God's Greatest Gift—His Son, Jesus Christ—with boys and girls and their families. If you would like to help, contact Ben Hulsey at bhulsey@fbc-cm.org or 399.9876.

Ways to Give

Giving is a natural part of our worship to God. Through the tithes and offerings of First Baptist Montgomery members, God continues to bless people both locally and around the world. Here are a few ways that you can give to the Lord through First Baptist Montgomery.

- 1. Cash or Check**
Place your gift in the offering plate on Sundays or you can mail a check to the Church Finance Office (First Baptist Church, 305 South Perry Street, Montgomery, AL 36104)
- 2. Bill Pay**
Set up a bill pay through your bank.
- 3. Online Giving**
Visit www.montgomeryfbc.org/give to make your contribution online with a Visa or MasterCard.
- 4. Stock/Appreciated Asset Giving**

For more information, contact Patti Shoemaker, Church Administrator, at 334.241.5181 or email pshoemaker@montgomeryfbc.org.

This week at FBC

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

Sunday, October 1

- 8:30 Worship Service
Prayer Room in Media Center
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
Nearly/Newlywed Class
Children's Ministry: New Christians Class
- 11:00 Worship Service
Prayer Room in Media Center
- 2:00 Judgment House Work Day
- 4:00 Reflections Ensemble
- 4:30 ABCs of Evangelism
- 5:00 Discipleship Classes
Children's Missions
One Heart/One Voice Choirs
- 6:15 Worship Service

Monday, October 2

- 7:30 R.O.M.E.O.
- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal
- 5:15 Sanctuary Handbell Rehearsal
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 6:00 Judgment House Rehearsal
- 6:30 Freedom in Christ Recovery

Tuesday, October 3

- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 Ladies Bible Study: Covenant
- 5:30 Women with Emotional Pain
- 6:00 TIPS Foster Care Training
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous
- 8:00 College Ministry: Elevate

Wednesday, October 4

- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 12:10 War Room (Churchwide Prayer)
- 2:15 Student Ministry: Baldwin Bible Study
- 4:45 First Family Dinner
- 5:30 Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal
Tutoring
- 5:45 Preschool & Children's Choirs
Love and Respect Bible Study
- 6:00 First Family Prayer Time
Student Ministry: FCA Fields of Faith
- 6:30 DivorceCare
- 6:35 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 6:45 Ejamat Prayer Time

Thursday, October 5

- 9:00 Conversational English
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group
- 6:00 Judgment House Rehearsal

Friday, October 6

- Mission Project: Haiti
- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 11:00 Leadership Alabama

Saturday, October 7

- Mission Project: Haiti
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member Margaret Cone

3560 Carter Hill Road
Montgomery, AL 36111-3414



305 South Perry Street
Montgomery, AL 36104

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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Morning Worship (8:30 & 11:00 AM)

My Tribute | Sanctuary Orchestra

All the Glory Belongs to Jesus
Sanctuary Choir

Still My Soul, Be Still | Sarah McCrory

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

2018 Ministry Plan Adoption

Prayer Room | Justin Aday (Poundstone Class)

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

Call to Worship | One Heart & One Voice Choirs

Who Gave You Life | Elena Elwell

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, 8:00 PM; Thursday, 1:30 PM & 6:00 PM

WSFA-TV Channel 12 | Sunday, 10:30 AM

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