

First Baptist Church Montgomery

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

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RAISED TO LIFE

Death Defeated

MARK 16:6

EASTER :: SUNDAY, APRIL 1

- 8:30 AM** EASTER WORSHIP CELEBRATION
- 9:45 AM** BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CLASSES
- 11:00 AM** EASTER WORSHIP CELEBRATION
- 5:00 PM** **NO** DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES, VISITATION, CHILDREN'S MISSIONS OR YOUTH CHOIRS
- 5:00 PM** AWAKEN EASTER GATHERING AT RIVERWALK STADIUM

There will be overflow seating in the fellowship hall for the 8:30 & 11:00 AM services. Parking is available in the Perry Street Lot and in the deck on the corner of Scott & Lawrence Streets.

A RIVER REGION
EASTER GATHERING

Awaken

Sunday, April 1 | 5:00 PM | Riverwalk Stadium

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



CONNECTIONS

— *from your Pastor's Heart*

Finding Easter HOPE in Our Fallen World

Do you remember the startling news story about a man named Jeff Bush, who lived in Florida? On a quiet evening, he was lying in bed when a sinkhole opened beneath his bedroom and swallowed Mr. Bush without warning. His brother attempted a rescue, but to no avail. The next day, workers tried to find him as they probed the depth of the dangerous hole. His body was deemed non-recoverable.

The extraordinary episode of Mr. Bush's bizarre demise vividly reminds us that our fallen world is unpredictable, dangerous and deadly. Other news stories and life experiences underline the fact that life is fragile and fleeting. Closer to home, ***in the last few days five treasured friends connected to our church family transitioned from earth to God's presence.*** In our fallen world you will travel through the *valley of death's shadow* so you'll need a Good Shepherd in Jesus to be your guide. Our risen Savior shouts, *"Trust Me! I will take care of you. Since I can conquer death, My power is bigger than your problems."*

An intriguing monument stands on the western edge of Spain looking over the vast Atlantic. The ancient billboard dates back to 1320. Chiseled in stone is the Latin phrase, *"Ne plus ultra"* meaning: *"No more beyond."* The Spaniards believed their western coast bordered the end of the world and nothing existed beyond them except water and desolation. Then came 1492 when Columbus discovered a new world beyond Spain. Afterwards, people noted the absurdity and arrogance of the statement *"No more beyond."* When the first coins were minted in the new world, a bold slogan appeared on the currency: *"Plus Ultra – More Beyond!"*

When you follow King Jesus and grant Him access to your central belief system, He stamps upon your heart the proclamation of *"More Beyond!"* There is more beyond the grave. There is a new world coming. There is resurrection. There is HOPE for now and forever!

My beloved friends, in our fallen world of broken hearts and thirsty souls, passionately share the good news of Easter that we serve a living Savior and possess the certain hope of ***"More Beyond!"***

Sharing Easter Hope TOGETHER,

FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, March 25, 2018

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5220 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 2052
Weekly Attendance 2547 | **Discipleship Attendance** 1316

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$128,365.38 | **Received Sunday** \$119,083.57
Required To Date \$1,540,384.56 | **Received To Date** \$1,399,695.17
Building Fund Sunday \$1090.00 | **Building Fund to Date** \$6,626.95
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering \$92,732.32

Under Budget | \$140,689.39

Children's Sunday

April 8 // 6:15 PM // Main Sanctuary

MARK
Lippard
VARIETY ENTERTAINER



Ministry Announcements

Vacation Bible School

It is time to get your **GAME ON** and **sign up to volunteer for our 2018 Vacation Bible School on Monday, June 18 through Friday, June 22!** Volunteers are needed to help our preschoolers and children realize God has given them His ultimate playbook and that He wants them to join His team, train hard, celebrate salvation, and encourage one another. To sign up, visit www.montgomeryfbc.org/vbs.

Student Ministry

Graduate Recognition is Sunday, May 6. The deadline for submitting photos is Friday, April 13. Register online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration. If you have any questions, contact Russell McCrory at 241.5163.

College Ministry

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

Adult Ministry

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

Music Ministry

The **Spring Preschool Choirs Program** will be **Wednesday, May 2** at 6:00 PM in Stakely Sanctuary.



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, April 4

No reservations required!

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

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

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

Community Ministries

Spring is here and gardening families in Chisholm will return to **the Master's Garden** on Saturday, April 7 to claim their plots and begin planting. **FBC families are invited to visit the Garden and pick from the 1500 strawberry plants on Sunday, April 8** from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Bring your children and enjoy the harvest of fresh strawberries. The Master's Garden is located at 216 Broadway Street. For more information, contact Tim Cearley at 241.5141.

There will be a **Retirement Reception in honor of Judy Nuss** on **Sunday, April 22** from 3:30 to 5:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Come and help us show our appreciation to Judy for her 16 years of faithful service as the director of the Caring Center.

The Caring Center is in need of gently loved (all pieces included) or new games and puzzles for ages 4-12 to be used in the resource room for the tutoring program. Items may be placed in the bins located at the Scott Street entrance or the main sanctuary foyer. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

Churchwide News & Events

For tickets to the **Montgomery Prayer Breakfast** on **Thursday, May 3** from 7:00 to 8:30 AM at the Alabama Activity Center (201 Dexter Avenue) visit www.hisvessel.org.

Join us for the **Bible Reading Marathon** on **Thursday, May 3 through Sunday, May 6** on the steps of the State Capitol. Sign up for a reading slot at www.hisvessel.org.

Save the date for the **Missions Auction** for Single Adult Mission Scholarships on **Friday, May 4** 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.

Will you be away from FBC on Sunday? Then join us **Sunday** at 11:00 AM as we broadcast our service live on the FBC app and website (www.montgomeryfbc.org/livestream) as well as our main **Facebook page, First Baptist Church Montgomery** (@montgomeryfirstbaptist).

New Members

By Baptism

Mr. Jay "Parker" Ivey
4034 Johnstown Drive | Montgomery, AL 36109

By Letter/Statement of Faith

Mr. Dewayne Jones
215 Clayton Street | Montgomery, AL 36104

Mr. Chad Schroeder
5137 State Hwy 97 N | Lowndesboro, AL 36752

Our Church Family

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

Sympathy Extended to

Mrs. Thomas Champion (Blanche) in the death of her husband; Mr. & Mrs. Tim Riley (Lesli) in the death of her father; Mr. & Mrs. Grant Horton (Allison) in the death of her grandfather; Mr. & Mrs. Tom Champion (Jodie) in the death of his father; Chloe, Gracie & Jackson Champion in the death of their grandfather
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Moore (Joyce) in the death of his brother, Gurnia Moore
Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Morgan (Pam) in the death of her father, Norman Vowell; Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Morgan (Missy) in the death of his grandfather
Mrs. Keith Green (Beth) in the death of her husband; Daniel & Sarah Green in the death of their father; Mr. & Mrs. Ladon Green (Martha) in the death of their son
Mr. & Mrs. Tommy West (Susan) in the death of her uncle
Mrs. Gerald Hartley (Judy) in the death of her son, Wade

Baptist South

Lynn Pool • Gregory Frieson

John Knox Rehab

Emma Smith

HealthSouth

Valy Vongdara

UAB Medical Center

Ray Rossell

Emory University Hospital

Bernice Carter

Deacon Nominations Due By Sunday, April 29!

Forms are available in the main sanctuary foyers or online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration.



100%
of your gifts to the
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering®
supports North American missionaries.

FBC Goal: \$115,000
Given to Date: \$92,732.32

WAR ROOM

PRAYER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON

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

SENIOR ADULT VBS
APRIL 23-25
10 AM TO NOON // 413



Worthy of Worship

Sunday, April 29 | 6:15 PM

First Baptist Church Music
Ministry presents a worship
celebration featuring the
Sanctuary Orchestra



The First Baptist Montgomery App

Available in App Stores



This week at FBC

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

Sunday, April 1

- 8:30 Worship Service
Prayer Room in Media Center
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 11:00 Worship Service
Prayer Room in Media Center
- 5:00 Awaken Easter Gathering
@ Riverwalk Stadium

Monday, April 2

- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 10:00 JOY Singers
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 Freedom in Christ Support Group

Tuesday, April 3

- 7:00 Public Health Meeting
- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 Ladies Bible Study
- 4:30 Facility Analysis Team Meeting
- 5:30 Women with Emotional Pain
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous
- 8:00 College Ministry: Elevate Worship

Wednesday, April 4

- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 12:10 War Room (Churchwide Prayer)
- 2:15 Student Ministry: Baldwin Bible Study
- 5:00 First Family Dinner
Children's Ministry: Church Bible Drill
- 5:22 WMU Leadership Team Meeting
- 5:30 Tutoring Program
Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal
- 5:45 Preschool & Children's Choirs
Discipleship Class: Heart of Family
- 6:00 First Family Prayer Time
- 6:30 Student Ministry: Powerhouse
- 6:35 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 6:40 Discipleship Class: DivorceCare
- 6:45 Ejamat Prayer Time

Thursday, April 5

- 9:00 Conversational English
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group

Friday, April 6

- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group

Saturday, April 7

- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member
Bobbie Higgins

297 Sylvest Dr, Apt 207 | Montgomery, AL 36117



305 South Perry Street
Montgomery, AL 36104

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
montgomery

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

Easter Celebration Worship featuring...
Beautiful music by our Sanctuary Choir,
Orchestra, & Men's Ensemble
Powerful Narration
And a powerful Easter Message by Jay Wolf!

Prayer Room
Douglas McElvy (College Ministry)

Evening Worship (5:00 PM)

Awaken Easter Gathering
@ Riverwalk Stadium



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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