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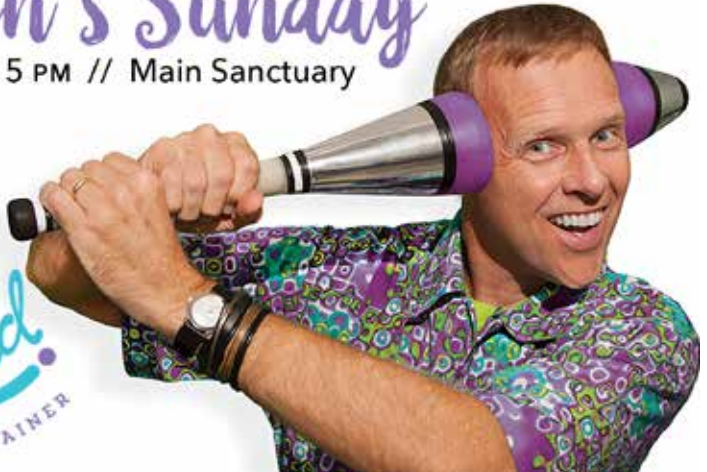
*bring them in...build them up...send them out*

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# Children's Sunday

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

MARK  
*Lippard*  
VARIETY ENTERTAINER



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



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FBC Goal: \$115,000  
Given to Date: \$129,623.32



# CONNECTIONS

— *from your Pastor's Heart*

## *The Beauty and Value of the Body of Christ*

*“Upon this rock I will build My Church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.” — Jesus*

The Carpenter of Nazareth started building His church 2000 years ago and designed it as His representative to share God's love and light with everyone. When you follow Jesus, He calls you to be a functioning member of His Body who does God's work in your world.

Dr. Keith Green started following Jesus as a child and deeply connected to the Body of Christ. By the time he turned 16 he was teaching children's Sunday School. He quickly removed his baby's bib labeled *“feed me”* and replaced it with the disciple's towel labeled *“serve Me.”* After completing Medical School, Keith returned to Montgomery for his residency program and joined God's First Baptist Family. Even though he worked all night at the hospital, on Sunday Keith made it a top priority to be in church. Coming to church paid off in a big way because Keith met his amazing life partner, Beth, at FBC!

Keith effectively used medicine as his ministry platform. Additionally, he served as a deacon, who consistently ministered to others. He found time to express Christ's love and light by mentoring “at risk children” through our FBC tutoring program each Wednesday. Keith's son, Daniel, summed his Dad's life by saying, *“My Father's faith in Christ permeated everything he did.”*

A few days ago, Keith was approaching the doorway of death because of cancer's cruel invasion. Keith told Eddie Stewart, the leader of his Bible Fellowship Class, *“As a physician, I know what is coming. As a follower of Jesus, I know where I'm going.”* With unflinching faith, Keith and his family stood on the promise of Christ's Resurrection power as they followed the Good Shepherd into the valley of the shadow of death. Keith entered God's presence on March 25 and heard Jesus say, *“Well done, good and faithful servant!”*

Keith was a man of faith and faithfulness and his example is worthy of emulation. He served the Lord as Jesus prescribed by serving through His Church. Jesus instructs, *“Consider how to stimulate each other to love and good works. Do not forsake the assembling of yourselves together but encourage one another.”* Let's follow Christ's command and the path taken by wise Dr. Green by serving as a committed, faithful, functioning, loving and loyal member of the Body of Christ.

A few weeks ago on a Saturday, I drove up to our church at 3 pm and encountered Keith in a wheelchair with his whole family beside him. Keith explained, *“Jay, I can't walk because of the cancer so we are practicing getting into the building and to my Sunday School Class because they are like our family.”* I will never forget that exquisite picture of love and loyalty for the Lord and His Church.

Here's the bottom line: WE NEED JESUS AND WE NEED EACH OTHER. Determine to be a vital part of the Body of Christ and you will find God's blessing and be God's blessing! And one day, like Keith, you will hear Jesus say, *“Well done!”*

Serving God's People and Purpose TOGETHER,

## FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, April 1, 2018

### ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5220 | Bible Fellowship Attendance 2249  
Weekly Attendance 2809 | Discipleship Attendance 560

### OFFERING

Required Weekly \$128,365.38 | Received Sunday \$105,316.42  
Required To Date \$1,668,749.94 | Received To Date \$1,505,011.59  
Building Fund Sunday \$571.00 | Building Fund to Date \$7,197.95  
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering \$129,623.32

Under Budget | \$163,738.35



## 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](http://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](http://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 10** 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](mailto:jlaw@montgomeryfbc.org).

### Music Ministry

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

### Missions Ministry

The **Amy Cooper WOM Group** will meet on **Monday, April 9** at 11:30 AM in the Huff Building Fellowship Hall. Russell McCrory, minister to students at First Baptist, will speak on student ministry and missions. All are invited to attend. Bring a sack lunch and join us for a time of fellowship and inspiration! Drinks and dessert are provided. For more information, call Lanelle Huff at 365.9397.



### First Family Dinner | Wednesday, April 11

*No reservations required!*

**Adult & Children's Meal:** Chicken Fingers, French Fries, Roll, Salad, Dessert

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

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

**The Jackie Swan Bible Study Group** will meet on **Thursday, April 19** in room 416. Sewing the clay gowns for stillborns at Baptist Hospital begins at 10:30 AM with lunch at noon (bring a sandwich lunch), and the Bible study begins at 12:30 PM. We will be studying Lisa Harper's *The Gospel of Mark: The Jesus We Are Aching For*. For more information, contact Sara Jane Lyon at 277.7240 or Beppy Tiller at 263.9491.

## 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](http://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](http://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, contact Kathy Cooper at 241.5125 or [kcooper@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto: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](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/livestream)) as well as our main **Facebook page, First Baptist Church Montgomery** (@montgomeryfirstbaptist).

## New Members

### By Baptism

#### Miss Ornella Bahidika

7400 East Drive, #127 Taylor Center, AUM Box 559  
Montgomery, AL 36117

#### Hannah DeBoer

#### John DeBoer

#### Josh DeBoer

440 Merry Way | Pike Road, AL 36064

#### Elizabeth Anne Parsons

87 Double Oak Avenue | Pike Road, AL 36064

## Our Church Family

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

### Sympathy Extended to

Family and friends in the death of Jimmy Baldwin  
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Trotman (Laura) in the death  
of her grandfather

### Baptist South

Lynn Pool • Vivian Peeks • Helen Steindorff  
Fred Waldo

### Baptist East

Swayze Reeves • Mabri Reeves  
Karen Lipscomb

### John Knox Rehab

Emma Smith

### HealthSouth

Valy Vongdara

### St. Vincent's Hospital

Steve Wooley

### Emory University Hospital

Bernice Carter

### Congratulations Extended to

Ms. Claire Morris in the birth of a great-granddaughter  
Mr. & Mrs. Alex Reeves (Swayze) in the birth of  
a daughter

### Ministerial Staff Birthdays

Kenny Hoomes (April 9)  
Preston Adams (April 13)

LIVING A LIFE OF  
INTEGRITY

# BEYOND AMAZING

GALATIANS 5:22-23

A SERMON SERIES  
ON THE  
**FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT**

SUNDAY, APRIL 15  
6:15 PM // CHUCK ASHLEY



## **M.I.C. (Membership Information Class)** Sunday, April 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 Mark Bethea at 241.5133.

## *Worthy of Worship*

Sunday, April 29 | 6:15 PM

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



## **Deacon Nominations Due By Sunday, April 29!**

Forms are available in the main sanctuary foyers or  
 online at [www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration).



The First Baptist Montgomery App

Available in App Stores



## This week at FBC

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

### Sunday, April 8

- 8:30 Worship Service  
Prayer Room in Media Center
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 11:00 Worship Service  
Prayer Room in Media Center  
Haiti Mission Team Orientation
- 4:00 Reflections Ensemble Rehearsal  
Missions Committee Meeting
- 5:00 Children's Missions  
Discipleship Classes  
One Heart/One Voice Choirs  
Prayer Time for South Asia  
Visitation
- 6:15 Worship Service

### Monday, April 9

- 7:30 R.O.M.E.O.
- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 10:00 JOY Singers
- 11:30 Amy Cooper WOM Group
- 5:15 Sanctuary Handbells
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 Freedom in Christ Support Group

### Tuesday, April 10

- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 Ladies Bible Study  
MOPS  
Sarah McCrory WOM Group
- 12:00 Deacons' Widows Banquet
- 5:30 Women with Emotional Pain
- 6:00 Baldwin School Trip Meeting
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous  
Helen Hancock WOM Meeting
- 8:00 College Ministry: Elevate Worship

### Wednesday, April 11

- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 2:15 Student Ministry: Baldwin Bible Study
- 5:00 First Family Dinner
- 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 Finance Committee  
Discipleship Class: DivorceCare
- 6:45 Ejamat Prayer Time

### Thursday, April 12

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

### Friday, April 13

- Collegiate Missions Prep Weekend
- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group

### Saturday, April 14

- Collegiate Missions Prep Weekend
- 5:00 Collegiate Missions Commissioning Service
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

## In Home Ministry Member Ina Hightower

1555 Taylor Rd, Apt D4 | Montgomery, AL 36117



305 South Perry Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

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montgomery

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

- Call to Worship** | Sanctuary Orchestra
- Your Grace Still Amazes Me** | Sanctuary Choir
- Word of God Speak** | Lee Bozeman
- Message** | Jay Wolf

### Prayer Room

Brian Castleberry (Seabrook/Monroe Class)

## Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

### Children's Sunday

Special Guest: Mark Lippard



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

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

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