

First Baptist Church Montgomery

# BEACON

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

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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

## SENIOR ADULT VBS

### APRIL 23-25

10 AM TO NOON // 413

**GAME ON!**

GEARING UP FOR LIFE'S BIG GAME  
2 PETER 1:3

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# CONNECTIONS

— *from your Pastor's Heart*

## ***Find a One-legged Man and Bless Him!***

***"I will bless you...and you will be a blessing to others,***  
— Genesis 12:2

Tommy Champion consistently lived God's promise to Abraham as recorded in Genesis 12. The Lord graciously blessed Tommy and he served as God's channel of blessing to countless people. He saw the individuals God placed in his path as worthy of loving and helping. He attached to his assistance a strong witness for Christ's love. Tommy recently entered heaven and heard the Lord say, *"Well done, My good and faithful servant."*

At Tommy's life-celebration service at First Baptist, an instructive story was shared by Tim Dilbeck which captured my imagination and propelled my desire to serve as Christ's agent of generosity. About 10 years ago, Tommy and Blanche invited the Dilbecks to their home for supper. Tim and Karen were going on a mission trip to South Africa the next week. As the evening ended, Tommy pulled \$700 from his pocket and gave it to Tim along with a heart-felt request. Tommy explained that he and Blanche had recently traveled to South America. They visited a tourist attraction near a waterfall and there he noticed a one-legged man selling hand-carved statues. Tommy held up the statue as he told the story. Tommy said he "bargained" with the disabled artisan and bought the piece for half of the requested price. With pride in his negotiating skills, he took his new treasure back to their hotel and packed it for the homeward journey. When they returned home and he unpacked his bag, Tommy saw the carving and was haunted by the image of bargaining with the one-legged man. Tommy explained that God convicted him of doing an injustice to the crippled carver. In light of Tommy's material blessings, instead of bargaining with the hard working artisan, he should have given him the full price and a bonus blessing. Since he would not see the South American again, Tommy requested that Tim and Karen find other one-legged men in South Africa and bless them to make amends for his mistake. So the Dilbecks added to their ministry assignments spotting men who were missing a leg and blessing them with a cash gift in the name of Tommy and Jesus. They were shocked at how many one-legged men they saw in their travels and they faithfully fulfilled Tommy's request. Tim completed his story by noting, *"Tommy's spiritual sensitivity and generosity should motivate all of us to be Christ-like givers."*

Jesus completed His earthly instructions by telling His followers that one day there will be a separation of the *"sheep from the goats."* Those who authentically follow Christ will be sheep who visited the sick and the prisoner and ministered to the poor. Jesus' compelling conclusion was ***"what you did to the least of these you did it unto Me."***

Here is our assignment: be a champion for Christ like Tommy and see the people God places in your path as someone to love and generously bless in Jesus name!

Sharing God's Blessings TOGETHER,

**FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, April 8, 2018**

### **ATTENDANCE**

**Bible Fellowship Enrollment** 5223 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1741  
**Weekly Attendance** 2301 | **Discipleship Attendance** 1306

### **OFFERING**

**Required Weekly** \$128,365.38 | **Received Sunday** \$137,836.96  
**Required To Date** \$1,797,115.32 | **Received To Date** \$1,642,848.55  
**Building Fund Sunday** \$62.00 | **Building Fund to Date** \$7,259.95  
**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering** \$136,821.31

**Under Budget | \$154,266.77**



## 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).

### Children's Ministry

**Save the Date for these upcoming events:** IncrediKids Camp (June 5-7); Wild Animal Safari (June 28); Kids Kamp (July 9-13); and Butter & Egg Adventures (July 19). For more information, visit [montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration](http://montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration).

### Student Ministry

**Graduate Recognition is Sunday, May 6.** The deadline for submitting photos is now. 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.

**Save the Date for these upcoming events:** Missions Montgomery (May 30-June 1); Outdoor Adventure (June 28-29); Youth Camp (July 23-27); Crossover Lake Retreat (August 3); and the Senior Lake Retreat (August 10-11). For more information, visit [www.fbmsm.com](http://www.fbmsm.com).

## 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).



### First Family Dinner | Wednesday, April 18

*No reservations required!*

**Adult & Children's Meal:** Poppy Seed Chicken, Green Beans, Roll, Salad, Dessert

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

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

## College Ministry

College Students...Join us for **ELEVATE** on **Tuesday, April 17** 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.

## Music Ministry

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

## Missions Ministry

The **Jackie Swan Bible Study Group** will meet on **Thursday, April 19** in room 416. Sewing the day 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

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.

## New Members

### By Baptism

#### Noah Monroe

1212 Pond Cypress Drive | Montgomery, AL 36117

#### Isaiah Romero • Lorenzo Romero

2726 Vandy Drive | Montgomery, AL 36110

#### Jonathan Tucker

8955 Cotswold Court | Montgomery, AL 36117

### By Letter/Statement of Faith

#### Mr. Ron Dean

7 Clayton Street, Apt 6C | Montgomery, AL 36104

#### Ms Sandra Fuentes

2726 Vandy Drive | Montgomery, AL 36110

#### Mr. Prem Kumari

40 Turner Place | Montgomery, AL 36109

#### Mr. Cliff Willcutt Jr

8618 Wexford Trace | Montgomery, AL 36117

#### Mr. Cliff Willcutt III

**Cliff Willcutt IV • Thomas Willcutt**

789 Lakeland Drive | Titus, AL 36080

## Our Church Family

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

### Baptist South

Lynn Pool • Vivian Peeks

### Baptist East

Kay Dean

### John Knox Rehab

Emma Smith

### HealthSouth

Helen Steindorff

### Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Jeremy Burt (Courtney) in the birth of a son; Mr. & Mrs. Bo Burt (Nancy) in the birth of a grandson

Dr. & Mrs. Greg Lipscomb (Karen) in the birth of a son

Benefitting the Single Adult Missions Scholarship Fund

# SWEETS-N-SERVICES AUCTION

Friday, May 4  
5:30 PM\* :: Fellowship Hall

Join Us For A Night Of Auction Fun!

Items include:

Hunts • Babysitting • Handyman Work  
Yard Work • Edible Delights • Home Goods  
Antiques • Sports Tickets • and Much More

Dinner is free, but donations will be accepted to purchase backpacks for the children in Chisholm.

\*5:30 PM :: Silent Auction | 6:00 PM :: Dinner | 6:30 PM :: Live Auction

For more information,  
to donate items, or  
to reserve childcare, contact  
Kathy Cooper at 241.5125.



## **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



Fast and Easy Giving  
with the  
First Baptist Montgomery App



**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**

There will be an **Ordination Service for John Halbrooks** this **Sunday, April 15** at 5:00 PM in Stakely Sanctuary. John has been invited to become the pastor of the Mixtec Church. Join us in praying for John and the team as they minister to the Mixtec people.

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).

**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).

# This week at FBC

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

## Sunday, April 15

- 8:30 Worship Service  
Prayer Room in Media Center
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes  
Children's Ministry: New Christians Class
- 11:00 Worship Service  
Prayer Room in Media Center
- 12:00 Associational Bible Drill
- 4:00 Reflections Ensemble Rehearsal  
Nominating Committee  
Ordination Council for John Halbrooks
- 5:00 Children's Missions  
Discipleship Classes  
One Heart/One Voice Choirs  
Ordination Service for John Halbrooks  
Visitation
- 6:15 Worship Service

## Monday, April 16

- 9:00 English as a Second Language  
Senior Adult Ministry Council Retreat
- 10:00 JOY Singers
- 5:15 Sanctuary Handbells
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 Freedom in Christ Support Group

## Tuesday, April 17

- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 Ladies Bible Study
- 10:00 Senior Adult Game Day
- 5:30 Women with Emotional Pain
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous
- 8:00 College Ministry: Elevate Worship

## Wednesday, April 18

- 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
- 6:45 Ejamat Prayer Time

## Thursday, April 19

- 9:00 Conversational English
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group
- 10:30 Jackie Swan Women on Mission

## Friday, April 20

- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group

## Saturday, April 21

- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member  
**Jeanette Martin**

404 Daphne Lane | Montgomery, AL 36108



305 South Perry Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

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

**Trust and Obey** | Sanctuary Orchestra

**Speak O Lord** | Sanctuary Choir

**Offertory** | Karen Mullins

**Message** | Jay Wolf

**Prayer Room**

Tyler Mason (Warwick Class)

## Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

**Call to Worship** | One Voice Choir

**Offertory** | Russell McCrory

**Message** | Chuck Ashley



## 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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