

# BEACON

First Baptist Church Montgomery

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



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## 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.

LIVING A LIFE OF HUMILITY

# BEYOND AMAZING

GALATIANS 5:22-23

A SERMON SERIES ON THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

SUNDAY, APRIL 22  
6:15 PM // TIM CEARLEY

# SENIOR ADULT VBS

## APRIL 23-25

10 AM TO NOON // 413

GAME ON!

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



# CONNECTIONS

from your Pastor's Heart

## Dad, Katherine's Brain is Bleeding...Please Pray

April 21, 2008 was a normal Monday at my slice of paradise, FBC of Montgomery. At 2:30 PM, I was counseling with a friend when my cell flashed: Jason Wolf. Family takes priority so my California son's call was answered. With a desperate voice, Jason said Katherine was very sick and he was taking baby James and following the ambulance to the hospital. An hour later he delivered the devastating news that 26 year old Katherine was suffering a massive brain bleed and they were rushing to UCLA hospital for surgery. The news hit like a lightning strike out of a blue sky.

Within minutes, over 20 people assembled in our staff prayer place and we fervently interceded. Christ-serving brothers appeared at my home: Andy Birchfield, David Martin, Billy Irvin and Douglas McElvy. They got me to Atlanta and on to Los Angeles. I raced to UCLA and arrived at the lobby of the sprawling hospital. Jason saw me and ran my way. He sobbed, ***"Dad, Katherine survived the operation but she only has a tiny hope of living and if she does live there will be terrible brain and physical damage."***

My son was surrounded by members of his Sunday School Class. More than 50 of them spent all night in a prayer vigil for Katherine. Jason and I retreated to a chapel to weep and pray. At 10:00 AM we went to see Katherine in Neuro-ICU. She looked beyond horrible. Jason and Katherine's mother both sank to their knees as if hit in the stomach by an invisible fist. We anchored to Romans 8 and prayed over our crushed treasure.

Around 3:00 PM Andy Birchfield walks into the hospital lobby. He looks like a cross between an angel and a super-hero! Andy said he was representing our church family and came to help bear this burden. He personified the grace and beauty of the Body of Christ.

At 9:00 PM Andy and I went to see Katherine before going to the hotel. A nurse named Beverly Darby told me, ***"Pastor Wolf, Katherine is responding to verbal commands."*** I protested, "She's in a medically induced coma. That's impossible." Ms. Darby instructed us to get Jason. We rapidly complied. In a few minutes we entered Katherine's room and Beverly spoke, ***"Katherine, Jason is here. He needs some hope. Raise your hand again?"*** After a few seconds, Katherine raised her left hand and made a V sign with her fingers. She is NOT brain-dead or paralyzed! We were overwhelmed with inexpressible joy like seeing Lazarus arise! I knew in that moment God was suspending the natural laws and He was doing something miraculous.

Katherine began a "slow-motion miracle" that spanned two years of hospitalization. Jason walked every step of the way with her. You went on the journey with us and provided unending support. We are eternally grateful. Now Katherine and Jason are sharing their story to God's glory all over the country. Sony Pictures has purchased the rights to their amazing book, ***"Hope Heals"*** so the impact of their witness for Christ keeps growing.

Their story reminds us that God's power is bigger than our problems. And remember: **WE NEED JESUS AND WE NEED EACH OTHER!**

You are loved,

## FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, April 15, 2018

### ATTENDANCE

**Bible Fellowship Enrollment** 5224 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1656  
**Weekly Attendance** 2216 | **Discipleship Attendance** 1293

### OFFERING

**Required Weekly** \$128,365.38 | **Received Sunday** \$100,986.19  
**Required To Date** \$1,925,480.70 | **Received To Date** \$1,743,834.74  
**Building Fund Sunday** \$415.00 | **Building Fund to Date** \$7,674.95  
**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering** \$139,181.31

**Under Budget | \$181,645.96**



## 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).

**Calling all Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches that are helping with first through sixth graders at VBS...**Please choose one of the following meetings to get the gameplan and ask any questions: **Sunday, May 6** at 5:00 PM in room 347 or **Wednesday, May 16** at 5:45 PM in room 347. Need more information? Contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164 or [gleathers@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:gleathers@montgomeryfbc.org).

### 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.** 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.

## 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 25

*No reservations required!*

**Adult & Children's Meal:** Catfish, French Fries, Bread, Salad, Dessert

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

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

**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).

## College Ministry

College Students...Join us for **ELEVATE** on **Tuesday, April 24** 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

Join us for our Spring Music Celebrations! The **Spring Preschool Choirs Program** will be **Wednesday, May 2** at 6:00 PM in Stakely Sanctuary and the **Spring Children's Choirs Program** will be **Sunday, May 6** at 6:15 PM in the main sanctuary.

## Missions Ministry

Are you going or do you know someone going out as a **Summer Missionary**? We want to join you in prayer as you take God's Message to the nations. Please email your dates and location to Brian Gay at [briang@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:briang@montgomeryfbc.org).

## 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 room B112. 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).

## New Members

### By Baptism

**Kofi Lee Jr.**  
**Malcolm Porter Jr.**  
**Mariah Porter**  
**Mickey Shire Jr.**

714 Johnson Avenue | Montgomery, AL 36110

**Amelia Grace Minor**  
**Elly Rose Minor**

9336 County Road 9 | Shorter, AL 36075

### By Letter/Statement of Faith

**Mrs. Lisa Dean**

7 Clayton Street, Apt 6C | 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. Jimmy Yates (Brenda) in the death of her cousin

Ms. Madeline Williams in the death of her grandson

Family and friends in the death of Vivian Peeks

Family and friends in the death of Lera Stough

Miss Amy Smith in the death of her aunt, Linda Harrison

Mrs. Jay Stenger (Sandra) in the death of her husband; Kaylee and Lindsay Stenger in the death of their father

Family and friends in the death of Jim Pappanastos

### Baptist South

Lynn Pool

### Baptist East

Lacey Moody

### Jackson

Bob Sellers

### John Knox Rehab

Emma Smith

### Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. David Wachs (Charlene) in the birth of a grandson

Mr. & Mrs. Justin Moody (Lacey) in the birth of a son; Mr. & Mrs. David Parrish (Vickie) in the birth of a grandson

### Ministerial Staff Birthdays

Josh Jacobs (April 22)



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

FBC Goal: \$115,000  
Given to Date: \$139,181.31

# Worthy of Worship

Sunday, April 29 | 6:15 PM

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

Benefitting the Single Adult Missions Scholarship Fund

## SWEETS-N-SERVICES AUCTION

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

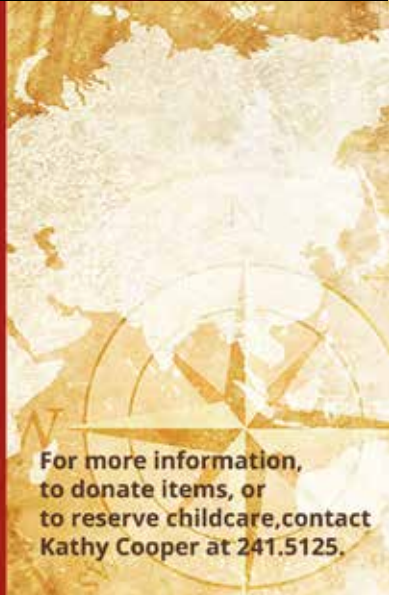
Join Us For A Night Of Auction Fun!

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.



## Fast and Easy Giving

with the

### First Baptist Montgomery App



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 22

- 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  
Regional Bible Drill
- 12:15 Membership Information Class
- 3:30 Retirement Reception for Judy Nuss
- 4:00 Reflections Ensemble Rehearsal
- 5:00 Children's Missions  
Discipleship Classes  
One Heart/One Voice Choirs  
Visitation
- 6:15 Worship Service

### Monday, April 23

- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 10:00 WOM Groups Tour Alabama State Board  
of Missions  
Senior Adult VBS
- 5:15 Sanctuary Handbells
- 5:30 Deacon/CLC Meeting  
Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 Freedom in Christ Support Group

### Tuesday, April 24

- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 Ladies Bible Study  
MOPS
- 10:00 Senior Adult VBS
- 4:30 Community Ministries Board Meeting
- 5:30 Women with Emotional Pain
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous
- 8:00 College Ministry: Elevate Worship

### Wednesday, April 25

- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 10:00 Senior Adult VBS
- 2:15 Student Ministry: Baldwin Bible Study
- 5:00 First Family Dinner
- 5:30 End of Year Tutoring Party  
Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal  
Alaska Mission Team Meeting
- 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 26

- 9:00 Conversational English
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group
- 11:00 Conversational English Appreciation Lunch

### Friday, April 27

- Mission Project: Talladega
- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 5:00 Kingdom Kids Choir Mock Lock-In

### Saturday, April 28

- Mission Project: Talladega
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

## In Home Ministry Member Frank McCollough

2641 Boykin Place | Montgomery, AL 36117



305 South Perry Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

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

**Glorious is Thy Name** | Sanctuary Orchestra

**The Holy Heart** | Sanctuary Choir

**Wade in the Water** | Reflections Ensemble

**Message** | Jay Wolf

### Prayer Room

Bob Howard (Mark Williams Class)

## Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

### Bible Drill Demonstration

**I Am Not Alone** | Elena & Carol Ann Elwell

**Message** | Tim Cearley



## 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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