

First Baptist Church Montgomery

BEACON

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



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Join us on Sunday, August 12!

The new **Bible Fellowship Year** kicks off at 9:45 AM and **Youth Choirs, Children's Missions and Discipleship Classes** begin at 5:00 PM.

The **Wednesday Night Oasis**, which includes **Children's Music**, kicks off on **August 15** at 5:45 PM.

Deacon Ordination

Sunday, August 12 | 5:00 PM | Stakely Sanctuary

The new deacons will be introduced during the 6:15 PM service.

The following men have been selected from the nominations received to serve as deacons for the next three years. Those with an asterisk (*) will be ordained.

Rodney Bledsoe
Jeff Cavanaugh
John Fleming
Paul Griggs*
John Halbrooks

Frazier Hall*
Rogers Helton
Stuart Hendon
Don Hoffman
Greg Lockett

David Martin
Ernie Parker*
Greg Pittman*
Stephen Renner*
David Stevens*

Reid Strickland
Mike Talley
Soo Seok Yang
Jeff Windham
Joseph Wong*

Thank you for serving the Lord & FBC!

New Deacons for 2018-2021

EMPOWERED

To live a life of influence and purpose

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25
9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM / FELLOWSHIP HALL

featuring
JENNIFER KENNEDY DEAN
and JO HANCOCK

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.MONTGOMERYFBC.ORG



CONNECTIONS

— from your Pastor's Heart

Teach God's Children to Eat OCRA!

God's Word provides a practical and reliable manual for developing our relationships. Our first relationship is between a parent and child. The fifth commandment teaches: **"Honor your father and mother."** (Exodus 20:11)

Parents become a child's first picture of God. So it is imperative for a parent to be loving, faithful, providing and guiding reflections of Christ for the healthy growth of their children. It is equally important for a child to view their parents and other authorities in their lives with honor.

As Mary Ruth and I raised our four wolf cubs, we consistently shared a simple message. We taught our children to OBEY, COOPERATE, RESPECT, and APPRECIATE. The acrostic forms a word that sounds like "okra." Our mantra became "We eat lots of OCRA" in the Wolfden.

If God has given you the sacred privilege of mentoring children, make OCRA the central feature of their diet!

OBEY – *"Children obey your parents."* (Ephesians 6:1) A child must learn to humbly bend their will to parental authority because if they disobey their parents, they will disobey teachers, coaches, police, supervisors and eventually rebel against God. Wise parents create reasonable boundaries and consistently enforce compliance to the rules. If you start discipline in the playpen, Junior won't end up in the State Pen. Teach a child to say, "Yes, Sir!"

COOPERATE – When I was a kid, we were given lots of chores. We were taught not to watch others work but to get up and help. A healthy family cooperates as a team where everyone does their part. Children need responsibilities to help them overcome selfishness and develop a Christ-like spirit of serving which will make them reliable teammates, workmates, and Kingdom servants in the future. Teach a child to say, "Can I help?!"

RESPECT – God made everyone in His image (Genesis 1:26) which means ALL PEOPLE are worthy of being treated with honor, dignity and respect. Christ loves the world so prejudice and disrespect dishonor Jesus. Teach children respect by modeling acceptance, listening, and sharing God's love and light with everyone. Teach a child to say, "You are my friend!"

APPRECIATE – A Christ-follower develops an attitude of gratitude. Many people suffer from an *entitlement* mentality and believe everyone owes them everything. Entitlement is the enemy of gratitude. Help a child grow a humble spirit of appreciation by seeing all we possess as a gift from our loving heavenly Father. Teach a child to say, "Thank You!"

Here's the greater truth: God expects ALL OF HIS CHILDREN to eat OCRA. God expects you to OBEY His commands; COOPERATE as a serving teammate in the Body of Christ; RESPECT everyone; and APPRECIATE all of His gifts by expressing gratitude through humility and worship.

Bring me another serving of OCRA, please!

FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, July 22, 2018

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5234 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1534
Weekly Attendance 1989 | **Discipleship Attendance** 348

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$128,365.38 | **Received Sunday** \$98,046.84
Required To Date \$3,850,961.40 | **Received To Date** \$3,510,050.56
Building Fund Sunday \$227.65 | **Building Fund to Date** \$14,422.35

Under Budget | \$340,910.84



“FRET NOT” — Psalm 37 **Sunday, August 5 • 6:15 PM**

On Sunday evening, August 5, we are asking everyone who plays the acoustic guitar, banjo, mandolin, or ukulele to join us in the choir loft to lead in the music portion of our worship service. We will have a brief rehearsal in the main sanctuary at 4:30 PM. Please join us for this unique opportunity to use your God-given abilities for the Lord. For more information, contact Ed Cleveland at 241.5151 or ecleveland@montgomeryfbc.org.

Ministry Announcements

Student Ministry

All upcoming high school seniors are invited to the **2018 Senior Lake Retreat** on **Friday, August 10 and Saturday, August 11** at the Birchfield's Lake House. The event is free, but we need you to register online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration. We will leave the church Friday at 6:00 PM from the Scott Street parking lot and return Saturday afternoon. For more information, contact Russell McCrory at 241.5163 or rmccrory@montgomeryfbc.org.

Adult Ministry

The **Bible Fellowship Appreciation Lunch** is **Sunday, August 19** from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the fellowship hall. All directors, teachers and administrators are invited, so make plans to join us for lunch as we get ready to launch our new Bible Fellowship year. A short training session by age-group (preschool through senior adults) will follow lunch. RSVP to Beth DeBardeleben by Sunday, August 12 at 241.5160 or bdebardeleben@montgomeryfbc.org.

Senior Adult Ministry

The **Senior Adult Fish Fry** is **Tuesday, August 21** at noon in the fellowship hall. Our resident Mayberry expert, Doug Rogers, will share “Life Lessons from



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, August 8

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)

Mayberry." Cost is \$6 per person. Tickets are available in your Bible Fellowship Class through August 12 or by calling Mary Virginia Crum at 241.5180.

Missions Ministry

Join us for the **River Region Judgment House Banquet** on **Monday, August 20** at 6:00 PM at Frazer United Methodist Church.

This Banquet is an event to thank previous volunteers and inform new volunteers about opportunities to participate in this year's outreach. The event is free to attend. For more information, visit www.judgmenthouse.org or call 546.8088.

Children's Hope

Join us on **Saturday, August 18** for the **2018 Haiti Summit** from 9:30 AM to noon in the youth center. God is at work in mighty ways in Haiti, and He is using Children's Hope to minister to thousands of people in need each year. Come join us to hear about how we are caring for children, strengthening families, and serving communities in Jesus' name. You'll hear exciting stories of lives forever changed. Come explore your place in this strategic work of meeting needs and sharing the hope of Christ. A light lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Jared McCrory at 241.5124 or jared@childrens-hope.com.

Community Ministries

Want to make a difference in the life of a child in kindergarten through 5th grade? Then, we need your help in the Tutoring Program on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:45 PM beginning September 3. If interested, please attend one of the **Tutoring Workshops on Wednesday, August 22 or August 29** from 5:30 to 6:45 PM in the Huff Building. Also, a video of last year's workshop is available

New Members

By Baptism

Arisa Namwong
Saranya (Sonya) Saeugchan
912 Willow Springs Road | Wetumpka, AL 36093

By Letter/Statement of Faith

Mr. Bruce Bredlow
Mrs. Bruce Bredlow (Heidi)
Tyler Bredlow
Trey Bredlow
Trygg Bredlow
327 County Downs Road | Montgomery, AL 36109

Mr. Alan Dickert
Mrs. Alan Dickert (Edwina)
217 Bowling Green Drive | Montgomery, AL 36109

Mr. Carl Brandt McDonald Jr.
7301 Brisbane Court | Montgomery, AL 36117

Mrs. Peggy Norrell
1836 Austin Street | Montgomery, AL 36110

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. Chris Mills (Brooke) in the death of his aunt
Mr. Millard Andrews in the death of his sister, Pana
Mr. & Mrs. Streeter Wiatt (Leigh) in the death of her father; Ken Hayes; Miss E.A. Wiatt in the death of her grandfather

Baptist South

Joanna Martin • Madeline Williams

UAB Medical Center

Chuck Whittington

Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Tommy West (Susan) in the birth of a granddaughter
Mr. & Mrs. Forrest Neeley (Mary Alma) in the birth of a granddaughter
Rev. & Mrs. Ed Cleveland (Sharon) in the birth of a grandson



M.I.C. (Membership Information Class)

Sunday, August 12 | 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.

Fall 2018 FBC Discipleship Classes

For a complete list with descriptions, visit www.montgomeryfbc.org.

Experiencing God

Sundays, August 12 – November 11 | 5:00 PM | B402

Return to Mayberry

Sundays, August 12 – November 11 | 5:00 PM | B405

Missions Download

Sundays, August 12 – November 11 | 5:00 PM | B403

Next Steps

Sundays, August 12 – November 11 | 5:00 PM | B404

Citizenship Class

Sundays, August 12 – November 11 | 5:00 PM | B415

Disciple-Maker Mentor Training

Sundays, August 12 – November 11 | 5:00 PM | B416

Parenting Course

Wednesdays, August 15 - November 7 | 5:45 PM | B402

Ladies Bible Study: What Love Is (1, 2, 3 John)

Sundays, August 19 – October 14 | 5:00 PM | 443

Do you know your ABCs? Can you share them with others?



Join Jay as he teaches the
ABC's of Evangelism

Sundays, August 19 through October 21

4:30 PM | 413

A Practical Guide to Sharing Your Faith

for viewing online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/videos. It is packed with information that prepares you for this year's workshop. For more information, contact Tim Cearley at 241.5141.

Churchwide News & Events

God has blessed us with lots of young families. Did you know it takes **200 Preschool Teachers** and **60 Children's Teachers** every Sunday morning to love on our children and teach them God's Word? The new Sunday School Year starts **August 12** and we have **numerous opportunities in the preschool department and children's department**. Don't miss the blessing of working with our precious children! To volunteer, contact Nancie McQueen, our Preschool Minister at 241.5166 or nmcqueen@montgomeryfbc.org or Glen Leathers, our Children's Minister at 241.5164 or gleathers@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).

The First Baptist Montgomery App

Available in App Stores



This week at FBC

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

Sunday, August 5

- 8:30 Worship Service
Prayer Room in Media Center
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 11:00 Worship Service
Prayer Room in Media Center
- 1:30 Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Ceremony
- 5:00 Visitation
- 6:15 Worship Service

Monday, August 6

- 7:30 R.O.M.E.O.
- 12:00 Foundation Board Meeting
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 Freedom in Christ Recovery Group
- 7:00 Randy Stonehill Concert

Tuesday, August 7

- 5:30 Women with Emotional Pain
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, August 8

- 5:00 First Family Dinner
- 5:30 Children's Choir Teacher's Meeting
Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal
- 6:00 First Family Prayer Time
- 6:30 Student Ministry: Powerhouse
- 6:35 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 6:45 Ejamat Prayer Time

Thursday, August 9

- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group
- 1:00 Caring Center Advisory Board

Friday, August 10

- Student Ministry: Senior Lake Retreat
- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group

Saturday, August 11

- Mission Project: Haiti
- Student Ministry: Senior Lake Retreat
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member Virginia Figh

2476 Le Ruth Avenue | Montgomery, AL 36106



305 South Perry Street
Montgomery, AL 36104

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

His Good Will

Sanctuary Orchestra

Honored, Glorified, Exalted

Sanctuary Choir

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Dennis & Don Hoffman

Message | Jay Wolf

Prayer Room

Justin Aday (Poundstone Class)

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

Fret Not

Break Every Chain | Praise Team

Message | Mark Bethea



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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