

First Baptist Church Montgomery

# BEACON

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



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## Wednesday, August 15 Schedule

4:45 to 6:00 PM  
First Family Dinner

5:30 PM  
Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal

5:45 PM  
Preschool & Children's Choirs  
*Godly Parent Training*

6:00 to 6:30 PM  
First Family Prayer Time

6:30 PM  
Powerhouse

6:35 PM  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

## *FBC Discipleship, Missions & Music*

Sunday, August 12

9:45 AM  
New Bible Fellowship Year Kick-Off

5:00 PM  
Children's Missions  
One Heart Choir & One Voice Choir  
FBC Discipleship Classes

6:15 PM  
Call to Worship  
*One Heart & One Voice Choirs*  
Message | *Russell McCrory*

## First Family Dinner Wednesday, August 15

Help us Kick-Off Our Wednesday  
Night Oasis with **Don Cook's  
Barbecue and Dean's Trimmings.**

No reservations required!

Adult Family Meal – \$5  
Child's Meal (12 & under) – \$3  
Maximum Family Amount – \$20 (immediate family only)

# Deacon Ordination

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

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

Paul Griggs • Frazier Hall • Ernie Parker  
Greg Pittman • Stephen Renner • David Stevens  
Chuck Whittington • Joseph Wong



# CONNECTIONS

— from your Pastor's Heart

## Happy New Year!

The beginning of a new school year affords us an opportunity for a fresh start. Perhaps, you need to develop some new priorities and patterns. Maybe your spiritual life has grown stale. Perhaps self-defeating behaviors are giving you a series of emotional, relational and financial flat tires. Right now, you can make a decision to enlist God's help and move from the "bottom of the class" to God's "**honor-roll!**"

The key to a fresh start is resetting your spiritual navigational system to Matthew 6:33 where Jesus instructs you to "**seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and everything else will be added to you.**" When you wisely choose to make Jesus your first priority, then God's promise of provision activates on your behalf and you will start reaping a harvest of blessings! Here are some suggestions to get you RESET:

1. Open your Bible each morning to hear God's directing and protecting instructions. Start by absorbing the Gospels which will enable you to follow Jesus every day and in every way. Constantly ask yourself: WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?
2. Consistently participate in your **BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CLASS**. "We need Jesus and we need each other!" Your Life Group will encourage you when you get down and hold you accountable so you avoid the devil's dirty ground. In addition to your Bible Fellowship Team, faithfully engage in the eternal exercise of **worship**. Occasional visits to a gym won't make you an athlete and inconsistent participation with God's Family won't grow you into Christ's image. A new friend told me, "Pastor Jay, we've been coming regularly to First Baptist for six months and God is changing everything for the better in my marriage and family!" To grow up you must SHOW UP. Remember that 80% of success is just showing up!
3. Consistently tell friends about Jesus. Give them an **ABC's Booklet**. Tell them what Jesus means to you. Bring them to church with you.
4. Utilize the amazing growth opportunities we offer through our Church family. For instance, start a new pattern of coming to our **Wednesday Night OASIS** for food, fellowship, prayer and spiritual growth. Join a choir. Sing in the *Living Christmas Tree*. Tutor a child. Encourage your teens to plug into the disciple-making ministry of Powerhouse. Bring your children to the Sunday evening mission programs of **RAs, GAs** and **Mission Friends**. Dive into a service opportunity which ranges from helping in the *nursery* to visiting a *nursing home* and a hundred things in between. Serving enables you to "**give a cup of cold water in Jesus' Name.**"

My Friends, when you intentionally re-prioritize and make Jesus first place, all other aspects of your life will be positively impacted. God's blessings will come looking for you. Get RE-started and have a Happy New Year!

Seeking Jesus First TOGETHER,

**FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, August 5, 2018**

### ATTENDANCE

**Bible Fellowship Enrollment** 5232 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1695  
**Weekly Attendance** 2150 | **Discipleship Attendance** 348

### OFFERING

**Required Weekly** \$128,365.38 | **Received Sunday** \$98,840.21  
**Required To Date** \$3,979,326.780 | **Received To Date** \$3,608,890.77  
**Building Fund Sunday** \$350.00 | **Building Fund to Date** \$14,772.35

**Under Budget | \$370,436.01**



# Missions and Music

## Children's Missions

Sundays, Beginning August 12  
5:00 to 6:00 PM

Mission Friends (2 to 5 year olds)  
Girls in Action (GAs) (grades 1-6)  
Royal Ambassadors (RAs) (grades 1-6)

## Preschool & Children's Choirs

Wednesdays, Beginning August 15  
5:45 to 6:30 PM

Preschool Choir (ages 3 to kindergarten)  
Children's Choirs (grades 1-6)



## 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.

# Ministry Announcements

## 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](mailto: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 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](http://www.judgmenthouse.org) or call 546.8088.

Interested in leading a Missions Team in 2019? Join us for a **Missions Team Leaders Meeting** on **Wednesday, August 22** at 7:00 PM in room 443. We will start planning 2019 and go over some important missions procedures and reminders. For more information, contact Brian at 220.4402 or [briang@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:briang@montgomeryfbc.org).

## 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. 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](mailto: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 for viewing online at [www.montgomeryfbc.org/videos](http://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

Families are needed to minister to college students through our **Connections Ministry**. Connections pairs a FBC family with a college student for the school year. A Connection family gets the blessing of knowing, loving, and discipling a college student which makes an immediate and eternal difference. Families will meet their student on **Sunday, September 30** for lunch in the student center after church. To sign up or for more information, contact Justin Law at [jlaw@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:jlaw@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

**Jake Hallford**  
**Josh Hallford**  
9124 Hanston Place | Montgomery, AL 36117

**Lainey McClendon**  
320 Plantation Crossing | Millbrook, AL 36054

**Margaret Walker**  
619 Keeneland Way | Montgomery, AL 36109

## 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. Bob Howard (Libby) in the death of her mother  
Mrs. Gail Cooper in the death of her son, Mike;  
Mr. & Mrs. Hunter Shinn (Jenna) in the death of her father

### Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Newman (Pam) in the birth of twin grandsons  
Ms. Jean Baccus in the birth of a great-grandson  
Dr. & Mrs. Jeff Barksdale (Alva) in the birth of a granddaughter

### Ministerial Staff Birthdays

Amanda Smith (August 13)

## 2019 Budget Input

On **Sunday, August 19**, a representative from the Finance Committee will visit the Adult Bible Fellowship Classes to receive input for the 2018 Church Budget. There will be Budget Input response sheets in the preschool, children and youth departments for the teachers and directors in these areas. You may also email your input or suggestions by **Sunday, August 19** to Patti Shoemaker at [pshoemaker@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:pshoemaker@montgomeryfbc.org).

## Fall 2018 FBC Discipleship Classes

For a complete list with descriptions, visit [www.montgomeryfbc.org](http://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 | 4:30 PM | B415

### Disciple-Maker Mentor Training

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

### Godly Parent Training

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*

**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](http://WWW.MONTGOMERYFBC.ORG)**

## This week at FBC

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

### Sunday, August 12

Mission Project: Haiti

- 8:30 Worship Service  
Prayer Room in Media Center
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 11:00 Worship Service  
Prayer Room in Media Center
- 12:15 Membership Information Class
- 4:00 Deacon Ordination Prayer Time
- 4:00 Missions Committee Meeting
- 5:00 Visitation  
Children's Missions  
Discipleship Classes  
Deacon Ordination Service  
One Heart & One Voice Choirs  
Prayer Time for South Asia
- 6:15 Worship Service

### Monday, August 13

Mission Projects: Haiti & Cuba

- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 Freedom in Christ Recovery Group

### Tuesday, August 14

Mission Projects: Haiti & Cuba

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

### Wednesday, August 15

Mission Projects: Haiti & Cuba

- 4:45 First Family Dinner
- 5:30 Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal
- 5:45 Preschool & Children's Choirs  
Discipleship: Godly Parent Training
- 6:00 First Family Prayer Time
- 6:30 Student Ministry: Powerhouse
- 6:35 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 6:40 Finance Committee
- 6:45 Ejamat Prayer Time

### Thursday, August 16

Mission Projects: Haiti & Cuba

- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group

### Friday, August 17

Mission Projects: Haiti & Cuba

- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 11:00 Children's Hope Board Meeting

### Saturday, August 18

Mission Project: Cuba

- 9:30 Children's Hope Haiti Summit
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

## In Home Ministry Member Frances Foster

1555 Taylor Road, Apt B12  
Montgomery, AL 36117



305 South Perry Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

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

**Call to Worship** | Sanctuary Orchestra  
**At the Name of Jesus** | Sanctuary Choir  
**Come to Jesus** | Bonnie Trulove  
**Message** | Jay Wolf

**Prayer Room**  
Joe Watkins (Watkins Class)

## Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

**Total Praise** | One Heart & One Voice Choirs  
**Recognition of New Deacons**  
**Though You Slay Me** | Lily Windham  
**Message** | Russell McCrory



## 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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