



First Baptist Church Montgomery  
**BEACON**

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

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# BEYOND AMAZING

GALATIANS 5:22-23

A SERMON SERIES  
ON THE

## FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

LIVING A LIFE OF LOVE

FEBRUARY 4 // MARK BETHEA

LIVING A LIFE OF COMPASSION

MARCH 18 // JUSTIN LAW

LIVING A LIFE OF JOY

FEBRUARY 11 // KENNY HOOMES

LIVING A LIFE OF GENEROSITY

MARCH 25 // PRESTON ADAMS

LIVING A LIFE OF PEACE

FEBRUARY 18 // JARED MCCRORY

LIVING A LIFE OF INTEGRITY

APRIL 8 // CHUCK ASHLEY

LIVING A LIFE OF ENDURANCE

FEBRUARY 25 // RUSSELL MCCRORY

LIVING A LIFE OF HUMILITY

APRIL 15 // TIM CEARLEY

LIVING A LIFE OF SELF-DISCIPLINE

APRIL 22 // JAY WOLF

SUNDAYS // 6:15 PM // MAIN SANCTUARY



# CONNECTIONS

*from your Pastor's Heart*

## ***Holding the Missionary Ropes***

William Carey is the father of the modern missions movement. His father made shoes and young William learned to fashion footwear. At age 18, he started following Jesus and was captivated by Christ's Great Commission call to share the Gospel with all people.

William embraced God's invitation to vocational ministry service. He started studying the global voyages of Captain Cook. God fused Carey's call to share the Gospel with the nations with a growing conviction that his specific assignment was India.

Carey's life motto became **"Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God."** In 1792, he aligned himself with the Baptist Missionary Society and departed for India the next year. He compared India to a dark mine filled with treasure. He said to his supporters, *"I will descend into the darkness of lost India if you will hold the missionary ropes by praying for us and supporting our efforts."*

Carey spent 40 years in India. He translated the Scriptures into many Hindi dialects, founded a college, championed social justice, and saw multitudes come to Christ. His unwavering commitment to share Christ with all people fueled the faith of others and started a great movement which God used to send countless missionaries to the nations.

From **February 6 through 16**, another FBC mission team will travel into the treasure mine of India led by Douglas McElvy, who is making his 12th expedition to South Asia, accompanied by John Ashworth, Innes McIntyre, John Virden, Rhon Jones, and myself. Because of your prayers, gifts and support, we will be dedicating six new churches (bringing the total to 29 churches) with our indigenous partners as Gospel lighthouses in strategic locations. We are counting on you to **"hold the missionary ropes"** as you intercede for God to do a great work through the offering of these efforts of knowing the Creator through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ!

Praying, working and witnessing  
to all people TOGETHER,

## **FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, January 28, 2018**

### **ATTENDANCE**

**Bible Fellowship Enrollment** 5196 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1507  
**Weekly Attendance** 2057 | **Discipleship Attendance** 1300

### **OFFERING**

**Required Weekly** \$128,365.38 | **Received Sunday** \$63,435.93  
**2018 Prepaid Gifts** \$228,093.52  
**Required To Date** \$513,461.52 | **Received To Date** \$550,733.64  
**Building Fund Sunday** \$277.70 | **Building Fund to Date** \$1,174.70  
**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** \$307,213.83

**Over Budget | \$37,272.12**



## CHURCH VOTE

There will be a business meeting on **Sunday, February 4** in both morning worship services. God has recently blessed our FBC Family with the opportunity to acquire the long-sought after parcel of property at the corner of Adams Street and South Lawrence Street known as the Mendelsohn building. The purchase of the property will be for \$550,000 with \$300,000 paid now and \$250,000 paid over 100 months. The FBC Trustees, Finance Committee, Church Leadership Council and Deacons have all unanimously approved this purchase and we will have the opportunity to affirm and support this acquisition on February 4.

# Ministry Announcements

## Preschool Ministry

There will be a **Parent/Child Dedication** on **Sunday, February 25** in the 8:30 & 11:00 AM worship services. To register for this special dedication, visit [www.montgomeryfbc.org/dedications](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/dedications) or call Tiffany Alewine at 241.5165. If you would like your baby's photo to be included in the Order of Worship that day, email a high resolution photo of your baby to [asmith@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:asmith@montgomeryfbc.org) by Friday, February 9.

## College Ministry

College Students...Join us for **ELEVATE** on **Tuesday, February 6** 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).

Join us as we unite with college students from across the state for a weekend of worship, discipleship, and fellowship at the **Pursue Collegiate Conference on February 9 & 10**. This year the conference is being hosted by Westwood Baptist in Alabaster, Alabama. Cost is \$35. Sign up online at [www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration) or contact Justin Law at 241.5162 or [jlaw@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:jlaw@montgomeryfbc.org).

## Senior Adult Ministry

Senior Adult Men, join us for **R.O.M.E.O. (Retired Old Men Eating Out)** on **Monday, February 5** at 7:30 AM at Chappy's on Perry Hill Road. It's a great time of food, fellowship and a sweet word from God's Word.

Our **Senior Adult Valentine Luncheon** will be **Tuesday, February 13** at noon in the fellowship hall. Back by popular demand, our entertainment will feature Mr. Preston Frazier. Tickets are \$8.00 and will be on sale in your Bible Fellowship Class this Sunday.

## First Baptist Foundation

The **2018-2019 First Baptist Foundation Scholarship Applications** are now available. All completed applications must be returned by Friday, March 30.



## First Family Dinner | Wednesday, February 7

*No reservations required!*

**Adult & Children's Meal:** Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Salad, Dessert

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

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

For an application, visit [www.montgomeryfbc.org/first-baptist-foundation](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/first-baptist-foundation) or email Alissa Parrish at [airvin@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:airvin@montgomeryfbc.org).

## Children's Hope

**Team Members needed for a Haiti Mission Project on June 2 through 8!** This team, led by Ken and Stephanie Peavy, will be based at Children's Hope's campus in Jacmel, but will travel to nearby mountain villages to visit the elderly and others to deliver care/food packages, pray, share the gospel, and will also engage and serve the community in other ways. It will be an incredible opportunity to partner with local pastors and churches to serve communities in the name of Jesus. For more information or to sign up, contact Jared McCrory at [jared@childrens-hope.com](mailto:jared@childrens-hope.com) or 740.1673.

## Churchwide News & Events

From **February 14 through March 25**, you're invited to join **40 Days for Life** to stand and peacefully pray across the street from the Montgomery abortion facility, Reproductive Health Services (811 South Perry Street). For more information or to sign up to be a Prayer Volunteer, contact Michelle Rowe, 40 Days for Life Campaign Coordinator at 233.4682 or [40daysmontgomery@gmail.com](mailto:40daysmontgomery@gmail.com). FBC is taking Monday, February 19 to stand and peacefully pray. If you would like to participate, you may sign-up in one hour slots between the hours of 6:00 AM and 6:00 PM. It is recommended that we have at least three members per hour. To sign up visit [40daysForLife.com/Montgomery](http://40daysForLife.com/Montgomery)

Save the Date for the **2018 VBS Preview Party on Sunday, February 25** from 4:00 to 6:00 PM in room B112. Drop in to see what's in store for the *Game On* VBS that will take place on Monday, June 18 through Friday, June 22.

**Will you be away from FBC on Sunday?** Then join us **Sunday** at 11:00 AM as we broadcast our service live on our main **Facebook page, First Baptist Church Montgomery** (@montgomeryfirstbaptist). Remember to share the feed!

**Have you recently moved, changed jobs or just changed a phone number?** If so, please let us know, so that we can update our membership information. You can update your information online at [www.montgomeryfbc.org/update](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/update) or you can contact the Membership Office at 241.5130 or [pthurman@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:pthurman@montgomeryfbc.org).

## New Members

### By Letter/Statement of Faith

**Mrs. Hillary Parks**

2224 Country Club Drive | Montgomery, AL 36106

## 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. Jerry Mitchell (Sheila) in the death of his father; Mr. & Mrs. Ben Bradshaw (Erin) in the death of her grandfather  
Ms. Jenny Waters in the death of her son

### Jackson

Bob Sellers

### Hillview Terrace

Jonnie Lynn

### Children's Hospital

Camp Hughes

### Brookwood Baptist Medical Center

Barb Till

### Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Stewart (Breezie) in the birth of a great-grandson; Mr. & Mrs. Frank Stewart III (Angie) in the birth of a great-nephew

The **2018 Young Worshiper's Club (YWC)** begins this **Sunday, February 4!** During the month of February, every first through sixth grade student will have the opportunity to complete a booklet that will help them learn how to worship. For more information, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164 or [gleathers@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:gleathers@montgomeryfbc.org).





The First Baptist Montgomery App

Available in App Stores

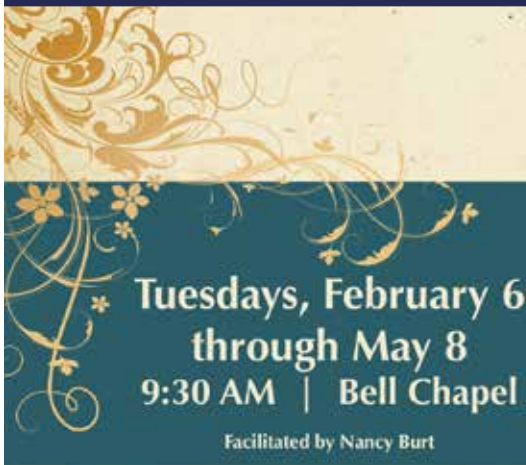


# IF:GATHERING

JOIN US FEBRUARY 9 - 10

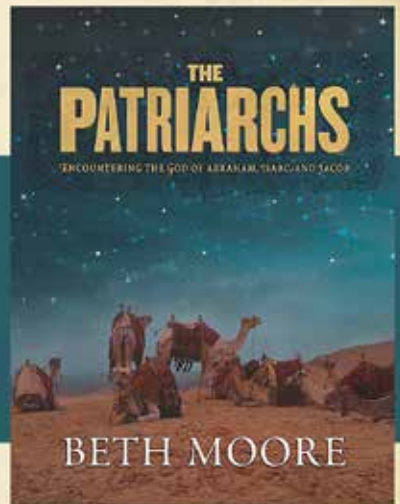
Join us as we host a gathering for women of all ages to come together for a time of worship and studying scripture. We will live-stream the IF:Gathering conference in the youth center. There is no cost but donations to the IF:Gathering are encouraged. Register by February 5 at [register.ifgathering.com/event/ifdowntown-montgomery](http://register.ifgathering.com/event/ifdowntown-montgomery).

To find out more about the IF:Gathering, visit [www.ifgathering.com](http://www.ifgathering.com).



**Tuesdays, February 6  
through May 8  
9:30 AM | Bell Chapel**

Facilitated by Nancy Burt



**THE PATRIARCHS**  
ENCOUNTERING THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC AND JACOB

BETH MOORE



*All FBC Ladies & Friends  
are invited to*

**live Brilliantly**

**Tuesday, February 27**  
6:00 PM // Fellowship Hall  
(Doors open at 5:45 pm for viewing of centerpieces and seating)

**Tickets: \$12 per person**

Tickets are available in the main sanctuary foyer, your Bible Fellowship Class or online at [www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration)

## This week at FBC

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

### Sunday, February 4

- 8:30 Worship Service  
Prayer Room in Media Center
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 11:00 Worship Service  
Prayer Room in Media Center  
International Worship Service
- 4:00 Reflections Ensemble
- 4:30 ABCs of Evangelism
- 5:00 Discipleship Classes  
Children's Missions  
One Heart/One Voice Choirs
- 5:45 Youth Ministry Fellowship
- 6:00 Children's Ministry: Bible Drill
- 6:15 Worship Service

### Monday, February 5

- 7:30 R.O.M.E.O.
- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 10:00 JOY Singers
- 12:00 First Baptist Foundation Board
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 Freedom in Christ Support Group

### Tuesday, February 6

- Mission Project: India
- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 Ladies Bible Study
- 5:30 Women with Emotional Pain
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous
- 8:00 College Ministry: Elevate

### Wednesday, February 7

- Mission Project: India
- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 12:10 War Room (Churchwide Prayer)
- 2:15 Student Ministry: Baldwin Bible Study
- 4:45 First Family Dinner
- 5:22 WMU Leadership Team Meeting
- 5:30 Tutoring Program  
Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal
- 5:45 Preschool & Children's Choirs  
Discipleship: Heart of Family
- 6:00 First Family Prayer Time
- 6:30 Student Ministry: Powerhouse
- 6:35 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 6:40 DivorceCare
- 6:45 Ejamat Prayer Time

### Thursday, February 8

- Mission Projects: India & Calgary
- 9:00 Conversational English Winter Festival
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group
- 10:30 Jackie Swan WOM Group

### Friday, February 9

- Mission Projects: India & Calgary
- 7:00 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 6:00 Parents Night Out  
IF:Gathering

### Saturday, February 10

- Mission Projects: India & Calgary
- 9:00 IF:Gathering
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member  
**James Bell**

916 Stableway Road | Pike Road, AL 36064



305 South Perry Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

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

**Call to Worship** | Sanctuary Orchestra

**He is Here** | Sanctuary Choir

**Mercy, Deep and Wide** | Ichthus

**Message** | Jay Wolf

**Prayer Room**

Troy Teel (Youth Ministry)

## Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

**Message** | Mark Bethea



## 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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