

# BEACON

First Baptist Church Montgomery

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



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LIVING A LIFE OF JOY

## BEYOND AMAZING

GALATIANS 5:22-23

A SERMON SERIES ON THE  
**FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11  
6:15 PM // KENNY HOOMES

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)



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# CONNECTIONS

— *from your Pastor's Heart*

## *The State of God's Church*

We have completed our **State of the Church** report for 2017. Our staff teammates have compiled a collection of snapshots that represent God's work in and through our First Baptist Family. When I review God's ministry activity at FBC, it takes me to John 15:5 which proclaims, *"I am the vine; you are the branches...apart from Me you can do nothing."*

First Baptist is 188 years old. Most older congregations are fighting to stay alive. In contrast, our church family is experiencing a zenith of health, strength, growth, and ministry productivity. We continue to reach new heights in virtually all the measureable categories from new members to more people engaged in Bible Study and ministries. Our evangelism efforts in our multitude of ministries in Montgomery and on the mission field directly connected us to hundreds of new believers coming to know Christ and registering their name in Heaven's reservation book!

In 2017 we continued our goal of "2020 by 2020" in **Bible Fellowship** and our enrollment climbed to the new height of more than **5,200** precious people!

The financial faithfulness of our church is absolutely stunning. In the midst of a turbulent economy, our **First Baptist Family over gave our budget by \$1,008,475!** HALLELUJAH. The overage giving enables us to be good stewards by financially fueling our Mission endeavors. We continue to set new records in our mission giving: **Lottie Moon gifts** reached an amazing **\$307,213** and **Annie Armstrong** totaled **\$160,380**. We are translating our earthly resources into making a vast eternal difference. Our aggregate expenditures for Mission Endeavors exceeded \$2 million!

As a Great Commission church, last year we saw **711 volunteers** participate in **59 mission projects**. Hundreds more picked up the towel of service to minister in the **Caring Center** and extend Christ's love to our neighbors. From Chisholm to **Children's Hope** in Haiti, God is using His FBC Family to shatter the darkness with the light of Christ. May we continue to faithfully depend upon the Lord as we walk together in humility and unity to see new levels of Kingdom productivity.

Running the race together  
and always doing MORE,

PS – For the complete State of the Church Report, please visit **[www.montgomeryfbc.org/state-of-the-church](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/state-of-the-church)** or pick one up in the main sanctuary foyer.

**FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, February 4, 2018**

### ATTENDANCE

**Bible Fellowship Enrollment** 5201 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1568  
**Weekly Attendance** 2118 | **Discipleship Attendance** 1232

### OFFERING

**Required Weekly** \$128,365.38 | **Received Sunday** \$108,382.57  
**2018 Prepaid Gifts** \$228,093.52  
**Required To Date** \$641,826.90 | **Received To Date** \$659,116.21  
**Building Fund Sunday** \$500.00 | **Building Fund to Date** \$1,674.70

**Over Budget | \$17,289.31**



## 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 Sunday, February 11.

### College Ministry

College Students...Join us for **ELEVATE** on **Tuesday, February 13** 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).

### Senior Adult Ministry

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. A few tickets remain. Call Mary Virginia Crum at 241.5180.

### Missions Ministry

The **Amy Cooper WOM Group** will meet on **Monday, February 12** at 11:30 AM in the Huff Building fellowship hall. Jesse Powell, a church planting catalyst in Arizona, will be sharing some exciting ways God is working in the Phoenix area. Bring a sack lunch and join us for a time of fellowship and inspiration, and meet Jesse and his family. Drinks and dessert are provided. For more information call Lanelle Huff at 399.6658.

The upcoming **Cuba Mission Project** needs the following items by Sunday, March 4: travel-size toiletries; shaving cream and razors for men and women,



### First Family Dinner | Wednesday, February 14

*No reservations required!*

**Adult & Children's Meal:** Ham, Potato Salad, Vegetable, Roll, Salad, Dessert

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

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

deodorant and unused make-up samples. Items can be dropped off at the Scott Street entrance. For more information, contact Kathy Cooper at 241.5125 or kcooper@montgomeryfbc.org.

## First Baptist Foundation

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

## Community Ministries

The **Caring Center is in need of men's underwear** (t-shirts, boxers, and socks). For more information, contact Judy Nuss at 241.5144.

## 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

## New Members

### By Letter/Statement of Faith

**Mr. David Conner**

**Mrs. David Conner (Tina)**

203 Felder Avenue | Montgomery, AL 36104

**Mr. Carl Fisher**

**Mrs. Carl Fisher (Lisa)**

870 Lucy's Trail | Wetumpka, AL 36093

## Our Church Family

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

### Sympathy Extended to

Miss Amy Smith in the death of her great-aunt Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Trotman (Whitney) in the death of his father, Bubba; Ellen, Barbara Ann & Charlie Trotman in the death of their grandfather; Mr. Woody Trotman in the death of his father; Mr. & Mrs. William Trotman (Jessica) in the death of his grandfather; Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Trotman (Laura) in the death of his grandfather; Mr. & Mrs. Ramsey Ashmore (Ellen) in the death of her grandfather

Family and friends of Bill Lamar

Mr. & Mrs. Steven Faulkner (Sandy) in the death of her grandmother

### Baptist South

Mary Ann Johnson

### Baptist East

Jodi Woods • Charlie Lynn

### Jackson

Bob Sellers • Sharon Whittington

### Hillview Terrace

Jonnie Lynn

### Children's Hospital

Camp Hughes

### Grandview Medical Center

Eegee Williams

The **2018 Young Worshiper's Club (YWC)** continues this **Sunday, February 11!** 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 [ggleathers@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:ggleathers@montgomeryfbc.org).







The FBC Family unanimously voted to acquire the 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. Thank you for affirming this opportunity.

Campaign Coordinator at 233.4682 or 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).

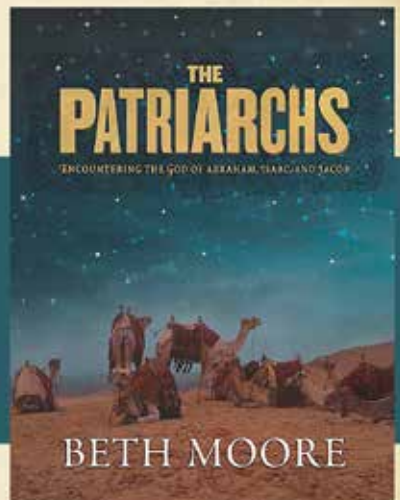
**There are open dates in 2018 for Sanctuary flowers.** Two arrangements are available each Sunday at a cost of \$82.50 each. You may choose to furnish one or both. If you would like to reserve a date in honor or in memory of someone, call Mary Virginia Crum at 241.5180.

## Volunteer Opportunity of the Week: **Beacon Volunteers**

Volunteers are needed to help tab and label the *Beacons* every Thursday morning beginning at 8:00 AM. If you would like to volunteer, contact Beth DeBardeleben at 241.5160 or [bdebardeleben@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:bdebardeleben@montgomeryfbc.org).

\* **Tuesdays, February 13  
through May 8  
9:30 AM | Bell Chapel**

Facilitated by Nancy Burt



## This week at FBC

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

### Sunday, February 11

- Mission Projects: India & Calgary  
8:30 Worship Service  
Prayer Room in Media Center  
9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes  
11:00 Worship Service  
Prayer Room in Media Center  
4:00 Reflections Ensemble  
4:30 ABCs of Evangelism  
5:00 Discipleship Classes  
Children's Missions  
One Heart/One Voice Choirs  
Prayer Time for South Asia  
6:00 Children's Ministry: Bible Drill  
6:15 Worship Service

### Monday, February 12

- Mission Projects: India & Calgary  
9:00 English as a Second Language  
10:00 JOY Singers  
11:30 Amy Cooper Women on Mission  
5:30 Men's Bible Study  
6:30 Freedom in Christ Support Group

### Tuesday, February 13

- Mission Projects: India & Calgary  
9:00 English as a Second Language  
9:30 Ladies Bible Study  
MOPS  
Sarah McCrory Women on Mission  
5:30 Women with Emotional Pain  
7:00 Narcotics Anonymous  
8:00 College Ministry: Elevate

### Wednesday, February 14

- Mission Projects: India & Haiti  
9:00 English as a Second Language  
2:15 Student Ministry: Baldwin Bible Study  
4:45 First Family Dinner  
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 15

- Mission Projects: India & Haiti  
9:00 Conversational English  
10:00 Caregivers Support Group

### Friday, February 16

- Mission Projects: India & Haiti  
7:00 Friday Morning Men's Group

### Saturday, February 17

- Mission Project: Haiti  
7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

## In Home Ministry Member Doris Bell

916 Stableway Road | Pike Road, AL 36064



305 South Perry Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

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montgomery

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

- Call to Worship** | Sanctuary Orchestra  
***I Claim the Cross*** | Sanctuary Choir  
**Your Name** | Ronnie Shaw  
**Message** | Mark Bethea

**Prayer Room**  
Tom Broughton (David Martin Class)

## Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

- Call to Worship** | One Voice Choir  
**Joy** | Doug Rogers  
**Message** | Kenny Hoomes



## 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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