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



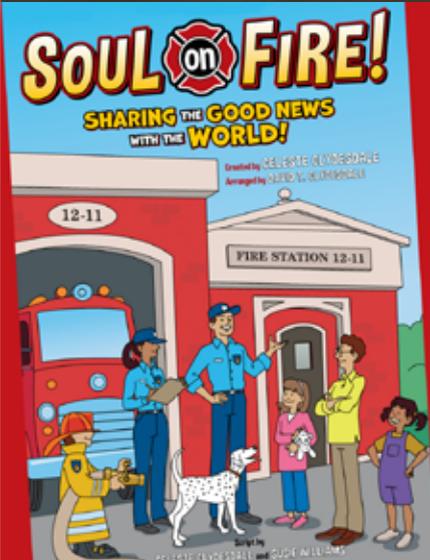
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Kids' Kamp @ Camp Lee
(Anniston, Ala.)
Monday, July 9 through
Friday, July 13
Pray for the children and leaders as
they head to Kamp this week!

Youth Camp @ Shocco Springs (Talladega, Ala.)
Monday, July 23 through Friday, July 27
Online Registration Deadline is Tuesday, July 17

Register online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration



Soul on Fire
presented by the **NEHEMIAH KIDS**
Sunday, July 22
6:15 PM :: MAIN SANCTUARY



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CONNECTIONS

— *from your Pastor's Heart*

Instead of Whining, Try Shining!

Philippians 2:14 instructs, *“Do everything without complaining.”*

It is easy to develop a critical spirit. I recently talked with a friend who confessed, *“I have become a negative, bitter and unattractive person who is very hard to live with.”* Another lady told me, *“I took my husband for better or worse, but he’s a lot worse than I took him for!”*

I read an editorial that observed, *“America has become a nation of complainers.”* We all have the capacity to turn a sunny day into a gripe session about having to wear sunscreen.

There are two types of complainers: the *Perfectionist* and the *Martyr*. The **Perfectionist** demands that thing be done to their standard and any perceived error reaps a crop of harsh criticism. The **Martyr** complains about all of their special problems and the lack of help and sympathy they receive from others. The complaining *Perfectionist* repels friends and the whining *Martyr* drains them.

The better way is God’s way. Delete whining and focus on shining by implementing the following suggestions:

1. **Choose a grateful spirit instead of a critical attitude.** If you were graced by God to be born in America, and you enjoy the benefits of consistent food, shelter and transportation; then you are a blessed person who should be grateful to God and to others. When you quit focusing on your own navel and look at the drastic poverty and problems in our fallen world, it will prompt you to do a check up from the neck up and get rid of your stinking thinking and ungrateful attitude! Count your blessings! Then praise God for His kindness which activates His presence because the Lord inhabits the praise of His people.
2. **Stop complaining.** For the next 24 hours, intentionally delete negative griping, whining, and gossip-flavored communication. Follow the admonition of Matthew 5:16, *“You are the light of the world...”* which means you should shine bright and not whine about your plight.
3. **Start encouraging.** Encouragement is the Miracle-Gro of the soul. Pour sincere affirmation on the people around you by refilling your spirit with Christ’s Spirit, which makes you an attractive and positive friend. Remember, a pat on the back is only 18 inches removed from a kick in the pants, but the results are miles apart! Consistently apply Hebrews 10:24 which coaches, *“Encourage one another and all the more as you see the day of Christ drawing near.”*

The Bottom line: Remember the light of the encourager attracts and sustains while the criticism of the complainer repels and drains. So choose TODAY to shine and not whine!

FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, June 24, 2018

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5227 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1387
Weekly Attendance 1842 | **Discipleship Attendance** 268

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$128,365.38 | **Received Sunday** \$139,763.88
Required To Date \$3,337,499.88 | **Received To Date** \$3,036,255.56
Building Fund Sunday \$330.00 | **Building Fund to Date** \$12,692.70

Under Budget | \$301,244.32



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Ministry Announcements

Preschool Ministry

Parents, don't miss **Parents Night Out** on **Friday, August 3** from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. This is your time to have a date night or just sit at home in peace and quiet! The event is free, but you need to register your children (8 weeks to 6th grade) by noon on Friday, July 27. Register online at montgomeryfbc.org/parents-night-out.

Children's Ministry

All fourth through sixth graders are invited on the **Butter and Egg Adventure** on **Thursday, July 19** from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Cost is \$50. You can register and pay online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration. Contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164 for more information.

Student Ministry

There will be a **Crossover Swim Party** on **Sunday, July 8** for all upcoming 7th through 9th graders. We will meet in the youth center at 10:45 AM. Transportation and lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Russell McCrory at 241.5163 or rmccrory@montgomeryfbc.org.

Save the Date for these upcoming events: Crossover Lake Day (August 3) and the Senior Lake Retreat (August 10-11). For more information, visit www.fbmsm.com.

College Ministry

This summer we will meet each **Tuesday night** for dinner and Bible study at various homes from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. On **July 10**, we will meet at the home of Douglas & Eleanor McElvy (5600 Woodside Circle). Visit fbccollege.com for the entire summer schedule.

Don't miss the annual **College Lake Day** on **Saturday, July 14** on Lake Martin at the Johns'. The cost is \$10! All high school graduates and college-age students are invited! Sign up by emailing Justin Law at jlaw@montgomeryfbc.org.



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, July 11

No reservations required!

Adult & Children's Meal: Baked Chicken, Vegetable, Roll, Salad, Dessert

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

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

Missions Ministry

There will be a **Voice of the Martyrs Advance Conference** on **Saturday, July 21** from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Come be inspired by the stories of our persecuted brothers and sisters! Speakers from around the world will share personal testimonies about God's faithfulness in the midst of persecution. Join us to learn how God's kingdom is advancing, even in the face of fierce opposition. Meet your persecuted family face to face, and let God use their stories to challenge you to a deeper, bolder walk with Him. There is no charge for registration or attendance. For more information, or to register visit www.vomadvance.com.

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 briangay@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. 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

The **Caring Center** is in need of **men's clothing and shoes!** For more information, contact Tim Cearley at 241.5141 or tcearley@fbc-cm.org.

Churchwide News & Events

Want to invest in the treasure box of a child's life? We have a number of openings in our preschool and children's ministries and would love to have you join our teaching team. 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

New Members

By Baptism

Matthew Gay
5990 Balmoral Road | Montgomery, AL 36117

Mr. Joseph Spitzer
Mrs. Joseph Spitzer (Jamie)
5270 Main Street | Millbrook, AL 36054

Our Church Family

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

Sympathy Extended to

Rev. & Mrs. Brian Gay (Kristi) in the death of her aunt
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Myer (Millie) in the death of her father; Ms. Melissa Myer in the death of her grandfather; Mr. & Mrs. Matt Thomason (Jenny) in the death of her grandfather

Baptist South

Mike Cooper

Crowne Healthcare

Jerry Allie

John Knox Manor

Jennie Mae Buck

Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Drew Woods (Jodi) in the birth of a son

Online Pictorial Directory

Did you know that you can update your family photo in the **FBC Online Member Directory**. Just email a recent photo to Amanda Smith at asmith@montgomeryfbc.org. If you haven't started using this ministry tool, now is a great time to start. For full instructions on using the online directory visit:

www.montgomeryfbc.org/member-directory

Mark your calendars now for Sunday, August 12!

Join us as we kick off the new **Bible Fellowship Year** at 9:45 AM and then at 5:00 PM for **Youth Choirs, Children's Missions and Discipleship Classes.**

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

to love on these kids 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 kids! Please pray and answer our call for help. It will be one of the best decisions you have ever made. 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 ggleathers@montgomeryfbc.org.

Save the date for the **Nehemiah Center Back-To-School Block Party and Medical and Dental Clinic** on **Saturday, August 4** from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. School supplies needed at this time are: pencils, pens, pencil sharpeners, highlighters, first grade writing notebooks, children's scissors, notebook paper (wide-rule and college-rule), spiral one-subject notebooks, index cards, crayons, rulers, glue, glue sticks, tape, report covers, dry erase markers, paper towels, Kleenex, Clorox wipes, hand sanitizer, copy paper, and nap pads. Supplies can be dropped in the bins in the main sanctuary foyer or in the Scott Street entrance. For more information on how you can help, contact Kathy Cooper at 241.5125 or kcooper@montgomeryfbc.org. Families are invited to participate in this home mission project.

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).

We are updating our records! Please help us by visiting montgomeryfbc.org and clicking on the "Update Member Information" graphic to update your contact and family information for our membership files. If you have any questions, contact, Amanda Smith at 241.5122 or asmith@montgomeryfbc.org.



INTRODUCING

RYAN GRAY

OUR NEW ASSOCIATE MINISTER TO STUDENTS

241.5187 >> [RGRAY@MONTGOMERYFBC.ORG](mailto:rgray@montgomeryfbc.org)

This week at FBC

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

Sunday, July 8

- Mission Projects: Brazil & Alaska
- 8:30 Worship Service
Prayer Room in Media Center
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 11:00 Worship Service
Prayer Room in Media Center
Student Ministry: Crossover Swim Party
- 5:00 Visitation
Prayer Time for South Asia
- 6:15 Worship Service

Monday, July 9

- Mission Projects: Brazil & Alaska
Children's Ministry: Kids Kamp
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 Freedom in Christ Recovery Group

Tuesday, July 10

- Mission Projects: Brazil & Alaska
Children's Ministry: Kids Kamp
- 5:30 Women with Emotional Pain
- 6:00 College Ministry: Summer Bible Study
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, July 11

- Mission Projects: Brazil & Alaska
Children's Ministry: Kids Kamp
- 5:00 First Family Dinner
- 5:30 Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal
- 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, July 12

- Mission Projects: Brazil & Alaska
Children's Ministry: Kids Kamp
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group

Friday, July 13

- Mission Projects: Brazil & Alaska
Children's Ministry: Kids Kamp
- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group

Saturday, July 14

- Mission Projects: Brazil & Alaska
College Ministry: Lake Day
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member Deborah Kay Campbell

928 Felder Avenue | Montgomery, AL 36106



305 South Perry Street
Montgomery, AL 36104

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

Worthy of Worship | Sanctuary Orchestra

At the Cross | Sanctuary Choir

Offertory Solo | Lottie Veazey

Message | Jay Wolf

Prayer Room

Barry Bledsoe (Brock/Bledsoe Class)

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

Even If | Hudson Cornett

Message | Jay Wolf



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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