

BEACON

First Baptist Church Montgomery

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



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Youth Camp @ Shocco Springs
(Talladega, Ala.)
Monday, July 23 through Friday, July 27

For more information, contact
Russell McCrory at 241.5163 or
rmccrory@montgomeryfbc.org.



Soul on Fire
presented by the NEHEMIAH KIDS

Sunday, July 22
6:15 PM :: MAIN SANCTUARY

Old-Fashioned
Hymn Sing

Sunday, July 29 :: 6:15 PM



CONNECTIONS

from your Pastor's Heart

Living Love

"A new commandment I give you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love one for the other." (John 13:34-35)

Too many people who claim to follow Jesus, seem to lack the Savior's primary characteristic of *living love*.

Years ago, I read a compelling biography on Mother Teresa. She was born in 1910 in Albania. As a teenager, she fell in love with Jesus. She sensed God's call to help the poor of India. In Calcutta she lived amidst indescribable poverty, disease and death in the world's darkest slums. In 1950 she founded the *Missionaries of Charity*. Motivated by the compassion of Christ they focus on ministering to the dying and helping those fighting disease, hunger, and poverty. Mother Teresa described her purpose with a powerful metaphor: **"God has called me to be a little pencil writing His love story on the hearts of His children."**

That's my goal to be God's pencil inscribing His love on the hearts of people. Sadly, too few are like God's helpful pencils; instead, too many are like hurtful knives. Too many stab the life out of their relationships. They slice up friendships with cutting words as they puncture people with sarcasm, criticism and condemnation.



The Jesus way is better. When the disciples fussed over who was the most important, Jesus used their *omission* of washing up before supper to amplify His *mission* of love and serving. With humility and compassion, He washed the disciples' dirty feet. Then He issued an order: *I have given you an example, and I want you to treat others in the same way.*

God calls you to move beyond the world's pride-driven **taking** into Christ-like **giving**.

Furthermore, the giving love of Jesus is for EVERYONE! Jesus famously explained to Nicodemus because, *"God so loves the WORLD He gave His only Son..."* Christ-like love accepts every one. When I fell in love with Jesus as a teenager, God called me to accept everyone. 1 John 4 shouted to me, **"Beloved let us love one another because love is of God and He who loves knows God and is born of God but He who does not love, does not know God because God is love. If one says he loves God but hates his brother, he is a liar. One who loves God must love his brother."**

Live love by making Christ's caring tangible through a smile, a hug, a note, a call, visiting a nursing home, babysitting a child for a flustered mom, or buying a meal for someone standing by you at Taco Bell. Your love becomes a great ad for your heavenly Dad!

In this world of takers, become a Christ-like giver. Stop being a hurtful knife and become God's helpful pencil writing His love story on the hearts of His children.

Living Love TOGETHER,

FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, July 8, 2018

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5231 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1592
Weekly Attendance 2047 | **Discipleship Attendance** 198

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$128,365.38 | **Received Sunday** \$137,051.10
Required To Date \$3,465,865.26 | **Received To Date** \$3,173,306.66
Building Fund Sunday \$1,132.00 | **Building Fund to Date** \$13,824.70

Under Budget | \$292,558.60

FBC Summer Interns



We welcome the following interns to assist in our ministry endeavors this summer! Pictured left to right: Amy Smith (Girls Ministry), Ryan Gray (Associate Minister to Students), Francie Parker (Student Ministry Intern), Thomas Dismukes (Student Ministry Intern), Jesus, Jay Wolf (Pastor), William Shirley (Children's Ministry Intern), Katie Windham (Children's Ministry Intern), and Sarah Grace Stone (Community Ministries Intern)

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 Lake Day** on **Friday, August 3** for all upcoming 7th through 9th graders. We will leave from the church at 8:00 AM and return by 6:00 PM. The cost is \$10 and includes lunch. Register online at www.montgomeryfbc.org.



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, July 18

No reservations required!

Adult & Children's Meal: Catfish, Fries, Salad, Dessert

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

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

org/event-registration. For more information, contact Russell McCrory at 241.5163 or rmccrory@montgomeryfbc.org.

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.

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 17**, we will meet at the home of Douglas & Eleanor McElvy (5600 Woodside Circle). Visit fbccollege.com for the entire summer schedule.

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 now 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.

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. There is no charge for registration or attendance. For more information, or to register visit www.vomadventure.com.

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.

New Members

By Letter/Statement of Faith

Miss Amanda Arnett

8050 Marylebone High Street, Apt 304
Montgomery, AL 36116

Mr. Scott Carmichael

Mrs. Scott Carmichael (Dawn)
3540 Flowers Drive | Montgomery, AL 36109

Mr. Ryan Gray

140 Briar Lane | Pike Road, AL 36064

Mr. David Patrick

2003 Landcaster Court | Deatsville, AL 36022

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. Craig Coblentz (Debbie) in the death of his mother; Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Coblentz (Jessica) in the death of his grandmother; Mr. & Mrs. Travis Marshall (Meredith) in the death of her grandmother

Jackson

Lulu Westbrook

MedStar Georgetown University Hospital

Mary Dudley

Congratulations Extended to


Mr. & Mrs. Hunter Mills (Brittany) in the birth of a son; Ms. Michelle Blair in the birth of a grandson; Mr. & Mrs. Mark Mills (Kim) in the birth of a grandson

Mr. & Mrs. Nate Newton (Shena) in the birth of a daughter; Dr. & Mrs. Alan Newton (Brenda) in the birth of a granddaughter

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.



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Churchwide News & Events

First Baptist Church is partnering with The Montgomery Clean City Commission in their new school clean-up program **"Packed to ACT (All Cleaning Together)."** Please join us at **Sidney Lanier High School** on **Saturday, July 28** from 7:00 to 11:00 AM to help with landscaping. For more information, contact Tim Cearley at 241.5141 or tcearley@fbc-cm.org.

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! 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 gleathers@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).

This week at FBC

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

Sunday, July 15

Mission Projects: South Asia, Central Asia,
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
- 4:00 Nominating Committee
- 5:00 Visitation
- 6:15 Worship Service

Monday, July 16

Mission Projects: Central Asia, Brazil &
Alaska

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

Tuesday, July 17

Mission Projects: Central Asia, Brazil &
Alaska

- 10:00 Senior Adult Game Day
- 2:00 Children's Ministry: Dairy Queen
- 5:30 Women with Emotional Pain
- 6:00 College Ministry: Summer Bible Study
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, July 18

Mission Projects: Central Asia, Brazil &
Alaska

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

Thursday, July 19

Mission Projects: Central Asia, Brazil &
Alaska

- 8:00 Children's Ministry: Butter and Egg
Adventures
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group

Friday, July 20

Mission Projects: Central Asia, Brazil &
Alaska

- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group

Saturday, July 21

Mission Projects: Central Asia, Brazil &
Alaska

- 9:00 Voice of the Martyrs Conference
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member Sara Christenberry

3801 Oak Grove Drive, Apt 124
Montgomery, AL 36106



305 South Perry Street
Montgomery, AL 36104

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

Call to Worship | Sanctuary Orchestra

Since Jesus Came Into My Heart
Sanctuary Choir

Offertory Solo | Kerri Moore

Message | Kenny Hoomes

Prayer Room

Charles Hamilton (Epperson/Wachs/Trotman Class)

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

Kids Kamp Review

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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