

BEACON

First Baptist Church Montgomery

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



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Old-Fashioned
Hymn Sing

Sunday, July 29
6:15 PM

WAR ROOM
PRAYER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON
08.01.18 :: MAIN SANCTUARY :: 12:10 TO 12:50 PM

Join us on Sunday, August 12!

The new **Bible Fellowship Year** kicks off at 9:45 AM and **Youth Choirs, Children's Missions and Discipleship Classes** begin at 5:00 PM.

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



Save the Date for
TEAM NIGHT
featuring Jeremiah Castille

First Baptist Church
Sunday, September 16
6:15 PM :: Main Sanctuary

For more information, contact
Mark Bethea at 334.462.3724.
www.montgomeryfbc.org/teamnight



CONNECTIONS

from your Pastor's Heart

Find Your SHAPE for Serving

God's living Word reveals, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to SERVE others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4:10) This means God has placed within you a treasure of immeasurable value. Your job is to find the

treasure. You should discover the treasure, develop it, and deploy it in Kingdom service. Find your SHAPE to serve and your Christian life will explode into joy!

S stands for spiritual gift. God has given you a special gift which is a unique endowment for the building of His Kingdom. This gift is a tool which you can use to make an eternal difference as you build God's Kingdom for His glory.

H stands for heart. God has given you a passion for certain activities that makes your heart beat faster. Identify those passions and natural abilities and use them as platforms for building His Kingdom. For example, if you excel at sports, music, business, cooking, technology, growing things, communicating or coaching people then use it for the Savior!

A stands for aptitude. You have an aptitude or special ability to perform certain tasks. Some people have an aptitude for music or math. Others have an aptitude for athletics or academics. Put that aptitude to work for building His Kingdom.

P stands for personality. Some people are introverts and others are extroverts. Some are followers. Others are leaders. Determine your personality type and rightly align yourself for Kingdom endeavors.

E stands for experiences. God has ordered your steps to provide unique educational, relational and spiritual experiences. Utilize your life experiences to position you for Kingdom service.

When you add it all up, you can learn to discern your SHAPE for serving. You will experience great fulfillment when you choose to use your God-given SHAPE to serve His purposes. Like Albert Schweitzer, become God's faithful servant. Albert was born in France in 1875. God loaned him an astonishing array of gifts. He was a prodigy in music and mathematics. He earned four doctorates that included theology and medicine. Schweitzer started a hospital in Africa and received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1952. The great missionary doctor shared the secret to happiness when he revealed, "The only ones among us who will be truly happy are those who have discovered how to serve others in Jesus' name."

Find your SHAPE to serve
His glorious purpose,

FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, July 22, 2018

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5230 | Bible Fellowship Attendance 1552
Weekly Attendance 2007 | Discipleship Attendance 348

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$128,365.38 | Received Sunday \$98,335.31
Required To Date \$3,722,596.02 | Received To Date \$3,412,003.72
Building Fund Sunday \$125.00 | Building Fund to Date \$14,194.70

Under Budget | \$310,592.30

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

Ministry Announcements

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/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.

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

Sunday, August 26 | 6:15 PM | Main Sanctuary

Capital City
Gospel Sing



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, August 1

No reservations required!

Adult & Children's Meal: Cornish Hens, Dressing, Green Beans, Salad, Dessert

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

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

12 at 241.5160 or 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 or call 546.8088.

First Baptist Foundation

Have you ever taken the time to think about the story your life is telling right now and after you have left this earth? The First Baptist Foundation wants to help you discern the important relationships and resources you have, recommend the most effective tools to ensure your family is cared for, and assist you to leave the legacy you desire. For more information on our **Free Estate Planning Services**, please contact Alissa Parrish at 241.5127.

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 Baptism

Ms. Katie Barber

5712 Calmar Drive, Apt 3 | Montgomery, AL 36116

Mr. Cedrick Bryant

556 Glade Park Loop | Montgomery, AL 36109

Miss Jordan Marx

604 Kathleen Court | Niceville, FL 32578

Mary Grace Parsons

1561 Gilmer Avenue | Montgomery, AL 36104

Yoojin Johanna Yang

1543 Wingate Park Court | Montgomery, AL 36117

By Letter/Statement of Faith

Mr. Greg Beard

Mrs. Greg Beard (Lindsay)

Carson Mims

Raileigh Mims

Tatum Mims

3200 Hillcrest Lane | Montgomery, AL 36109

Mr. Stanley Wilson

Mrs. Stanley Wilson (Jeannie)

8609 Harvest Ridge | Montgomery, AL 36116

Our Church Family

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

Jackson

Lynsey Wood

UAB Medical Center

Chuck Whittington

Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Russ Wood (Lynsey) in the birth of a daughter



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.



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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

Churchwide News & Events

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.

The **Nehemiah Center Back-To-School Block Party** is **Saturday, August 4** from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM. School supplies are due this Sunday, July 29. For more information on how you can help, contact Kathy Cooper at 241.5125 or kcooper@montgomeryfbc.org. Families are encouraged to participate in this home mission project.

If you've been feeling your heart pulled to welcome our neighbors from the nations, then English as a Second Language or Conversational English is for you. There will be an **ESL Teacher Training** on **Friday, August 3 and Saturday, August 4** at First Baptist Prattville. To register, contact Christina Morgan at 818.398.1940 or bruinmorgan@gmail.com by August 1. A second training will also be offered on **Friday, August 10 and Saturday, August 11** at Lakeview Baptist in Auburn. To register, contact Pat Wilson at 334.887.7094 or pwilson@lakeviewbaptist.org by August 7.

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.

The First Baptist Montgomery App

Available in App Stores



This week at FBC

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

Sunday, July 29

Mission Project: Central Asia

- 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 Deacon Orientation
- 5:00 Visitation
- 6:15 Worship Service

Monday, July 30

Mission Project: Central Asia

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

Tuesday, July 31

- 5:30 Women with Emotional Pain
- 6:30 College Ministry: Biscuits Game
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, August 1

- 12:10 War Room (Churchwide Prayer)
- 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
- 6:45 Ejamat Prayer Time

Thursday, August 2

- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group
- 1:00 Caring Center Advisory Board

Friday, August 3

Student Ministry: Crossover Lake Day

- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 6:00 Parent's Night Out

Saturday, August 4

- 9:30 Back-to-School Block Party
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member Mae Fain

2600 Royal Downing Ct | Montgomery, AL 36117

305 South Perry Street
Montgomery, AL 36104



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
montgomery

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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Sanctuary Orchestra

Back to the Church in the Wildwood

Sanctuary Choir

Touch the Sky | Rachel Love

Message | Jay Wolf

Prayer Room

John Smith (Newman/Williams Class)

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

Hymn Sing

Youth Camp 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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