

# BEACON

First Baptist Church Montgomery

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

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## Global Hunger Sunday

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# DIGITAL AGE PARENTING

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

2 TO 4:30 PM // MAIN SANCTUARY

### WITH TAL PRINCE



# RIVER REGION judgment-house

4003 Eastern Boulevard // Montgomery Towne Center

[www.judgmenthouse.org](http://www.judgmenthouse.org)

**This Week's Dates:**  
6 to 9 PM

- Sunday, October 14
- Wednesday, October 17
- Saturday, October 20
- Sunday, October 21



# CONNECTIONS

— from your Pastor's Heart

## *The Power of Your Encouraging Words!*

*"Encourage one another and build each other up!"*  
(1 Thessalonians 5:11)

As a young lady growing up in rural Mississippi, Cheryl never thought of herself as "special" in any way. She was only "average" and that may have been stretching it. But a kind gentleman who delivered the family's mail would often see Cheryl playing in the yard and offer her gracious words of encouragement. He consistently communicated to her positive praise and affirmation, *"You are such a bright and pretty young lady. It wouldn't surprise me if you grow up to be Miss America one day!"* Like refreshing raindrops, those sincere compliments and positive predictions nourished Cheryl's spirit.

But any hopes of being a beauty queen were crushed when Cheryl suffered horrible injuries in a car crash when she was 11 years old. It took 200 stitches to close the wounds in her face. She wore a body cast for weeks. A wheelchair became her transportation for several months.

New encouragers crossed her path and Cheryl grew into a radiant follower of Jesus Christ. She attended Mississippi State University and won the title of homecoming queen. Next she was crowned Miss Starkeville and that was followed by winning the Miss Mississippi pageant. The prophetic words of the encouraging mailman came true when Cheryl Prewitt rose above the competition from 49 other states and won the grand-prize of being named Miss America in 1980!



Cheryl married Evangelist Harry Salem in 1985 and they have traveled the world sharing the eternal encouragement of Jesus Christ. She has used her celebrity status, musical skills, communication abilities and winsome personality to make an enormous impact for God's Kingdom. But she still attributes to that kind mailman the upward trajectory of her life because he spoke affirming words to her that re-architected her self view.

God has given you the astonishing ability to speak life-changing words of encouragement to the people around you. Jesus modeled this practice when he re-named *"Shifting-Sand Simon"* and started calling him Peter the *"Solid-Rock!"* Jesus saw *sinners* and called them to be **Saints**. This discouraging world overflows with angry insults, put-downs, ugly name-calling and poisonous criticisms. In contrast to the world, start following the example of Jesus and offer the life-giving communication of encouragement. Instead of jealously **competing** with everyone, start generously **celebrating** everyone. If you consistently sow the seeds of kind words, positive observations and sincere compliments to the people around you, your relationships will soar to a new level!

God's Word tells us, *"The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life!"* (Proverbs 10:11) Also, *"Life and death are in the power of your words."* (Proverbs 18:21) Let the nourishment of Christ-like encouragement flow from your life and lips as you lift up the precious people God places in your path.

Serving as God's Instruments of Encouragement TOGETHER,

## FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, October 7, 2018

### ATTENDANCE

**Bible Fellowship Enrollment** 5210 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1455  
**Weekly Attendance** 1996 | **Discipleship Attendance** 1342

### OFFERING

**Required Weekly** \$128,365.38 | **Received Sunday** \$98,428.37  
**Required To Date** \$5,134,615.20 | **Received To Date** \$4,723,271.32  
**Building Fund Sunday** \$345.00 | **Building Fund to Date** \$17,321.85  
**Global Hunger Offering** \$1,016.09

**Under Budget | \$411,343.88**

**FREE**

sunday **OCTOBER 28** 4 to 6 pm

[www.montgomeryfbc.org/fallfestival](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/fallfestival)

# 2018 FALL FESTIVAL

First Baptist Church Montgomery

Free Games      Fun Fellowship  
Fantastic Prizes      Food Trucks\*

Wear a Fun, Happy Costume!

CANDY NEEDED!!!  
Please drop off in collection  
boxes this Sunday morning.

\*food is available for purchase



## Ministry Announcements

### Preschool Ministry

Parents, don't miss **Parents Night Out** on **Friday, November 9** 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, November 2. Register online at [montgomeryfbc.org/parents-night-out](http://montgomeryfbc.org/parents-night-out).

### Children's Ministry

Kids, don't forget **Outrageous Outfits**. **Sunday, October 14 is Blue Jean Sunday**. For more information, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164.

### Senior Adult Ministry

Join us for a **Trip to the Anderson Farm** on **Thursday, November 8** at noon. Call Mary Virginia Crum at 241.5180 to make your reservation for this free event. RSVP deadline is November 1. We will depart from the Scott Street parking lot at 11:15 AM. Plans include lunch and wonderful fellowship!

### Missions Ministry

Counselors are needed to help with the 2018 River Region Judgment House.

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## Our Church approved the 2019 Ministry Plan of \$6,825,000

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**First Family Dinner** | **Wednesday, October 17**

*No reservations required!*

**Adult & Children's Meal:** Hot Dogs, Soup, Salad, Dessert

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

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



To view a 3 minute training video visit [www.bit.ly/jhcounselor](http://www.bit.ly/jhcounselor). For more information visit [www.judgmenthouse.org](http://www.judgmenthouse.org) or contact Brian at 220.4402.

## Community Ministries

**Volunteers of all ages are needed to help in the Caring Center!** A special appeal goes out to moms with school-age kids to consider giving three hours a week during school hours to help care for the needy with food, clothes and household goods. What a practical way for you to be “doers of the Word.” Prayerfully consider this great opportunity to have an impact on our community in the name of Jesus! To volunteer, contact Jane Ferguson at 241.5144 or Tim Cearley at 241.5141.

## Churchwide News & Events

**Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is coming November 12-19!** This year’s campaign is in honor of our dear friend and FBC member, Ann Palmer, who has ALS and is on hospice care. Over the past 7 years, Ann has individually packed more than 700 shoeboxes and donated countless boxes of filler items to make hundreds of additional shoeboxes. Plan to pack one or more shoeboxes this year in honor of Ann’s dedication, and make a difference in the life of a child! To volunteer, contact Ben Hulsey at 399.9876 or [ebjhulsey@gmail.com](mailto:ebjhulsey@gmail.com).

**Volunteers are needed in the Prayer Room!** Available time slots can be found on the prayer room door (located next to the elevator on the 3rd floor, main building) or contact Sally Frazier at 274.8989 or 224.9895.

**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](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/livestream)) as well as our main **Facebook page, First Baptist Church Montgomery** (@montgomeryfirstbaptist).

## New Members

### By Baptism

**Miss Rosemerry Franklin**

2301 College Street Apt C | Montgomery, AL 36106

**Ms. Irene “Bitzy” Peavy**

8447 Fairhaven Lane | Montgomery, AL 36117

### By Letter/Statement of Faith

**Miss Skylar Coppinger**

PO Box 244024 AUM Box 889 | Montgomery, AL 36124

**Miss Tanishya Jones**

PO Box 244024 AUM Box 68 | Montgomery, AL 36124

**Ms. Bettie Welden**

487 River Oaks Drive | Wetumpka, AL 36092

## Our Church Family

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

### Baptist East

David Hataway

### Encompass Health

Dot Robinson • Riley Trehern

### UAB Medical Center

Terry Treadwell • John Henig

Shirley Haase

### Ministerial Staff Birthdays

Glen Leathers (October 18)



A Mentoring Program for Young, Married Women

**Thursdays, January 24 through March 7 // 9:30 to 11:45 AM**

**Limited to 13 participants**  
**Call or text Cheri Love at 202.8303**

**Cost is \$25**  
(includes book, notebook and meals)  
*Unfortunately, no childcare available*

The First Baptist Montgomery App

Available in App Stores



"Being a banker, the thoughts about all the potential legalities and complexity were barriers we faced. The process seemed so complicated. Having trust in Pastor Jay and the experience of others from the church helped us feel comfortable in taking the initial step with PhilanthroCorp. This was the best and easiest thing to do!"

— Tim and Lesli Riley

faith kids gifts family work home  
**LEGACY**  
conversations  
relationships | expertise | resources

## Alabama Baptist State Convention

Tuesday, November 13 &  
Wednesday, November 14  
First Baptist Church | Trussville

If you would like to serve as a messenger at the Alabama Baptist State Convention, contact Carolyn Bryan at 241.5120 or [cbryan@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:cbryan@montgomeryfbc.org).

You're invited to join **Jay Wolf and Barry Bledsoe** for a  
**Legacy Conversations Lunch**

**Monday, October 22**  
12 to 1 PM \ \ Fellowship Hall

This is a great opportunity to have lunch with your Pastor and learn about services available to you through the First Baptist Foundation. Jay and Barry will share about our services with PhilanthroCorp, an estate planning firm out of Colorado. Our church has partnered with them to provide planning services to you at no cost.

Please RSVP to Alissa Parrish at [airvin@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:airvin@montgomeryfbc.org) or 241.5127.



## Fall Back for FBC Bible Fellowship

Prove the Tithe High Attendance  
Sunday, November 4 🍁 Goal: 2000

Join us on Prove the Tithe Sunday  
and help make a difference for  
His Kingdom...

- 🍃 Invite friends & neighbors to join you for worship and bible fellowship class.
- 🍂 Bring your joyful offering to the Lord and help us "prove the tithe."
- 🍁 Give your time change hour back to the Lord.

*Thank You, Kenny*

for faithfully serving the Lord  
through His First Baptist Family.

Congratulations on 15 years  
of service at FBC!



**Kenny Hoomes**  
Associate Pastor for Spiritual  
Maturity and Senior Adults

## This week at FBC

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

### Sunday, October 14

- Mission Project: Talladega  
8:30 Worship Service  
Prayer Room in Media Center  
9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes  
Nearly/Newlywed Class  
11:00 Worship Service  
Prayer Room in Media Center  
11:30 Music Ministry Lunch  
1:00 In-Home Ministry Lord's Supper  
4:00 Reflections Ensemble  
4:30 ABCs of Evangelism  
Citizenship Class  
5:00 Children's Missions  
Discipleship Classes  
One Heart/One Voice Choirs  
Prayer Time for South Asia  
6:00 Judgment House  
6:15 Worship Service

### Monday, October 15

- 9:00 English as a Second Language  
10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal  
11:00 Senior Adult Ministry Council  
5:15 Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal  
5:30 Men's Bible Study  
6:30 Freedom in Christ Recovery Group

### Tuesday, October 16

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

### Wednesday, October 17

- 9:00 English as a Second Language  
2:15 Baldwin Bible Study  
4:45 First Family Dinner  
5:30 Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal  
Tutoring  
5:45 Preschool & Children's Choirs  
Discipleship: Godly Parent Training  
6:00 First Family Prayer Time  
6:30 Student Ministry: Powerhouse  
Discipleship: DivorceCare  
6:35 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
6:45 Ejamat Prayer Time

### Thursday, October 18

- Mission Project: Peru  
9:00 Conversational English  
10:00 Caregivers Support Group  
6:00 Deacon's Retreat

### Friday, October 19

- Mission Project: Peru  
6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group

### Saturday, October 20

- Mission Project: Peru  
6:00 Judgment House  
7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

## In Home Ministry Member Chrystal Morris

3909 Meredith Drive | Montgomery, AL 36109

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

### **People of the Church**

Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra, JOY Singers, Youth Choirs, and Children's Choirs

**Growing in the Spirit** | Children's Choirs

**Message** | Jay Wolf

### **Prayer Room**

Joseph Wong (International Ministry)

## Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

**Order My Steps** | One Voice Choir

**Offertory** | Hank Teuton

**Message** | Mark Betha



## 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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