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Myers-Mallory
State Missions Offering

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GREAT COMMISSION MINISTRIES:

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CHURCH PLANTING
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Jeremiah Castille



Corey Paul

SUNDAY, SEPT 16
6:15 p / Main Sanctuary

montgomeryfbc.org/teamnight

Interested in joining First Baptist? Want to know more?

DISCOVER

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

12:15 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

RSVP TO MARK BETHEA (241.5133) OR PAT THURMAN (241.5130)

www.montgomeryfbc.org | Office: 334.834.6310 | Prayer Line: 334.834.4585



CONNECTIONS

from your Pastor's Heart

It's Almost T.I.M.E. to Put Up the Christmas Tree!

Labor Day is in our rearview mirror which means football and fall have arrived. Next comes Halloween, Turkey Time, Christmas Trees and New Year's Celebrations. THE YEARS HAVE

WINGS! Time can be your enemy or friend. Wise people immerse themselves in the *Lord of Time* by learning to count and learning what counts.

*"The Lord has been our dwelling place for all generations. A thousand years in Your sight is like yesterday when it passes. For the days of our life contain 70 years, or if due to strength 80 years but soon it is gone and we fly away. **TEACH US TO NUMBER OUR DAYS** that we may present to Thee a heart of wisdom."* (Psalm 90)

God wants you to wisely use His gift of T.I.M.E. by:

Treasuring it. Time constitutes the fundamental component of our days, months and years. Don't waste it but TREASURE IT! Time is a non-renewable resource. You can make more money but you can't make more time. Too many falsely think they have unlimited time and live on "SOMEDAY ISLE." *Someday I'll restore that broken relationship, learn God's Word, finish my education, stop that self-defeating behavior, start serving God's purpose. A lonely tombstone read: "Here Lies Joe. He danced under the moon and slept under the sun. He lived a life of going-to-do and died with nothing done."* The Bible shouts, "TODAY is the day of salvation." Move off of Someday Isle and treasure time by doing God's work NOW!

Investing it. You can't save time but you can wisely invest it. Billy Graham told the graduates of Wheaton, "Time is the capital God has given us to invest. People are the stocks in which you invest your time. Some people are Blue Chips, others are Penny stocks and some are Junk bonds. Invest your best time into the people who will weep at your funeral!"

Managing it. God tells us to "walk circumspectly as wise people who redeem the time." (Ephesians 5:15) Each day God deposits 86,400 seconds into your account. Imagine your seconds are dollars so you need a budget to manage this valuable resource. The key tools are your clock and calendar. Set your clock to rise early. Dedicate your day to God's purpose. Plan your calendar with Christ's guidance and goals in mind.

Eternal use of it. Jesus instructed that life is short so we must "work for the night is coming, when no one can work." (John 9:4) We have all eternity to celebrate spiritual victories but only a few moments before sundown to win them. Your temporary times will make an eternal impact if you wisely serve King Jesus by learning to count and learning what counts!

Investing Our Time Wisely by
Serving Christ TOGETHER,

FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, September 9, 2018

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5208 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1272
Weekly Attendance 1784 | **Discipleship Attendance** 741

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$128,365.38 | **Received Sunday** \$81,176.27
Required To Date \$4,492,788.30 | **Received To Date** \$3,989,578.39
Building Fund Sunday \$486.00 | **Building Fund to Date** \$16,041.35
Myers Mallory Offering \$2,591.83

Under Budget | \$503,209.91



Ministry Announcements

Preschool Ministry

There will be a **Parent/Child Dedication** on **Sunday, October 21** in the 8:30 & 11:00 AM worship services. To register for this special dedication, visit www.montgomeryfbc.org/dedications or call Tiffany Alewine at 241.5165.

Children's Ministry

The **First Grade Bible Presentation** is this **Sunday, September 9** during the 6:15 PM service. Don't miss this special service! For more information, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164 or glaethers@montgomeryfbc.org.

Don't miss the **New Christians Class** beginning **Sunday, September 16** at 9:45 AM. This 3-week class, for all first through third graders who accepted Jesus this summer, will disciple your child in what baptism is, the Lord's Supper, and how to grow as a Christian. For more information, call Glen Leathers at 241.5164.

College Ministry

College Students...Join us for **ELEVATE** on **Tuesday, September 11** 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.

Adult Ministry

Join Jay for a new round of his **Pastor's Class** beginning **Sunday, September 9** at 10:00 AM in the main sanctuary. The 13-week class, open to everyone, will be an overview of the Bible.

Senior Adult Ministry

The **JOY Singers** will resume rehearsals on **Monday, September 10** at 10:00 AM in the Stakely Choir Suite. Everyone is welcome!

Join us for the **Abundant Living Conference** on **Tuesday, October 16** from 9:30



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, September 12

No reservations required!

Adult & Children's Meal: Baked Chicken, Rice, Mac & Cheese, Vegetable, Salad, Dessert

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

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

AM to 3:00 PM at Gardendale First Baptist Church. The conference will feature Dennis Swanberg "America's Minister of Encouragement." There is no charge for the event or transportation, but you will need to bring \$10 for lunch. The bus will leave from Scott Street at 7:00 AM. To register, call Mary Virginia Crum at 241.5180 by Tuesday, October 8.

Music Ministry

Our Sanctuary Choir has begun preparations for the **2018 Living Christmas Tree!** Now is the time to be part of this wonderful experience. Join us this **Wednesday, September 12** at 6:35 PM in the Roper Choir Suite, located just behind the fellowship hall. For more information, contact Donna Haney at 241.5150 or dhaney@montgomeryfbc.org.

Missions Ministry

On **September 9 through 16** we will remember the lives of "Two Spiritual Giants," as we pray for the work of Alabama Baptists, and give through the **Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering**. Your gifts will help support these Great Commission Ministries: Alabama WMU, Disaster Relief, Church Planting, Church Revitalization and Global Partnership Missions. Our church goal is \$20,000.

The **Amy Cooper WOM Group** will meet on **Monday, September 10** at 11:30 AM in the Huff Building fellowship hall. Kristy Kennedy, who is employed by the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions (ALSBOM), will share about her ministry areas, including Literacy, Church and Community Ministries, and Deaf Ministries. She will also explain how our support for the Myers-Mallory Missions Offering provides for ongoing ministries through ALSBOM. Bring a

New Members

By Letter/Statement of Faith

Mr. Gary Noland
Mrs. Gary Noland (Judy)
505 Wakefield Drive | Montgomery, AL 36109

Miss Alexis Osteen
2145 Belfast Street | Montgomery, AL 36106

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. Cecil McCall (Betty) in the death of his sister

Mr. & Mrs. Forrest Neeley (Mary Alma) in the death of his mother, Mary Ann

Mr. & Mrs. Troy Teel (Celia) in the death of her uncle

Mr. & Mrs. Randall Golden (Eve) in the death of her aunt

Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Holleman (Angie) in the death of his brother-in-law

Baptist South

Mary Wickham • Sherri Timberlake

Capitol Hill Healthcare

Norma Barnes

UAB Medical Center


Alan Cross

Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Gorsuch (Sherry) in the birth of a grandson; Ms. Rose Booher in the birth of a great-grandson

Ministerial Staff Birthdays

Jay Wolf (September 11)



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Fall 2018 FBC Discipleship Classes

For a complete list with descriptions, visit www.montgomeryfbc.org.

Ladies Bible Study: A Woman's Heart

Tuesdays, September 11 – November 6 | 9:30 AM | Bell Chapel

Beginning Times (Study of Genesis 1,2,3)

Sundays, September 16 – October 21 | 5:00 PM | B412

RightNow Media Showcase

Sundays, October 7 – November 11 | 5:00 PM | B411

Nearly/Newlywed Class

Sundays, September 30 – November 11 | 9:45 AM | B409

sack lunch. For more information, call Lanelle Huff at 399.6658.

The **Charlotte Cearley WOM Group** will meet on **Tuesday, September 11** at 6:30 PM in the home of Kathy Hall (3668 Wiley Road). In addition to a taco salad dinner we will learn about and sign-up for mission opportunities, hear about new church plant prayer partners and Alabama WMU's new prayer focus on Pakistan. If you are interested in learning more about this group's purpose, contact Kathy Hall at 324.6097 or Kathy Smith at 467.9178.

The **Jackie Swan Bible Study Group** will meet on **Thursday, September 13** in room 413. Sewing the day gowns for stillborns at Baptist Hospital begins at 10:30 AM with lunch (bring a sandwich lunch) and the Bible study at 12:00 PM. We will be studying Liz Curtis Higgs' *Bad Girls of the Bible*. For more information, contact Sara Jane Lyon at 277.7240 or Beppy Tiller at 263.9491.

First Baptist Foundation

Save the date! You're invited to join Jay Wolf and Barry Bledsoe for a **Legacy Conversations Lunch** on **Monday, October 22** from 12:00 to 1:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Come have lunch and hear about special services available to you! Contact Alissa Parrish for more information at airvin@montgomeryfbc.org or 241.5127.

Community Ministries

Ever consider serving behind bars? We are always looking for new volunteers to help with Bible studies and evangelism in the prison system! God could use you in the life of prisoners! Consider joining in our Prison Ministry. The annual **Alabama Department of Corrections (ADOC) Volunteer Training** is being offered at Frazer UMC on **Saturday, September 22** from 8:00 AM to noon. Please consider taking this important training, which is required for new or experienced volunteers. For more information and applications, call Tim Cearley at 241.5141 or Karen Quimby at 462.6955.

Churchwide News & Events

Families are needed to minister to college students through our **Connections Ministry**. Connections pairs an FBC family with a college student for the school year. A Connection family gets the blessing of knowing, loving, and discipling a college student which makes an immediate and eternal difference. Families will meet their student on **Sunday, September 30** for lunch in the student center after church. To sign up or for more information, contact Justin Law at jlaw@montgomeryfbc.org.

This week at FBC

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

Sunday, September 9

- 8:30 Worship Service
Prayer Room in Media Center
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 11:00 Worship Service
Prayer Room in Media Center
Ichthus Ensemble Lunch & Learn
- 12:15 Children's Ministry: Big Church Tour
- 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
- 6:15 Worship Service

Monday, September 10

- 7:30 R.O.M.E.O.
- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal
- 11:30 Amy Cooper WOM
- 5:15 Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal
- 5:30 Building Committee Meeting
Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 Freedom in Christ Recovery Group

Tuesday, September 11

- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 Ladies Bible Study
- 5:30 Women with Emotional Pain
- 6:30 Charlotte Cearley WOM
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous
- 8:00 College Ministry: Elevate

Wednesday, September 12

- 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 LCT Kickoff Rehearsal & Fellowship
- 6:40 Finance Committee
- 6:45 Ejamat Prayer Time

Thursday, September 13

- 9:00 Conversational English Registration
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group
- 10:30 Jackie Swan WOM

Friday, September 14

- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 1:30 Lanier Football Team Dinner

Saturday, September 15

- 8:00 Judgment House Work Day
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member Richard Howard

720 County Road 930
Marion Junction, AL 36759



305 South Perry Street
Montgomery, AL 36104

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

Higher Ground | Sanctuary Orchestra

Midnight Cry | Sanctuary Choir

How Can It Be | Eden & Brian Gay

Message | Jay Wolf

Prayer Room

Stuart Hendon (Powell & Poundstone Classes)

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

Crowd The Gates

One Heart & One Voice Choirs

First Grade Bible Presentation

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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