

First Baptist Church Montgomery

BEACON

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



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A RIVER REGION WORSHIP GATHERING

Awaken

Sunday, April 7 | 6 PM | Riverwalk Stadium

Discipleship Classes from 5:00 to 5:45 PM @ FBC
Service at 6:00 PM at Riverwalk Stadium

**ANNIE
ARMSTRONG**
EASTER OFFERING
FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

FBC Goal: \$120,000
Given to Date: \$87,945.35

**SENDING
HOPE**

TOGETHER

be · believe · better

High
Attendance
Goal: 6100

April 14, 21 & 28

A three-week focus on being TOGETHER in
worship, fellowship, and Bible study.





CONNECTIONS

— from your Pastor's Heart

God is Calling Us to Create a New Caring Center!

In 1988 Jane Ferguson came to FBC to lead our new Community Ministries Program. Instead of ignoring hurting people around us, we chose to follow Christ's Command and become His Good Samaritans. God has allowed FBC to remain in the Center of our City with unusual strength and spiritual vitality to share His light and love with wounded friends. Some people think it is a liability to be a downtown church but it is our greatest asset because we serve as God's Ministry Agents near to the people with the most needs.

FBC's neighborhood consists of the Federal Courthouse and the County Jailhouse but when you go to God's house we help you avoid the courthouse and the jailhouse! That's why the Lord placed us in the heart of our city so we can serve as His compassionate hands and voice. Our church offers a vast array of difference-making ministries because of our downtown location. We constantly fulfill Christ's call to care for **"the least of these because what you do for hurting people you do for Me."**

Our Caring Center is located in the deteriorating buildings of the old First Presbyterian Church. **For 20 years we have used these buildings to minister directly to over 80,000 people.** Imagine our Caring Center as a pickup truck delivering ministry services to hurting people. But our old truck is beaten-up, breaks a lot, the tires are bald, and it gets 8 mpg. We need a new delivery truck that is reliable, can haul larger loads to help more people, and gets 30 mpg! Our proposed new Caring Center will serve more people while reducing cost by an estimated 80% because it will be smaller, modern and require fewer resources for operations and maintenance.

Our plan calls for replacing the old First Presbyterian buildings with a new facility. After extensive analysis of all options we discovered the cost for restoring the old Sanctuary's deteriorating infrastructure was a staggering \$3 million. WE ARE NOT A MUSEUM BUT A MINISTRY, so our building team chose to construct new facilities. However, we will retain the Bell Tower and entrance of the old Sanctuary to preserve its history and make a special place of remembrance and prayer.

Our beloved City has many hurting, addicted, fatherless, uneducated, and marginalized people who need tangible assistance and spiritual encouragement. Let's grow and propel our Christ-honoring Caring Center ministry into the future by building a modern facility that will facilitate God's work for years to come.

Join me in praying for this effort and plan to make a significant and sacrificial financial contribution that will make these Jesus-exalting proposals a reality!

Doing God's Work TOGETHER,

FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, March 31, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5185 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1606
Weekly Attendance 2117 | **Discipleship Attendance** 1261

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$131,730.76 | **Received Sunday** \$87,020.97
Required To Date \$1,712,499.88 | **Received To Date** \$1,478,952.47
Building Fund Sunday \$350.00 | **Building Fund to Date** \$6,704.00
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering \$87,945.35

Under Budget | \$233,547.41

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Next week we will have the opportunity to discuss and vote on the upcoming building campaign. Please make note of the dates below and continue praying for God's will and work to be done.

Monday, April 8 // 6:00 PM // Fellowship Hall Building Discussion with Church Leadership

(Building Committee, Deacons, Church Leadership Council, Finance Committee, and Steering Committee)

There will be a snack supper served at 5:30 PM.

Wednesday, April 10 // 6:00 PM // Fellowship Hall Church Building Discussion

The Building Committee will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. All church members are invited to attend.



CHURCH VOTE

Building Campaign
Sunday, April 14
8:30 & 11:00 AM
Main Sanctuary

In the next few weeks, First Baptist will be conducting an **independent survey** of our faith family. It will be administered by a third-party to provide anonymity to your responses. Be on the lookout for an email from Cygnal with a link for your participation. We will not see any individual responses. It will only take about ten minutes to complete and will give valuable feedback to help build the Kingdom of God through First Baptist Church.

Thank you!

Ministry Announcements

Vacation Bible School

This summer kids will focus in on some amazing, real-life encounters with Jesus. Through our **2019 VBS on June 17 through 21**, kids will discover that each snapshot of Jesus is an opportunity to respond to the gospel. **Volunteers are needed** to help our preschoolers and children discover the most amazing truth of all—Jesus Christ is the Messiah, the Son of God, and by believing we can have life in His name. Sign up today by visiting www.montgomeryfbc.org/vbs or contacting Nancie McQueen (241.5166 or nmcqueen@montgomeryfbc.org) or Glen Leathers (241.5164 or ggleathers@montgomeryfbc.org).



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, April 10

No reservations required!

Adult & Children's Meal: Ham, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Roll, Salad, Dessert

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

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



USHERS & GREETERS

Drop by their table in the foyer this Sunday to find out more about this ministry.

Preschool Ministry

Parents, don't miss **Parents Night Out** on **Friday, May 10** 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, May 3. To register, visit www.montgomeryfbc.org/parents-night-out.

Student Ministry

Graduate Recognition is Sunday, May 5. The deadline for submitting photos is Friday, April 12. Register online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration. If you have any questions, contact Russell McCrory at 241.5163.

Senior Adult Ministry

All senior adults are invited to **Pick Strawberries at the Master's Garden** on **Thursday, April 11** from 10:00 AM to noon. There is no charge, but we do need you to make a reservation. This will enable us to be prepared for you. Call Mary Virginia Crum at 241.5180 by noon on Tuesday, April 9. The Master's Garden is located at 217 Broadway Street in Chisholm directly across from the Nehemiah Center.

Missions Ministry

All ladies are invited to attend the **Amy Cooper WOM meeting** on **Monday, April 8** at 11:30 AM in the Huff Building fellowship hall. Viki Brant, who is involved with the FBC Singles Ministry and Singles Mission Auction, will be the speaker. Bring a sack lunch and join us for a time of fellowship and inspiration. Drinks and dessert are provided. For more information, call Lanelle Huff at 399.6658.

The Jackie Swan Bible Study Group will meet on **Thursday, April 11** in room 413. Sewing the day gowns for stillborns at Baptist Hospital begins at 10:30 AM with lunch (bring a

New Members

By Letter/Statement of Faith

Mr. Bill Whately
Mrs. Bill Whately (Beth)
40 Rifle Range Road | Wetumpka, AL 36093

Our Church Family

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

Sympathy Extended to

Mrs. David Hataway (Faye) in the death of her husband; Mr. & Mrs. Clynt Hart (Susan) in the death of her father
Mr. & Mrs. Perry Hooper (Judy) in the death of her brother, Royce McKissick
Family and friends in the death of Margaret Cone

Baptist South

Tim Bartgis • Sara Sellers

Baptist East

Mary Wickham • Jessica Smith

Jackson

John D. Lee • Virginia Brewer

Diversicare

Frank Stewart

UAB Medical Center

Trey Henig

Congratulations Extended to

Dr. & Mrs. Cole Smith (Jessica) in the birth of a son; Mr. & Mrs. Jay Tidwell (Michele) in the birth of a grandson

Ministerial Staff Birthdays

Kenny Hoomes (April 9)

Deacon Nominations Due By Sunday, April 28!

Forms are available in the main sanctuary foyers or online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration.

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SPRING

celebration
and Easter Egg Hunt



SATURDAY, APRIL 13

10:00 AM to Noon :: Perry Street Lot & Courtyard :: Free
www.montgomeryfbc.org/spring-celebration

SENIOR ADULT VBS
APRIL 29 - MAY 1 // 10 AM TO NOON
413 (SENIOR ADULT CENTER)



Viki Brant started serving as the **Associate Minister of Community Ministries** for Development, Promotion and Support on April 1. She comes with a wealth of experience: working 32 years with Alabama Department of Public Health; serving in many areas of ministry with FBCM, helping on countless mission teams all over the world, and taking leadership roles on key church committees. She has degrees in Education and Administration as well as an MDiv

from New Orleans BTS. We are excited that God is calling Viki to join our team and blessed to have her help Community Ministries grow into the future.

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.

Churchwide News & Events

Save the date for the **Missions Auction** for Single Adult Mission Scholarships on **Friday, May 3** at 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall. If you would like to donate items for the auction, contact Kathy Cooper at 241.5125 or kcooper@montgomeryfbc.org.

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, April 7

- 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
- 4:30 Citizenship Class
- 5:00 Visitation
Children's Bible Drill
Discipleship Classes
Children's Missions
- 6:00 AWAKEN @ Riverwalk Stadium

Monday, April 8

- Mission Project: Central Asia
- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 10:00 JOY Singers
- 11:30 Amy Cooper WOM Group
- 5:30 Building Discussion w/Church Leadership
Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, April 9

- Mission Project: Central Asia
- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 Ladies Bible Study: A Woman's Heart
Sarah McCrory WOM Group
- 6:30 Charlotte Cearley WOM Group
- 7:00 Helen Hancock WOM Group
Narcotics Anonymous
- 8:30 Elevate College Worship

Wednesday, April 10

- Mission Project: Central Asia
- 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
Positive Parenting
- 6:00 First Family Prayer Time &
Church Building Discussion
- 6:30 Student Ministry: Powerhouse
- 6:35 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 6:40 Finance Committee
DivorceCare

Thursday, April 11

- Mission Project: Central Asia
- 9:00 Conversational English
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group
Senior Adult to Master's Garden
- 10:30 Jackie Swan WOM Group

Friday, April 12

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

Saturday, April 13

- Mission Project: Central Asia
- 10:00 Spring Celebration
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member Martha Rankin

3019 Sutton Drive
Montgomery, AL 36111-2933



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

The Heavens are Telling | Sanctuary Choir

Who Am I | Karen Mullins

Message | Jay Wolf

Prayer Room
Jeff Windham (Betha/Gresham Class)

Evening Worship (6:00 PM)

River Region Worship Gathering
AWAKEN
Riverwalk Stadium



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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