

First Baptist Church Montgomery

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



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Easter

AT FIRST BAPTIST MONTGOMERY

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

8:30 AM
PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 AM
BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CLASSES

11:00 AM
PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP

5:00 PM
DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES, VISITATION,
CHILDREN'S MISSIONS & YOUTH CHOIRS

6:15 PM
EVENING WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

4:45 PM
FIRST FAMILY DINNER

5:45 PM
NO CHILDREN'S CHOIRS
DISCIPLESHIP OR OTHER ACTIVITIES

6:15 PM
EASTER COMMUNION WORSHIP

7:30 PM
SANCTUARY CHOIR & ORCHESTRA
REHEARSAL

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

12:00 PM
GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

8:30 AM
EASTER WORSHIP CELEBRATION

9:45 AM
BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CLASSES

11:00 AM
EASTER WORSHIP CELEBRATION

5:00 PM
NO DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES,
VISITATION, CHILDREN'S MISSIONS
OR YOUTH CHOIRS

6:15 PM
EVENING WORSHIP



I am the resurrection and the life.

— JOHN 11:25 —



CONNECTIONS

— from your Pastor's Heart

Easter Celebration Preparation

The resurrection of Jesus Christ constitutes the hinge of human history. The resurrection validated the mission and message of Jesus. Christ came to provide God's gracious gift of salvation to the human family by offering the needed sacrifice to pay our sin debt. The resurrection verified Christ's identity, defeated the ultimate enemy of death, and compels all seekers to follow the Risen Savior!

As we approach Easter, prepare your heart with the following suggestions:

1. **Make Worship a Priority** – both personal and corporate. Privately, drink deeply from the Gospel cup of Luke 22-24. Inject yourself into the scenes of the crucifixion and resurrection. Activate the theater of your imagination and hear the angel say, **“He is not here, but He is risen just as He said!”** (Luke 24:6) Throughout the day, in every new green blade of grass and in the children that pass, in the birds that sing and in virtually everything, receive signals about God's provision. Then praise Him for His mercy and grace. Thank God for His magnificent and matchless gift of eternal life that comes through Jesus Christ.

Be sure to make Easter worship services a top priority. Attend the **Palm Sunday** worship experience. Share in the beauty of **Communion** on Wednesday evening. At noon on **Good Friday**, gather with the body of Christ and relive the events of the cross. Do not miss the glorious **Resurrection Celebration** worship service on April 21st. Be in God's house with God's people to hear God's Word and give Him your worship.

2. **Use Easter to invite unchurched friends to hear the Gospel.** If you invite them, they will come. Your invitation can provide the opportunity for God to change someone now and forever. Every survey confirms that if God's people invite their friends to worship, they will come. Use this Easter to introduce your friends to our Savior.
3. Let God's great gift of eternal life through the resurrection of Jesus prompt you to **give a great gift to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.** This offering financially fuels God's work of evangelism and church planting in North America. Join me in giving an impactful gift to God's work through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

This Easter season, let's emulate the angels who said to the astonished disciples, **“Come and see, then go and tell!”** (Matthew 28:6-7)

Celebrating His Life-Giving Resurrection TOGETHER,

FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, April 7, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5187 | Bible Fellowship Attendance 1624
Weekly Attendance 2135 | Discipleship Attendance 1180

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$131,730.76 | Received Sunday \$230,557.30
Required To Date \$1,844,230.64 | Received To Date \$1,709,509.77
Building Fund Sunday \$807.00 | Building Fund to Date \$7,511.00
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering \$99,077.80

Under Budget | \$134,720.87

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.



**CHURCH
VOTE**

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

WE NEED YOUR INPUT

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 gleathers@montgomeryfbc.org).



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, April 17

No reservations required!

Adult & Children's Meal: Lasagna, Bread, 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. Photos are due now! Register online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration. If you have any questions, contact Russell McCrory at 241.5163.

Music Ministry

The **Preschool & Children's Choirs Spring Program** will be **Sunday, May 5** at 6:00 PM in the main sanctuary.

Community Ministries

Are you sensing a call to volunteer in the prison ministry? If so, please attend one of the morning training sessions at Frazer United Methodist Church on **Saturday, April 20** from 8:00 AM to noon or on **Saturday, June 15** from 8:00 AM to noon. For more information, contact Chaplain Carl Fisher at chaplaincarlfisher@gmail.com or 580.0458.

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).

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. Tim Adams (Stephanie) in the death of her aunt
- Mr. & Mrs. Scott Williams (Vickie) in the death of his mother; Mr. Michael Williams in the death of his grandmother
- Ms. Susan Morrow in the death of her father
- Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Stone (Ellen) in the death of her father; Sarah Grace & Emily Stone in the death of their grandfather
- Ms. Joyce Moore in the death of her sister-in-law

Baptist East

- Mary Wickham • Sue Barley • Regina Mayton

Jackson

- John D. Lee • Gene Bonner

Diversicare

- Frank Stewart

UAB Medical Center

- Dawn Carmichael

Congratulations Extended to

- Mr. & Mrs. Drew Harrell (Christian) in the birth of a daughter

Deacon Nominations Due By Sunday, April 28!

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



SENIOR ADULT VBS

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

ANNIE ARMSTRONG
EASTER OFFERING
FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

FBC Goal: \$120,000
Given to Date: \$99,077.80

SENDING HOPE

Interested in joining First Baptist? Want to know more?

DISCOVER

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 28
12:15 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Worthy of Worship

Sunday, April 28 | 6:15 PM

First Baptist Church Music Ministry presents a worship celebration featuring the Sanctuary Orchestra

This week at FBC

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

Sunday, April 14

- 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 Ordination Council for Wes Costello
Reflections Ensemble
- 4:30 Citizenship Class
- 5:00 Ordination Service for Wes Costello
Visitation
One Heart & One Voice Choir Rehearsals
Discipleship Classes
Children's Missions
- 6:15 Worship Service

Monday, April 15

- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 9:00 Senior Adult Council Retreat
- 10:00 JOY Singers
- 5:15 Sanctuary Handbells
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, April 16

- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 Ladies Bible Study: A Woman's Heart
- 4:30 Children's Learning Center Board
- 5:00 Jimmy Hitchcock Meeting
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous
- 8:30 Elevate College Worship

Wednesday, April 17

- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 2:15 Baldwin Bible Study
- 4:45 First Family Dinner
- 5:30 Tutoring
- 6:15 Easter Communion Service
- 7:30 Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra Easter
Rehearsal

Thursday, April 18

- 9:00 Conversational English
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group

Friday, April 19

- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 12:00 Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 20

- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member Anne Smart

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

- Lo, He Comes** | Combined Children's Choirs
- Call to Worship** | Sanctuary Orchestra
- Alleluia, Praise the Lord Who Reigns on High** | Sanctuary Choir
- Offertory** | GiGi and Gabe Hankins
- Message** | Jay Wolf

Prayer Room

Brent Buchanan (Holland/Carmichael/Ashworth Class)

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

- Children's Bible Drill Presentation**
Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul | Karen Potter and Jenny Renner
- Message** | Ryan Gray



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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