

First Baptist Church Montgomery

# BEACON

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



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# Easter

AT FIRST BAPTIST MONTGOMERY

## 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

**THERE WILL BE OVERFLOW SEATING IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR THE 8:30 & 11:00 AM SERVICES. PARKING IS AVAILABLE IN THE PERRY STREET LOT AND IN THE DECK ON THE CORNER OF SCOTT & LAWRENCE STREETS.**



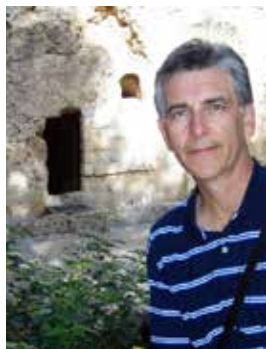
*I am the resurrection and the life.*

— JOHN 11:25 —



### CHURCH VOTE

**On Sunday, April 14, 2019 our Church family voted unanimously to approve four proposed building projects** led by the creation of a new Caring Center to replace the deteriorating old First Presbyterian buildings and we will enter a building campaign to raise the needed funds of \$6,000,000. We praise God for this bold affirmation to expand our ministries!



# CONNECTIONS

from your Pastor's Heart

## *He has Risen!*

A few years ago I stood in the empty tomb of Jesus Christ.

The vacant grave stands adjacent to an outcropping of rocks that resembles a skull by the Jerusalem bus station. The tomb is open and empty. Written on the side of the ancient grave is the proclamation of the angels: "He is not here. He has risen!"

The resurrection validates all of the claims of Jesus of Nazareth. Because His tomb is empty our lives can be full of His resurrection presence, purpose and power.

Easter crowns our calendar. The validity of the resurrection split time into BC and AD. Can you imagine facing the fears of death and the daily grind of life without the reality of Christ's resurrection. So let us proclaim along with the angels the ultimate good news that He has risen out of the tomb and now resides in our hearts!

Sam Shoemaker was the great preacher at Calvary Episcopal Church of New York City in the early 20th century. He was famous for his booming voice. Unfortunately, muscular atrophy diminished his mighty vocal mechanism to a whisper. On one of his last Easter Sundays on planet Earth, Sam instructed, *"It is a terrible thing to wake up on Easter morning and not have a voice to shout that He is risen. However, it is even more terrible to wake up with a voice and not want to shout it."*

The tomb is empty and our lives are full of His presence, promise, purpose, perspective, power and peace. Share that good news with everyone this Easter and EVERYDAY by joining the angels and announcing, ***"Jesus has risen from the dead, just as He said. Come and see then go and tell!"*** (Matthew 28:6)

Standing in the glorious light  
of the empty tomb,

PS. Endeavor to bring a friend with you to Easter services because if you invite them, they will come and experience the love and liberating presence of Jesus Christ.

## FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, April 14, 2019

### ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5183 | Bible Fellowship Attendance 1482  
Weekly Attendance 1993 | Discipleship Attendance 1336

### OFFERING

Required Weekly \$131,730.76 | Received Sunday \$262,441.95  
Required To Date \$1,975,961.40 | Received To Date \$1,771,951.72  
Building Fund Sunday \$10,355.00 | Building Fund to Date \$17,866.00  
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering \$109,158.80

Under Budget | \$204,009.68

# 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.



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## 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 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](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/vbs) or contacting Nancie McQueen (241.5166 or [nmcqueen@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:nmcqueen@montgomeryfbc.org)) or Glen Leathers (241.5164 or [gleathers@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:gleathers@montgomeryfbc.org)).

### 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



### First Family Dinner | Wednesday, April 24

*No reservations required!*

**Adult & Children's Meal:** Hamburgers, Chips, Salad, Dessert

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

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



# MUSIC MINISTRY

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

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](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/parents-night-out).

## Student Ministry

**Graduate Recognition is Sunday, May 5.** 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.

## Missions Ministry

Are you going or do you know someone going out as a **Summer Missionary**? We want to join you in prayer as you take God's Message to the nations. Please email your dates and location to Brian Gay at [briangay@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:briangay@montgomeryfbc.org).

## 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](mailto:chaplaincarlfisher@gmail.com) or 580.0458.

## Churchwide News & Events

Save the date for the **Missions Auction** benefitting Single Adult

## New Members

### By Baptism

**Mr. Britt Barley**  
**Mrs. Britt Barley (Rachel)**  
2432 Belcher Drive | Montgomery, AL 36111

**Ananias Harris • Hannah Rose Harris**  
**Josiah Harris • Rachel Harris**  
11552 McPherson Landing Road | Tuscaloosa, AL 35405

### By Letter/Statement of Faith

**Ms. Cheryl Culp**  
539 Wakefield Drive | Montgomery, AL 36109

**Ms. Lucie McLemore**  
PO Box 6426 | 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. Jim Frankum (Joanne) in the death of her sister-in-law

Mrs. Sara Jo Bagley in the death of her sister-in-law

Ms. Heidi Trimmier in the death of her mother, Joanna Cooper; Ms. Brianna Roberts in the death of her grandmother; Ms. Lori Stone in the death of her mother

Mr. Jeff Mayton in the death of his wife, Regina; Mr. & Mrs. Bob Hall (Kathy) in the death of her mother

Family & friends in the death of David Richardson  
Ms. Frances Hill in the death of her brother

### Baptist East

Mary Wickham • Megan Deal

### Jackson

John D. Lee

### Crowne Healthcare

Henry Lyon

### Diversicare

Frank Stewart

### Grandview Medical Center

Teresa Montgomery

### Ministerial Staff Birthdays

Josh Jacobs (April 22)

## Deacon Nominations Due By Sunday, April 28!

Forms are available in the main sanctuary foyers or online at [www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration](http://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: \$109,158.80**

**SENDING HOPE**

**DISCOVER**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

*Interested in joining First Baptist?  
Want to know more?*

**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

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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org).

### Sunday, April 21

- 8:30 Worship Service  
Prayer Room in Media Center
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 11:00 Worship Service  
Prayer Room in Media Center
- 6:15 Worship Service

### Monday, April 22

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

### Tuesday, April 23

- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 Ladies Bible Study: A Woman's Heart
- 4:00 Community Ministries Board
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous
- 8:30 Elevate College Worship

### Wednesday, April 24

- 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 Discipleship Class
- 6:00 First Family Prayer Time
- 6:30 Student Ministry: Powerhouse  
Children's Regional Bible Drill
- 6:35 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 6:40 DivorceCare Discipleship Class

### Thursday, April 25

- Men's Golf Retreat
- 9:00 Conversational English
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group

### Friday, April 26

- Men's Golf Retreat
- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 5:00 Older Children's Choir Mock Lock-In

### Saturday, April 27

- Mission Project: Talladega
- Men's Golf Retreat
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

## In Home Ministry Member Emma Smith

PO Box 241227  
Montgomery, AL 36124-1227



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

**Easter Celebration Worship featuring...**  
**Beautiful music by our Sanctuary Choir,**  
**Orchestra, & Adult Ensemble**  
**Powerful Narration**

**And a powerful Easter Message by Jay Wolf!**

**Prayer Room**  
Bob Howard (Mark Williams Class)

### Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

***It is Well With My Soul*** | Jack Thomas, Jr.  
**Message** | Tim Cearley



## 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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