

# BEACON

First Baptist Church Montgomery

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

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**DISCOVER**  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Interested in joining First Baptist?  
Want to know more?

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 13**  
12:15 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

**REVELATION**

TAUGHT BY  
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THE LETTERS TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES

JANUARY  
BIBLE  
STUDY  
2019

13

MONDAY, JANUARY 28 THROUGH WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30  
10:00 AM // STAKELY SANCTUARY



# CONNECTIONS

*from your Pastor's Heart*

## Let's Go UP Together in 2019!

*Up* is a good theme for the New Year. Embrace and implement God's instruction to "press on to the goal for the prize of the **UPward** call of God in Christ Jesus."

(Philippians 3:14) Let's go **UP** by growing **UP** in Christ.

To **grow up**, you need to **show up!** For instance, if you want to **speak up** for Christ you should grow up your witnessing abilities by showing up for the ABC's of Evangelism classes starting on January 13 at 4:30 PM. Speaking up for Christ links to identifying ONE person you know who needs the Lord and commit yourself to bringing them up to Jesus in 2019.

For 2019 resolve to be a **prayed up** intercessor by showing up to **Wednesday Night Prayer Service** or by showing up for our **War Rooms** on Sunday Mornings or by signing up for a weekly time in the **Prayer Room**.

In the New Year show up consistently on Sunday mornings and nights because we offer a stellar array of discipleship opportunities to facilitate growing up in Christ. Satan's strongholds will **blow up** as you **grow up** in your faith. Bring up your children in **Sunday School, Mission Friends, RAs** and **GAs** so they can learn to grow up and live on mission with God. Train up your teens by facilitating their participation in **Student Choirs** and **Powerhouse**, which will help our precious young people grow up in Christ and stand up to the oppressive currents of secular culture.

Dear parents, we develop skills in academics, athletics, music, or any other endeavor by **training**. So, take advantage of these amazing training opportunities. In my opinion, the most important program we offer at First Baptist is the **Bible Drill** training for children. My four Wolf cubs participated each year and reaped a harvest of immeasurable value by memorizing 75 Scriptures and becoming more proficient students of God's eternal truth. Their participation in Bible Drill significantly contributed to helping them grow up into authentic Christ-followers. Other activities pale in importance compared to learning to wield the Sword of God's protective and guiding Word.

In 2019 Let's Keep **Showing Up** and **Growing Up** in Christ TOGETHER,

## FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, December 30, 2018

### ATTENDANCE

**Bible Fellowship Enrollment** 5184 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1231  
**Weekly Attendance** 1646 | **Discipleship Attendance** 115

### OFFERING

**Required Weekly** \$128,365.38 | **Received Sunday** \$264,098.45  
**Required To Date** \$6,674,999.76 | **Received To Date** \$6,720,292.40  
**Building Fund Sunday** \$25.00 | **Building Fund to Date** \$21,791.35  
**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** \$252,104.71

**Over Budget | \$45,292.64**

# Ministry Announcements

## Preschool Ministry

**Mission Friends** will begin again on **Sunday, January 6** at 5:00 PM. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of this exciting group.

Parents, don't miss **Parents Night Out** on **Friday, February 8** 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, February 1. For more information or to register, visit [www.montgomeryfbc.org/parents-night-out](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/parents-night-out).

## Children's Ministry

**GAs and RAs** will begin again on **Sunday, January 6** at 5:00 PM. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of these exciting groups.

**Bible Drill** begins on **Sunday, January 6** for all 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students. Join us at 6:00 PM in room A311 as we learn the books of the Bible, the location of key scripture passages, and memorize scripture. Register online at [www.montgomeryfbc.org/childrens-bible-drill](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/childrens-bible-drill).

## Student Ministry

**Disciple Now** is **Friday, January 18 through Sunday, January 20**. Register online at [www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration).

## Music Ministry

It's a great time to jump into the Music Ministry opportunities. Join us on **Sunday, January 6** for One Heart and One Voice Youth Choir rehearsals and on **Wednesday, January 9** for Sanctuary Orchestra rehearsal at 5:30 PM; Preschool and Children's Choirs at 5:45 PM and Sanctuary Choir rehearsal at 6:35 PM.

## Missions Ministry

The **2019 Missions Menu** is now available! You can pick up your copy in the main sanctuary foyer or visit [www.montgomeryfbc.org](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org).

**The Jackie Swan Bible Study Group** will meet on **Thursday, January 10** 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.

**FBC will host a Disaster Relief Training on Friday, February 1**. This training is required for all participants who desire to help with disaster relief. Training opportunities include Cleanup/Recovery, Chainsaw, and Chaplaincy. (Chainsaw training on February 1 & 2, Chaplaincy will be January 31 - February 2). Check [www.sbd.org](http://www.sbd.org) for further training information and to register. For



## First Family Dinner | Wednesday, January 9

*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)

more information contact, Steve Rutledge (334.467.3564 or [steverutledge1492@gmail.com](mailto:steverutledge1492@gmail.com)) or Ben Kelley ([bfkelley@gmail.com](mailto:bfkelley@gmail.com) or 334.549.4348).

## First Baptist Foundation

You're invited to join us in the fellowship hall after the 11:00 AM Worship Service on **Sunday, January 20** for **Lunch with Jay Wolf and world-class estate specialist, Dave Keesling**. Please make plans to come hear about our partnership with PhilanthroCorp, a Christian estate design firm whose professional services have been paid for by FBC. This is a great opportunity to receive free stewardship coaching! For more information or to RSVP, contact Alissa Parrish at 241.5127 or [airvin@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:airvin@montgomeryfbc.org).

## Churchwide News & Events

**Interested in becoming a foster parent or learning more about foster care ministry?** Alabama Baptist Children's Homes social

worker Sasha Hosick will be teaching a 10-week foster parent training class from January 9 through March 13. The class will meet weekly at Vaughn Forest Church on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 8:30 PM. You must attend every meeting to receive a certificate. Childcare for 4 and under will be provided, as well as a light dinner. Contact Sasha Hosick with any questions and if you would like to sign up: [shosick@alabamachild.org](mailto:shosick@alabamachild.org) or 901.283.2869.

**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

**Hannah Hill**

3135 Audubon Road | Montgomery, AL 36106

**Harper Johnson**

7153 Old Southwick Place | Montgomery, AL 36117

### By Letter/Statement of Faith

**Mr. Eric Hill**

**Mrs. Eric Hill (Whitney)**

3135 Audubon Road | 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

Ms. Jamie Ratliff in the death of her grandmother

Mr. John Montgomery in the death of his sister, Agnes

Mr. & Mrs. Roy Pickering (Shari) in the death of his father; Brian & Mark Pickering in the death of their grandfather

### Jackson

Breezie Stewart

### Encompass

Gay Donahue



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# Winter 2019 FBC Discipleship Classes

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For a complete list visit [www.montgomeryfbc.org/discipleshipclasses](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/discipleshipclasses)

## Positive Parenting

**Wednesdays, January 9 through April 24 | 5:45 PM | B402**

This class mirrors the schedule for Preschool & Children's Choirs. Come be encouraged by Tanya McLemore, an enthusiastic Godly woman, who has successfully parented two outstanding young men. She will share her secrets and experiences for raising future champions for Christ as well as helping you unlock the love languages of your children. **Facilitated by Tanya McLemore**

## DivorceCare

**Wednesdays, January 9 through April 24 | 6:40 PM | B405**

Find help and healing in the hurt of separation and divorce. This class is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Don't go through separation or divorce alone. Seminar will feature videos of top experts on divorce and recovery followed by support group discussion. **Facilitated by Kathy Cooper**

## ABCs of Evangelism

**Sundays, January 13 through March 24 | 4:30 PM | 413**

This course will help you discern the spiritual condition of those you meet and prepare you to better share the gospel using our ABC tract. Join us for refreshments on January 13 to learn more about this class. **Facilitated by Jay Wolf, Kenny Hoomes and Mark Bethea**

## Citizenship Classes

**Sundays, January 13 through April 28 | 4:30 PM | B415**

This class covers the 100 test questions on History and Government. You will learn how to complete and file the application for Citizenship (Form N-400). You will also learn special vocabulary needed to pass the English Reading and Writing Test. You must understand spoken English to enroll. **Facilitated by Ben Kelley**

## Return to Mayberry

**Sundays, January 13 through April 28 | 5:00 PM | B405**

Join us for an hour of fun as we revisit some of the most classic episodes of "The Andy Griffith Show" and glean spiritual lessons for everyday life. **Facilitated by Doug & Lori Rogers**

## Ladies Bible Study: Job (A Story of Untimely Joy)

**Sundays, January 13 through February 24 | 5:00 PM | 443**

In this 7-session video study with Lisa Harper, discover the redemptive side to Job's story of suffering. Learn to use pain to strengthen your faith, point others to the Gospel, and remember God's providence will never take you to a place where His grace will not sustain you. Cost is \$10. **Facilitated by Kathy Cooper**

## Praying for Missions

**Sundays, January 13 through April 28 | 5:00 PM | B403**

Prayer is not part of our strategy, Prayer is our strategy. How can you be a more effective prayer warrior for missions and missionaries around the world? What are some of the current realities in spiritual warfare in missions? And yes, we will be praying a lot during these sessions, and you will even get a chance to interact with missionaries in person and through video conferences and pray for them live. Don't miss this chance to deepen your prayer life for missions. **Facilitated by Brian Gay**

## DiscipleMaker Mentor Training

**Sundays, January 13 through April 28 | 5:00 PM | B416**

Disciple-Maker is a program designed to train disciples to disciple others. This program will walk individuals through the discipleship process and prepare them to be paired with a new believer or new member for one-on-one discipleship. To sign up, contact Ken Webb at [kwebbsr@gmail.com](mailto:kwebbsr@gmail.com) or 462.5800. **Multiple Facilitators**

## Personal Discipleship: Prayer, Purity and Purpose

**Sundays, January 27 through March 3 | 4:30 PM | B408**

Learn how to have an effective prayer closet, a more personal, intimate time with God every day, how to purify the heart, and how to pursue your purpose in life. This is an eight-week, life-changing opportunity. Child-care available, but must register at least one week in advance. **Facilitated by Keith & Jo Hancock**

## This week at FBC

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

### Sunday, January 6

- 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 Reflections Ensemble Rehearsal
- 5:00 Visitation  
Children's Missions  
Journey of Prayer  
One Heart & One Voice Choir Rehearsals
- 6:00 Children's Bible Drill
- 6:15 Worship Service

### Monday, January 7

- 7:30 R.O.M.E.O.
- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study

### Tuesday, January 8

- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 5:30 Women with Emotional Support
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

### Wednesday, January 9

- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 4:45 First Family Dinner
- 5:22 WMU Leadership Team Meeting
- 5:30 Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal  
Tutoring
- 5:45 Preschool & Children's Choirs  
Positive Parenting
- 6:00 First Family Prayer Time
- 6:30 Student Ministry: Powerhouse
- 6:35 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 6:40 Church Leadership Council  
DivorceCare

### Thursday, January 10

- 9:00 Conversational English
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group
- 10:30 Jackie Swan Bible Study Group

### Friday, January 11

- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 1:30 Meal for Lanier Basketball Team

### Saturday, January 12

- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

## In Home Ministry Member Sara Christenberry

3801 Oak Grove Drive, Apt 124  
Montgomery, AL 36116

305 South Perry Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104



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

**Call to Worship** | Sanctuary Orchestra

**God of Grace** | Sanctuary Choir

**Offertory** | Karen Mullins

**Message** | Jay Wolf

**Prayer Room**

Mark McQueen (Preschool & Children's Ministries)

### Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

**This I Believe** | One Heart & One Voice Choirs

**Praying for Our Missionaries**

**Message** | Jay Wolf



## 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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