

First Baptist Church Montgomery

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

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*Do you know your ABCs?
Can you share them with others?*

Join Jay as he teaches the
ABC's of Evangelism

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

A Practical Guide to Sharing Your Faith

DISCOVER

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13
12:15 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

REVELATION

TAUGHT BY
MARK BETHEA
KENNY HOOMES // JOHN FLEMING
JOHN BUSH // CHUCK ASHLEY
JUSTIN LAW // DALE HUFF

THE LETTERS TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES

JANUARY
BIBLE
STUDY
2019



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

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CONNECTIONS

from your Pastor's Heart

In 2019 Follow the Jesus Way and Always PRAY!

"Very early in the morning, Jesus got up and went to a solitary place where He prayed." (Mark 1:35)

Your prayers impact the future! The greatest tragedy is not **unanswered** prayer but **unoffered** prayer. God's Word tells us repeatedly to "pray for one another" because "the prayer of a righteous person has a powerful impact." (James 5:16)

When you follow the life of Jesus, you discover Christ framed His activities in prayer. Before feeding the 5,000 He prayed. Before raising Lazarus He prayed. Before the cross He prayed. Before selecting His disciples, Jesus arose early to **PRAY**. If Jesus needed to consult His Father before making a big decision how much more do we need to pray for God's guidance. Have you made impulsive decisions that resulted in terrible outcomes? Like Jesus reframe your life in prayer. God coaches you to step out of your darkness and into His light by prayerfully seeking His wisdom. Then you will make decisions that will take your outcomes from terrible to tremendous!

In 2019 make your watch word PRAY. In 2018, Dabo Swinney, the Christ-following Clemson Coach, made his watch word for the year JOY. Dabo explained, "Finding JOY in every aspect of our daily journey is the perspective God wants us to have." Join me in making PRAY our watchword for 2019 which means you want to follow the Jesus way and "pray without ceasing." Regardless of what happens: sunshine or rain, health or pain-PRAY. In all circumstances make prayer your default mode. Perennial prayer does not mean you spend all day on your knees but you continually talk with God.

When you pray it releases God's provision and reveals God's work. Prayer is asking and listening. In prayer you see God's work and hear God's invitation to join His activity.

Engrave on your heart this paramount truth: YOUR PRAYERS IMPACT THE FUTURE! Ten years ago our daughter-in-law suffered a massive stroke. Katherine Wolf's life hung by a tiny thread. Her Bible Fellowship Classmates banded together in fervent, faith-filled, persistent, and specific prayer. God gave a miraculous answer to those prayers and Katherine lived. Because God spared her life, Katherine and Jason have a ministry called "Hope Heals" which God has used to make a vast impact for the cause of Christ. Her survival and their ministry testifies to the power of prayer.

Resolve in 2019 to PRAY. Like Ezekiel let's "stand in the gap" and PRAY for people and watch God provide and guide.

In Joy and Faith TOGETHER
let's PRAY,

FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, January 6, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5184 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1875
Weekly Attendance 2290 | **Discipleship Attendance** 864

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$131,730.76 | **Received Sunday** \$87,459.89
Required To Date \$131,730.76 | **Received To Date** \$87,459.89
Building Fund Sunday \$654.00 | **Building Fund to Date** \$654.00
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering \$299,636.71

Over Budget | \$44,270.87

Ministry Announcements

Preschool Ministry

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.

There will be a **Parent/Child Dedication** on **Sunday, February 10** 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. If you would like your baby's photo to be included in the Order of Worship that day, email a high resolution photo of your baby to asmith@montgomeryfbc.org by Friday, January 25.

Children's Ministry

Bible Drill continues on **Sunday, January 13** 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.

Student Ministry

Disciple Now is **Friday, January 18 through Sunday, January 20**. Register online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration.

College Ministry

College Students...Join us for **ELEVATE** on **Tuesday, January 15** at 8:00 PM in the student 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.

Music Ministry

It's a great time to jump into the Music Ministry opportunities. Join us on **Sunday, January 13** for One Heart and One Voice Youth Choir rehearsals (5:00 PM); and on **Wednesday, January 16** for Sanctuary Orchestra rehearsal (5:30 PM), Preschool and Children's Choirs (5:45 PM), and Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (6:35 PM).

Missions Ministry

All ladies are invited to attend the **Amy Cooper WOM Meeting** on **Monday, January 14** at 11:30 AM in the Huff Building fellowship hall. We will be assembling "homeless bags" to be handed out at the Caring Center throughout the year as needed. Amy Cooper members may choose from a list of items provided in an email on December 17. 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 **Charlotte Cearley WOM** will meet on **Tuesday, January 15** at 6:30 PM in



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, January 16

No reservations required!

Adult & Children's Meal: Poppy Seed Chicken, Green Beans, Roll, Salad, Dessert

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

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

the home of Mary Ruth Wolf (3049 Highfield Drive). For our program we will be making care bags for the families being served by Samaritan Inn Ministry. Contact Kathy Hall at 777.8704 or Kathy Smith at 467.9178 if you are interested in learning more about this group.

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.sbdr.org for further training information and to register. For more information contact, Steve Rutledge (334.467.3564 or steverutledge1492@gmail.com) or Ben Kelley (bfkelleyjr@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.

Churchwide News & Events

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).

New Members

By Letter/Statement of Faith

Mr. John Diaz

1015 Seaton Court | Montgomery, AL 36116

Miss Comfort Doutimiwei

101 S Burbank Drive, Apt E13 | Montgomery, AL 36117

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. Neal Monroe (Lottie) in the death of her grandmother

Mr. & Mrs. David Britton (Brookie) in the death of her brother; Mr. & Mrs. Ben Foy (Emily) in the death of her brother

Diversicare

Breezie Stewart • Frank Stewart

Encompass

Gay Donahue

Congratulations Extended To

Mr. & Mrs. Tyler Delashaw (Darian) in the birth of a daughter; Mrs. Jimmy Delashaw (Katye) in the birth of a granddaughter

Ministerial Staff Birthdays

Brian Gay (January 17)

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AND GIGANTIC
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www.montgomeryfbc.org/rightnowmedia

Winter 2019 FBC Discipleship Classes

For a complete list visit 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 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 a six-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.

Sunday, January 13

- 8:30 Worship Service
Prayer Room in Media Center
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 11:00 Worship Service
Prayer Room in Media Center
- 12:15 Discover First Baptist
- 4:00 Reflections Ensemble Rehearsal
- 4:30 ABCs of Evangelism
Citizenship Class
- 5:00 Discipleship Classes
Children's Missions
One Heart & One Voice Choir Rehearsals
- 6:00 Children's Bible Drill
- 6:15 Worship Service

Monday, January 14

- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal
- 11:30 Amy Cooper WOM Group
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, January 15

- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 6:30 Charlotte Cearley WOM Group
- 7:00 Helen Hancock WOM Group
Narcotics Anonymous
- 8:00 College Ministry: Elevate

Wednesday, January 16

- 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
- 6:30 Student Ministry: Powerhouse
- 6:35 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 6:40 Church Leadership Council
DivorceCare

Thursday, January 17

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

Friday, January 18

Student Ministry: Disciple Now

- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group

Saturday, January 19

Student Ministry: Disciple Now

- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member Margaret Cone

3560 Carter Hill Road
Montgomery, AL 36111-3414



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
- If My People Will Pray** | Sanctuary Choir
- The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power**
Ronnie Shaw
- Message** | Jay Wolf
- Prayer Room**
Jared McCrory (Cooper/Talley Class)

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

- Call to Worship** | One Heart & One Voice Choirs
- Psalms 46** | Madison Cornett
- Message** | Russell McCrory



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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