



First Baptist Church Montgomery
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bring them in...build them up...send them out

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Sunday, January 20

Legacy Conversations Lunch

featuring World-Class Estate Specialist,

Dave Keesling

12:15p :: Fellowship Hall

RSVP to Alissa Parrish

334.241.5127 or

airvin@montgomeryfbc.org



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

Join Jay as he teaches the

ABC's of Evangelism

Sundays | 4:30 PM | 413 (Senior Adult Center)

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



CONNECTIONS

from your Pastor's Heart

Forgiven and Free

"Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another even as Christ has forgiven you." (Ephesians 4:32)

God's mercy is bigger than your mistakes. Once you receive Christ's forgiveness, you must pass it on. That's what Chris Carrier did. Chris' dad managed a company in Miami and one day he fired an employee. The man expressed his anger by kidnapping Mr. Carrier's 10 year old son. Chris got off his school bus one afternoon when a stranger approached and convinced him to go to a surprise party for the lad's dad.

They drove from Miami to the Everglades. Along the way, the hate-filled man stabbed Chris with an ice pick and burned him with cigarettes. When he got to the edge of the Everglades, Chris was pushed from the vehicle and shot in the head and left for dead.

The Carrier family alerted police about their missing son. An extensive search yielded nothing. Ten excruciating days elapsed when a hunter found a boy wandering in the Everglades. Chris miraculously survived. The bullet damaged his left eye but otherwise he sustained minor injuries from the nightmarish ordeal. The perpetrator was never apprehended.

A debilitating fear followed Chris, until at age 13, he committed his life to Christ and started a deep walk with God. A few years later, he embraced God's call to serve as a minister. On many occasions Chris recounted his abduction and God's miraculous salvation.

Most of the world forgot about the kidnapping except for Charles Scherer, a detective with the Miami police, who was convinced that Chris' assailant was David McAllister. A continuing curiosity prompted Scherer to find McAllister who was very ill and near death. McAllister resided in a nursing home, and when Scherer interviewed him, he quickly confessed. Detective Scherer invited Chris to visit McAllister. Chris was serving as a Student Pastor who was married and had two daughters.

When Chris entered McAllister's room, the 77 year old perpetrator began to weep. Chris recounted how McAllister asked forgiveness for the horrible things he did. Chris explained, *"Mr. McAllister I forgave you when I was 13 years old and received the forgiveness of Jesus Christ for my sins. So there is no anger or revenge in my heart only friendship."* The former-captive helped set the old prisoner free.

Chris frequently visited Mr. McAllister. With Chris' encouragement, the dying man asked Jesus to be his Savior. Chris read God's Word and prayed with his new brother daily until he peacefully transitioned from earth to eternity.

That's why Jesus came. Our Savior modeled God's extravagant mercy by extending forgiveness to the cruel soldiers who wounded Him like McAllister wounded Chris. Precious friend, as you enter a new year, exchange your hurt and hate for the love and light of Jesus. If Jesus and Chris can make the exchange, so can you!

Living Forgiven and Free TOGETHER,

FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, January 13, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5178 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1823
Weekly Attendance 2290 | **Discipleship Attendance** 1411

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$131,730.76 | **Received Sunday** \$119,719.71
Required To Date \$263,461.52 | **Received To Date** \$207,179.60
Building Fund Sunday \$385.00 | **Building Fund to Date** \$1,039.00
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering \$302,162.63

Under Budget | \$56,281.92

Community Ministries News

A huge thank you to Jane Ferguson who came out of retirement last summer to join our staff again as the temporary director of the Caring Center until Christmas 2018. Thank you, Jane, for contributing so much in keeping our ministries going, as well as developing and training our volunteer force for the future. We will miss you, but also know your heart is never far away from the heart of this city and its people that you love so much!



We welcome **Anita Graydon** who has taken on the role of temporary Caring Center Director from January 7 through this spring semester 2019. Anita comes to us after retiring from years of experience in social work with the State government. She is a native of Montgomery, having been a member of Chisholm Baptist Church before joining First Baptist. Thank you, Anita, for your heart to serve our community as you help us meet human needs in the name of Jesus.

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 20** 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.

Young Worshiper's Club (YWC) is coming! During the month of February, every first through sixth grade student will have the opportunity to complete a booklet that will help them learn how to worship. The YWC booklets will be distributed on January 27 during Sunday school. The children will be responsible for bringing it to church each week and keeping up with the booklet. For more information, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164 or gleathers@montgomeryfbc.org.



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, January 23

No reservations required!

Adult & Children's Meal: Pork Chops, Vegetable, Roll, Salad, Dessert

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

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

College Ministry

College Students...Join us for **ELEVATE** on **Tuesday, January 22** 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.

Join us as we unite with college students from across the state for a weekend of worship, discipleship, and fellowship at the **Pursue Collegiate Conference on February 22 & 23**. This year the conference is being hosted by Eastmont Baptist Church here in Montgomery! Cost is \$20. Sign up online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration or by contacting Justin Law at 241.5162 or jlaw@montgomeryfbc.org.

Adult Ministry

The **Confident Parenting Conference** offers a comprehensive approach to developing a healthy, God-honoring parenting philosophy. Jim Burns, president of HomeWord, will discuss topics such as Finding Replenishment for Overcrowded Lives; Overcoming Negative Family Patterns; Creating a Grace-Filled Home; Communication with Affection, Warmth, and Encouragement; and Raising Kids Who Love God. The event is **Friday, February 8** from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at Evangel Church and **Saturday, February 9** from 8:00 AM to noon at Christ Community Church. For more information and to register, visit parentingmontgomery.com. The cost is \$10 per person.

Marriage is a lifelong adventure of growing together through every age and stage of life. Join us for **Family Life's Weekend to Remember Marriage Conference** on **Friday, February 15** and **Sunday, February 17** at the Renaissance Hotel and Spa. The happiest couples are those who commit to learning skills that help them weather difficult seasons and deal confidently with relationship challenges. Find out what over 3 million couples worldwide have experienced at Family Life's Weekend to Remember. If you register by January 28, with the help of Family Life and our FBC Foundation, we can get you in for only \$125 per couple (That's a \$225 value!) Call Chuck Ashley at 241.5161 to sign-up today!

Missions Ministry

There will be a **Brazil Mission Project Interest Meeting** on **Sunday, January 20** at 7:30 PM in room 347. For more information, contact Bill Lambert at 467.9009.

FBC will host a Disaster Relief Training on Friday, February 1. This training

New Members

By Baptism

Mr. Michael Hatchett
Mrs. Michael Hatchett (Allison)
320 Monette Street | Montgomery, AL 36109

Mr. Chris Johnson
701 Taylor Oaks Circle, Apt 201 | Montgomery, AL 36116

By Letter/Statement of Faith

Mr. Tyler James
Mrs. Tyler James (Hillary)
460 Kennedy Avenue | Coosada, AL 36020

Mrs. Chris Johnson (Hannah)
701 Taylor Oaks Circle, Apt 201 | Montgomery, AL 36116

Mr. Jerry Jones
Mrs. Jerry Jones (Ann)
9356 Bristol Way | 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. Jeff Sprague (Rosie) in the death of mother; Mr. & Mrs. Zach Sprague (Jordan) in the death of his grandmother
Family & friends in the death of Mary Louise Taylor

Baptist South

Marlene Hall • Harold Snyder

Baptist East

Sarah Perdue • Bob Gourlay

Jackson

Gene Bonner

Diversicare

Breezie Stewart • Frank Stewart

Congratulations Extended To

Mr. & Mrs. Coy Perdue (Patti) in the birth of twin granddaughters

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

DivorceCare

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

ABCs of Evangelism

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

Citizenship Classes

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

Return to Mayberry

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

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

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

Praying for Missions

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

DiscipleMaker Mentor Training

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

Ladies Bible Study: A Woman's Heart

Tuesdays, January 22 through April 2 | 9:30 AM | Bell Chapel

Personal Discipleship: Prayer, Purity and Purpose

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

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 and 2, Chaplaincy will be January 31 through February 2). Check www.sbdr.org for further training information and to register. For more information contact, Steve Rutledge (334.467.3564 or steверutledge1492@gmail.com) or Ben Kelley (bfkelleyjr@gmail.com or 334.549.4348).

First Baptist Foundation

The **2019-2020 First Baptist Foundation Scholarship Applications** are now available. All completed applications must be returned by Sunday, March 31. For an application, visit www.montgomeryfbc.org/first-baptist-foundation or email Alissa Parrish at airvin@montgomeryfbc.org.

Churchwide News & Events

Become a volunteer in prison ministry with the Alabama Department of Corrections. Join us for a **Volunteer Training** on **Sunday, January 27** from 1:00 to 4:00 PM in Abernathy Hall on the ASU campus. Contact Carl Fisher at chaplaincarlfisher@gmail.com for more information.

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, January 20

- Student Ministry: Disciple Now
- 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 Legacy Conversations Lunch
- 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
- 7:30 Brazil Mission Project Interest Meeting

Monday, January 21

- 10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, January 22

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

Wednesday, January 23

- 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 Finance Committee
DivorceCare

Thursday, January 24

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

Friday, January 25

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

Saturday, January 26

- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member Mae Fain

2600 Royal Downing Court
Montgomery, AL 36117-6812



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

By Faith | Sanctuary Orchestra

People Need the Lord | Sanctuary Choir

Faithful | Joel Galloway

Message | Jay Wolf

Prayer Room

Tommy West (International Ministry)

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

No Longer Slaves | One Heart & One Voice

Disciple Now Report | Russell McCroy

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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