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FALL RISK

A SERMON SERIES
DEALING WITH SINS
THAT SO EASILY
ENTANGLE US

Sundays // 6:15 PM
March 10 // Russell McCrory

FALL RISK

Daylight Savings Time is here!
Don't forget to **Spring Forward** on March 10!

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CONNECTIONS

— from your Pastor's Heart

Warning: Internet Phishermen Will Try to Hook You!

I have recently been combating an unwelcome swarm of internet scammers!

It's called **phishing**. An internet bad guy gets information about you from social media sources and sends messages to your friends requesting assistance. One scammer sent out a barrage of messages to my church pals pretending to be me and essentially saying: *"Dear Kenny, I am trying to provide benevolent assistance to a widow. Please secure \$200 worth of iTunes gift cards. Take pictures of the cards and send the pics to me. Best Regards, Jay L Wolf"*

To begin with, anyone who knows me would instantly realize I would not make this type of request. Furthermore, the "voice" of the note was not mine. And thirdly, a closer look at the communication revealed the message didn't originate from my phone number or email.

Phonies, fakes and scammers are nothing new. In God's Word we find a warning to be careful about counterfeit spiritual leaders: ***"Beloved, contend earnestly for the faith. Certain persons have crept in unnoticed, ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ."*** (Jude 1:3-4)

So how do you recognize a phony?

You will not be deceived by a fake if you're familiar with the real deal! Jesus said, ***"I am the good shepherd who lays down His life for the sheep. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me."*** In the same way you are familiar with the voice of a loved one and recognize them on the phone, God wants you to be extremely familiar with His voice which enables you to recognize it immediately.

Additionally, if the message you encounter does not square with God's truth, then it's a \$3 bill. For example, I talked to a friend who worked as a bank teller for many years about counterfeit money. *"How do you detect the fake currency?"* I asked. She instantly replied, *"When you've handled countless real bills the phony stuff stands out like a catfish among a mess of bass!"*

Scammers abound and they will go phishing for you. Here's your defense:

1. Pray for wisdom: *"If anyone lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously."* (James 1:5)

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FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, March 3, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5186 | Bible Fellowship Attendance 1622
Weekly Attendance 2134 | Discipleship Attendance 1423

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$131,730.76 | Received Sunday \$159,970.30
Required To Date \$1,185,576.84 | Received To Date \$1,080,510.73
Building Fund Sunday \$405.00 | Building Fund to Date \$4,579.00
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering \$24,986.20

Under Budget | \$105,066.11



SPECIAL NEEDS

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

Ministry Announcements

Preschool Ministry

The **Preschool Emergency Clothes Closet** is in need of **boy clothing sizes 18 months to 6**. You can drop off donations at the preschool desk on Sundays or at the Scott Street entrance during the week. For more information, contact Nancie McQueen at 241.5166 or nmcqueen@montgomeryfbc.org.

Children's Ministry

Mark your calendars for **Children's Sunday** on **March 31**. Our special guest for the evening service will be illusionist, **David Garrard**. Summer information will also be available. For more information, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164 or gleathers@montgomeryfbc.org.

Senior Adult Ministry

The **JOY Singers** will sing on **Monday, March 11** at Oak Grove Inn at 10:00 AM. Everyone is invited to attend. JOY Singers, please arrive at 9:40 AM.

Music Ministry

Please pray for the **Reflections Ensemble** as they go on a **Mini Mission/Music Tour in Mobile** on **Friday, March 15 through Sunday, March 17**. They will sing for Westminster Village Senior Living, James T. Strickland Youth Detention Center and Wings of Life. On Sunday, March 17, they will provide the special music for the morning worship service at Eastern Shore Baptist Church in Daphne, Alabama. Don't miss their Homecoming Concert on Sunday, March 24 at 6:15 PM.

Discipleship Ministry

Join Jay as he begins a new round of his **Pastor's Class** on **Sunday, March 10** at 10:00 AM in the main sanctuary. The 13-week class, open to everyone, will be an overview of the Bible.



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, March 13

No reservations required!

Adult & Children's Meal: Hot Dogs, Soup, Salad, Dessert

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

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

Missions Ministry

There will be an **Alaska Mission Trip Informational Meeting** on **Wednesday, March 13** at 5:30 PM in room 347. This mission trip will be on July 13-20, to Anchorage and Girdwood, Alaska. Team members will work with True North Church and participate in a variety of outreach activities to include prayer walks, park parties, doughnut and laundromat ministries, and much more. Total cost (including airfare) is approximately \$1800. For more information, contact Suzanna Willis at suzanna.willis@gmail.com or 449.1170.

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

LAST CALL...Men, join us for the annual **Glenn Gordy Golf Retreat** on **Thursday, April 25 through Saturday, April 27** at Callaway Gardens in Georgia. The cost is \$425, which includes lodging in Southern Pine two bedroom cottages, green fees, 18-hole cart per day, a Friday night seafood gumbo meal and prizes. Checks should be made payable to First Baptist Church. **Deadline for reservations is Friday, March 22.** Sign up by contacting Steve Dubose at 277.8604 or dstevedubose@gmail.com.

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.

THANK YOU from the Caring Center to Glen Leathers, the Children's Ministry staff, and all the children

New Members

By Baptism

Mr. Jesse Battles
Mrs. Jesse Battles (Melissa)
3016 Tugaloo Drive, Apt F | Montgomery, AL 36110

By Letter/Statement of Faith

Mr. Mike Emfinger
Mrs. Mike Emfinger (Tina)
504 Sandstone Trace | Prattville, AL 36066

Mr. Taylor Hopper
3724 Roswell Place | Montgomery, AL 36116

Mr. James Sherman
Mrs. James Sherman (Keyesta)
6210 Chaparral Drive | Montgomery, AL 36116

Miss Tamara Stacey
2601 Vaughn Lakes Blvd, Apt 1733 | 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. Keith Howard (Ellen) in the death of her mother; Christopher & Andrew Howard in the death of their grandmother
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Myer (Millie) in the death of his mother; Ms. Melissa Myer in the death of her grandmother; Mr. & Mrs. Matt Thomason (Jenny) in the death of her grandmother
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Wahl (Janet) in the death of his father
Dr. & Mrs. Kenny Hoomes (Donna) in the death of her aunt

Baptist South

Gregory Frieson • Mary Wickham
Steve Long

Jackson

John D. Lee

Diversicare

Frank Stewart

Huntsville Hospital

David Richardson

Encompass

Bill McKenzie

Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Swann (Denise) in the birth of a granddaughter

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Please pray for the Building Committee along with our architect, Scott Williams, as the final design for our new Caring Center is being completed!



SAVE THE DATE
VBS 2019
JUNE 17-21

PRESCHOOL SUPPLIES
NEEDED:

TOILET PAPER ROLLS
PAPER TOWEL ROLLS
WRAPPING PAPER ROLLS
WHITE PAPER PLATES (UNWAXED)
LARGE COFFEE CANS
CRYSTAL LIGHT CONTAINERS

FOR MORE INFORMATION

CONTACT NANCIE MCQUEEN AT 241.5166
OR NMCQUEEN@MONTGOMERYFBC.ORG

and parents who recently blessed our Caring Center with lots and lots of Peanut Butter! We are thankful to be a part of such a caring and supportive church family! This helps us feed hungry people in the name of Jesus!

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).

SAVE THE DATE

GIC 2020 // February 19-23

Connections from Your Pastor's Heart (continued from page 2)

2. Become ultra-familiar with the Shepherd's voice by learning His Word which separates the lies from the light.
3. Jesus taught, "*Be as innocent as doves but as shrewd as serpents.*" When it comes to suspicious emails, phone calls from robotic voices, and phishy smelling text messages — go heavy on the **shrewd!**

If you implement these simple strategies the phishermen won't hook you because you will learn to discern the catfish from the bass and the sheep from the goats!

Standing on His Truth
TOGETHER,

This week at FBC

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

Sunday, March 10

- 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 Nominating Committee
Reflections Ensemble Rehearsal
- 4:30 Discipleship Classes
- 5:00 Discipleship Classes
Children's Missions
One Heart & One Voice Choir Rehearsals
- 6:00 Children's Bible Drill
- 6:15 Worship Service

Monday, March 11

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

Tuesday, March 12

- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 Ladies Bible Study: A Woman's Heart
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, March 13

- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 2:15 Baldwin Bible Study
- 4:45 First Family Dinner
- 5:30 Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal
Tutoring
Alaska Mission Project Interest Meeting
- 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, March 14

- Mission Project: India
- 9:00 Conversational English
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group

Friday, March 15

- Mission Projects: India, Cuba &
Reflections to Mobile
- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group

Saturday, March 16

- Mission Projects: India, Cuba &
Reflections to Mobile
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member Jeanette Martin

404 Daphne Lane
Montgomery, AL 36108-5608



305 South Perry Street
Montgomery, AL 36104

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
montgomery

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

Praise Him! Praise Him! | Sanctuary Orchestra

How Marvelous! How Wonderful
Sanctuary Choir

Like a River in My Soul | Ichthus Ensemble

Message | Jay Wolf

Prayer Room
Steven Faulkner (Sellers Class)

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

Call to Worship | One Heart & One Voice Choirs

Testimony in Song

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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