



First Baptist Church Montgomery

BEACON

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

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Reflections Ensemble
Worship Concert

Sunday, March 24
6:15 pm

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

MARCH 31 // 6:15 PM

FEATURING THE
MAGIC OF **DAVID GARRARD**



**ANNIE
ARMSTRONG**
EASTER OFFERING
FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

FBC Goal: \$120,000
Given to Date: \$68,557.35

**SENDING
HOPE**



CONNECTIONS

— from your Pastor's Heart

You are God's Gifted Child and a Minister for the Lord Jesus!

If you are a follower of Jesus, YOU are a MINISTER for Jesus! God has given you a special assignment and loaded you with gifts, talents and abilities as your tools to use in fulfilling your service for the Savior. Many Christ-followers are loaded and don't know it. You have vast reservoirs of energy and spiritual potential just below the surface awaiting your discovery.

That's what happened to Ira and Ann Yates, who lived south of Midland, Texas, in the 1920s. They teetered on financial collapse. A small government subsidy kept them afloat. Times were tough as a \$2 steak, but everything changed when an oil-exploration company proposed drilling a well on their land. At 982 feet, the drill bit tapped into one of the largest oceans of oil ever discovered. It gushed a fountain of black gold! The Yates' field has produced 500 million barrels of oil. Before finding oil, Ira and Ann Yates were *millionaires on welfare* because they were unaware of the vast treasure just below their feet. Everything changed when they drilled below the surface and discovered their great riches.

God's Word tells us to discover that *"each one has received gifts to be used in service to the Lord."* (1 Peter 4:10) You need to drill down and discover, develop and deploy your gifts to fulfill your God-given assignment. Here's how the process works:

1. **Discover your gifts** by identifying your passions. Your passions are linked to your purpose. Catalogue the special skills, abilities, and talents God has loaned to you. The best way to discover your gifts is to take "test-drives" and see where your skills and passion intersect needs.
2. **Develop your gifts.** For instance, if you're good at teaching, team up with a master teacher and become their apprentice. If you have a gift for music, technology, or serving then engage in the discipline of developing your skills by seeking training and mentors.
3. **Deploy your gift**, which means go to work! It's better to get a ticket for speeding than for parking when it comes to Kingdom service. God's Word says, *"Be a doer of the Word and not a hearer only."* (James 1:22) The great missionary to India, Amy Carmichael, said it best: *"We will have all eternity to celebrate our Kingdom victories, but we only have a few moments before sundown to win them."*

You are gifted, my friends, so go to work and use your temporary earthly resources to make an eternal difference for Jesus!

Fueling His Work TOGETHER,

FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, March 17, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5201 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1282
Weekly Attendance 1748 | **Discipleship Attendance** 867

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$131,730.76 | **Received Sunday** \$58,568.88
Required To Date \$1,449,038.36 | **Received To Date** \$1,308,577.77
Building Fund Sunday \$125.00 | **Building Fund to Date** \$6,179.00
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering \$68,557.35

Under Budget | \$140,460.59



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

Ministry Announcements

Vacation Bible School

This summer kids will focus in 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 or contacting Nancie McQueen (241.5166 or nmcqueen@montgomeryfbc.org) or Glen Leathers (241.5164 or 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 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.

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.

Our Spring Celebration and Egg Hunt will be **Saturday, April 13** from 10:00 AM to Noon in the Perry Street lot. **We need lots of candy, plastic eggs and volunteers for the Egg Hunt! Please bring the candy and plastic eggs and place in one of the bins in the main sanctuary foyers by Sunday, April 7.** For more information or to volunteer, visit www.montgomeryfbc.org/egg-hunt or contact Nancie McQueen at 241.5166 or nmcqueen@montgomeryfbc.org.

Student Ministry

Graduate Recognition is Sunday, May 5. The deadline for submitting photos is

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

In a few weeks our Building Committee will bring their final recommendations for FBC's approval. Then we will begin our Building Fund Campaign. Pray for God's will and work to be done.



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, March 27

No reservations required!

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

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

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

Friday, April 12. Register online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration. If you have any questions, contact Russell McCrory at 241.5163.

Discipleship Ministry

Join Jay as he continues a new round of his **Pastor's Class** on **Sunday, March 17** at 10:00 AM in the main sanctuary. The 13-week class, open to everyone, will be an overview of the Bible.

Missions Ministry

There will be a **Canada Mission Trip Informational Meeting** on **Wednesday, March 27** at 5:30 PM in room 347. This mission trip to Calgary will be on June 25-29. Team members will work with Connect Church and will participate in a variety of outreach activities including prayer walks, the food truck festival, and much more. Total cost (including airfare) is approximately \$1450. For more information, contact Ben Kelley at bfkelleyjr@gmail.com or 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.

Children's Hope

Join us at Legacy Lakes in Hope Hull on **Saturday, April 13** from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM for **Hooks for Hope**. Don't miss this unforgettable day of fun, fellowship, and fishing that will help support the Children's Hope ministry in Haiti. Breakfast and lunch will be served, door prizes awarded, and prizes given for the biggest fish. The Auburn University Bass Fishing Team will be assisting us, and we have a host of incredible corporate sponsors taking part. There is a \$500 donation per fisherman. Register online at www.childrens-hope.com. For more information, contact Celia Teel at celia@childrens-hope.com.

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

New Members

By Letter/Statement of Faith

Mr. Joe Davis

Mrs. Joe Davis (Mabel)

9431 Dunleith | Montgomery, AL 36117

Mr. Steve Watkins

3148 Bell Oaks Circle, Apt G | Montgomery, AL 36116

Our Church Family

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, contact Carolyn Bryan at 241.5120.

Sympathy Extended to

Mrs. Peggy Norrell in the death of her mother
Family and friends in the death of Sybil Wilson
Rev. & Mrs. Brian Gay (Kristi) in the death of
her grandmother

Baptist East

David Hataway • Mary Wickham

Jackson

John D. Lee

Diversicare

Frank Stewart

Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Russell Renfroe (Cheri) in the birth
of a grandson; Mr. & Mrs. Bob Howard
(Libby) in the birth of a great-grandson

Deacon Nominations Due By Sunday, April 28!

Forms are available in the main sanctuary foyers or online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration.

TOGETHER

be · believe · better

A three-week focus on being TOGETHER in worship, fellowship, and Bible study.

be TOGETHER
Sunday, April 14

believe TOGETHER
Sunday, April 21

better TOGETHER
Sunday, April 28

High Attendance
Goal: 6100



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 or 580.0458.

Churchwide News & Events

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.

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, March 24

- 8:30 Worship Service
Prayer Room in Media Center
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 11:00 Worship Service
Prayer Room in Media Center
International Worship Service
- 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 Reflections Worship Concert

Monday, March 25

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

Tuesday, March 26

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

Wednesday, March 27

- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 2:15 Baldwin Bible Study
- 4:45 First Family Dinner
- 5:30 Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal
Tutoring
Canada Mission Team 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 DivorceCare

Thursday, March 28

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

Friday, March 29

- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group

Saturday, March 30

- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member Chrystal Morris

3909 Meredith Drive
Montgomery, AL 36109-2311



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

- O Love** | Sanctuary Choir
- Offertory** | Rachel Love
- Message** | Jay Wolf
- Prayer Room**
Barry Bledsoe (Brock/Bledsoe Class)

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

Reflections Ensemble Worship Concert



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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