

First Baptist Church Montgomery

BEACON

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

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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: \$80,218.35

SENDING HOPE

WAR ROOM
PRAYER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3
MAIN SANCTUARY :: 12:10 TO 12:50 PM



CONNECTIONS

— from your Pastor's Heart

Reflecting Son Light!

The renowned author, Robert Fulghum attended Baylor University. He participated in an international study program that took him to Greece. On the last day of class the professor walked over to an open window and asked, "Are there any final questions?" Fulghum jokingly asked, "What is the meaning of life?" Everyone laughed and stirred to leave. However, the teacher held up his hand and then responded, "I will answer your question."

He took out his wallet and removed a small round mirror about the size of a quarter. Then he explained: "When I was a child during World War 2, we lived in a remote village. One day on the road, I found the broken piece of a mirror. A German motorcycle had been wrecked in that place. This is it. By scratching it on a stone, I made it round. I began to play with it as a toy and became fascinated by the fact that I could reflect light into dark places where the sun could never shine. It became a game for me to get light into the most inaccessible places. I kept the little mirror, and as I grew up, I would take it out at idle moments and continue the challenge of the game. As I became a man, I grew to understand that this was not just a child's game, but a metaphor of what I could do with my life. I came to understand that I am not the light or the source of the light. But God's light is there, and it will only shine into the dark places if I reflect it. This is what I am about. This is the meaning of my life."

Jesus declared, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows after Me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life." In the same way a mirror reflects the light of the sun, our sacred task is to catch the light of God's Son and reflect it into dark places.

Too many people curse the darkness instead of shining God's light. What's dark around you?

See yourself as God's mirror and with your attitudes, actions, conversations and reactions become a reflection of Christ's light. Your light-sharing may be as simple as flashing a smile to a stranger or holding open a door for a senior adult. Perhaps you will purchase some groceries for the person behind you in the check out line. Spread God's light by praying with a troubled co-worker. Maybe you will share your salvation story about how Christ led you out of darkness and into His life-changing light!

Enough whining—start SHINING,

FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, March 24, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5192 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1461
Weekly Attendance 1932 | **Discipleship Attendance** 601

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$131,730.76 | **Received Sunday** \$83,353.73
Required To Date \$1,580,769.12 | **Received To Date** \$1,391,931.50
Building Fund Sunday \$175.00 | **Building Fund to Date** \$6,354.00
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering \$80,218.35

Under Budget | \$188,837.62

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.



CHURCH VOTE

Building Campaign
Sunday, April 14
8:30 & 11:00 AM
Main Sanctuary

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.

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

Senior Adult Ministry

All senior adults are invited to **Pick Strawberries at the Master's Garden** on **Thursday, April 11** from 10:00 AM to noon. There is no charge, but we do need you



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, April 3

No reservations required!

Adult & Children's Meal: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Roll, Salad, Dessert

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

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



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

to make a reservation. This will enable us to be prepared for you. Call Mary Virginia Crum at 241.5180 by noon on Tuesday, April 9. The Master's Garden is located at 217 Broadway Street in Chisholm directly across from the Nehemiah Center.

Missions Ministry

All ladies are invited to attend the **Amy Cooper WOM meeting** on **Monday, April 8** at 11:30 AM in the Huff Building fellowship hall. Viki Brant, who is involved with the FBC Singles Ministry and Singles Mission Auction, will be the speaker. 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 Jackie Swan Bible Study Group will meet on **Thursday, April 11** 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.

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,

New Members

By Baptism

Mr. Randall Sigalas

Ms. Takila Walker

1348 Zephyr Hills Drive | Montgomery, AL 36109

By Letter/Statement of Faith

Ms. Stephanie Price

4851 Ward Road | Elmore, AL 36025

Our Church Family

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

Sympathy Extended to

- Col. & Mrs. Ben Hulsey (Connie) in the death of his aunt
- Mrs. Harold Snyder (Joyce) in the death of her husband; Miss Kelly Snyder in the death of her grandfather
- Mr. & Mrs. Niko Corley (Sally) in the death of his cousin
- Rev. David Richardson in the death of his wife, Patsy

Baptist South

George French

Baptist East

David Hataway • Mary Wickham

Jackson

John D. Lee • Louise Franklin

Diversicare

Frank Stewart

Midwest Orthopaedics

Matt Bishop

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



please attend one of the morning training sessions at Frazer United Methodist 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 31

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

Monday, April 1

- 7:30 R.O.M.E.O.
- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 10:00 JOY Singers
- 5:15 Sanctuary Handbells
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, April 2

- Mission Project: Central Asia
- 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, April 3

- Mission Project: Central Asia
- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 12:10 War Room (Churchwide Prayer)
- 2:15 Baldwin Bible Study
- 4:30 Children's Ministry: Church Bible Drill
- 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 Building Committee Meeting
DivorceCare

Thursday, April 4

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

Friday, April 5

- Mission Project: Central Asia
- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group

Saturday, April 6

- Mission Project: Central Asia
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member Maureen Parks

3801 Oak Grove Drive
Montgomery, AL 36116-1168

305 South Perry Street
Montgomery, AL 36104



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
montgomery

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

- God, Be In My Head** | Children's Honor Choir
- Call to Worship** | Sanctuary Orchestra
- Is He Worthy** | Sanctuary Choir
- My Lord God Almighty** | Soo Seok Yang
- Message** | Jay Wolf
- Prayer Room**
Bill McCrary (Birchfield Class)

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

Children's Sunday featuring
Illusionist, David Garrard



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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