



First Baptist Church Montgomery

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

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Senior Adult Day 2017

Sunday, May 21 | 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Our JOY Singers will be singing in the morning services and all senior adults will be recognized. Join us on this special day as we honor our senior adults.



JOY Singers 17th Annual

Patriotic Celebration

Sunday, May 21 :: 6:15 PM :: Main Sanctuary

www.montgomeryfbc.org | Office: 334.834.6310 | Prayer Line: 334.834.4585



CONNECTIONS

— from your Pastor's Heart

God Wants to Bless You with **ABUNDANCE!**

Jesus boldly promised, "I have come that you might have life and have it **ABUNDANTLY!**" (John 10:10)

If your dad is ultra-wealthy, like a Warren Buffett, you would walk around with a sense of confidence because from the dinner table to your bank account, all you have known is abundance. As a child of the King of kings, you were not designed to grovel in the garbage but to trust your Father for plentiful provision!

I recently gleaned some instructive information from the book "**Abundance**" by Peter Diamandis. The book's opening illustration proved captivating. In the ancient world, aluminum was exceedingly rare and valuable. For instance, the Emperor of France – Napoleon Bonaparte – hosted the King of Siam for a state dinner in 1812. He used sterling silver goblets and golden plates for most of the guests. But, the King and Napoleon ate off of aluminum dinnerware because that metal was exceedingly scarce and rare. However, in 1886, an American chemist name Charles Martin Hall discovered the innovation of using electricity to liberate aluminum. Aluminum is actually the third most abundant element on earth. 8.3% of the world's weight is aluminum, but it is bound to oxides and silicates and is very difficult to release. Yet Charles Hall's discovery proved to be an innovation that suddenly unlocked aluminum as a source of inexpensive, lightweight, pliable and non-corrosive metal that is now abundantly available to everyone.

Here is the point: History is full of stories about once-rare resources that are now abundant because of innovation. On the spiritual level, abundance is not so much linked to **innovation** as it is to **intercession**. In Luke 11, Jesus invites His children to ask, seek and knock and they will receive in abundance. Paul explains that we serve a God who delights in answering His children and will give us "more than we can think, ask, or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20) because our Father desires to supply His children's needs in abundance. "*My God will supply all your needs according to His RICHES in glory in Christ Jesus.*" (Philippians 4:19) God invites you to ask for His abundance.

Let me conclude with the classic story about Arnold Palmer. In the 1960s, the great golfer was invited to Saudi Arabia to inaugurate their first golf course. Palmer's host explained that the King of Saudi Arabia wanted to give him a gift of his choosing. So Arnold asked for a golf club, expecting to receive a new driver or a wedge. Instead, two attorneys appeared the next day at his hotel and they presented to him a deed to a 36-hole *golf club* in Florida!

Remember, through innovation and intercession, God releases **abundance to His children!**

FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, May 14, 2017

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5171 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1743
Weekly Attendance 2138 | **Discipleship Attendance** 683

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$127,730.77 | **Received Sunday** \$67,610.73
Required To Date \$2,554,615.38 | **Received To Date** \$2,192,874.51
Building Fund Sunday \$160.00 | **Building Fund to Date** \$8,367.60
Alabama Baptist Children's Home Offering® \$4,816.00

Under Budget | \$361,740.87

Memorial Day Fellowship

Sunday, May 28 | 5:30 PM
Fellowship Hall

Bring your favorite dish to be paired with hamburgers and hotdogs. There will also be a time of prayer, praise and a nutritious message.

Ministry Announcements

Children's Ministry

All 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders are invited to attend our **IncrediKids Camp** on **Tuesday, June 6 through Thursday, June 8** from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM at Camp Chandler in Wetumpka, Alabama. The cost is \$55. You can register and pay online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration. For more information, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164.

Calling all kids who have completed the 4th, 5th and 6th grades! We will be headed to **Six Flags Over Georgia** on **Tuesday, June 13**. Cost is \$50 which includes charter bus, lunch, and entry fee! We will leave the church at 7:30 AM and return at 7:30 PM. You can register and pay online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration. For more information, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164.

All fourth through sixth graders are invited to **Kids Kamp** on **Monday, July 10 through Friday, July 14**. We will head back to Camp Lee! Early registration (\$250) is due by June 75. You can register and pay online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration. Scholarships are available, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164 for more information.

Student Ministry

This Monday, May 22, is the deadline for Missions Montgomery registration. Go to fbmsm.com to secure your spot.

Students, get ready for summer! We have a host of events planned just for you. Register and pay online (www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration) for the following Student Ministry Summer Events: **Missions Montgomery on May 31-June 2** (\$40), **Outdoor Adventure on June 28-29** (\$45); **Crossover Swim Party on July 9**; **Youth Camp on July 17-21**(\$295); **Crossover Lake Retreat on July 28** (\$10); and the **Senior Lake Retreat on August 4-5**. For more information, visit www.fbmsm.com or call Russell McCrory at 241.5163.



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, May 24

No reservations required!

Adult & Children's Meal: Spaghetti, Salad, Roll, Dessert

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

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

Students, if you want to serve at VBS, please register at www.montgomeryfbc.org/vbs. If you have any questions, contact Nancie McQueen at nmcqueen@montgomeryfbc.org or Glen Leathers at gleanthers@montgomeryfbc.org. You must be registered and have an assigned place to help prior to the start of VBS.

College Ministry

This summer we will meet each **Tuesday night** for dinner and Bible study at various homes from **6-8 pm**. On **May 23**, we will meet at the home of Walter & Cathy Norris (4000 Bell Road). Visit fbmcm.com for the entire summer schedule.

Senior Adult Ministry

Join us for **Celebrators** in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee on **October 16-19**.

The conference will feature David Jeremiah, Max Lucado, Tim Tebow, Phil Waldrip, Charles Billingsley, Mark Lowry, Stan Whitmore, Greater Vision, Veritas, and the Annie Moses Band. Call Mary Virginia at 241-5180 for details and pricing. A \$25 nonrefundable deposit will hold your reservation.

Senior Adults will be touring the **Montgomery Hyundai Plant** on Friday, July 21. Two tours are available, 9:30 AM and Noon, but space is limited. Call Mary Virginia at 241.5180 to make your free reservation.

Missions Ministry

Team members are needed for the **Guatemala Well Drilling Project** on **August 5-12**. This team will assist in drilling water wells in a small village. The team will also teach classes in health and hygiene to the children and the women in the village, show the *Jesus* film, distribute Bibles, and present the gospel. For more information contact Steven Faulkner at 491.0727 or sfaulknr@mwwssb.com.

Are you going or do you know someone going out as a **Summer Missionary?** We want to join you in prayer as you take God's Message to the nations. Please email your dates and location to Brian Gay at 241.5131 or briangay@montgomeryfbc.org.

Music Ministry

Our summer mission tours are almost here! The **One Heart Choir** (grades 7-8) will travel to **Atlanta, Georgia** on **June 12-16** and **One Voice Choir** (grades 9-12) will travel to **St. Louis, Missouri** on **June 10-18** for a week of music and missions. Pray for both of these groups as they prepare to share the love of Christ!

Community Ministries

The **Caring Center** is looking for a **gentleman to volunteer every Monday morning** at 8:00 AM to accompany another volunteer to the Montgomery Area Food Bank to pick up food for the Caring Center Food Pantry. If you can help, contact Judy Nuss at 241.5144 for details.

New Members

By Baptism

Mrs. Wells Robinson (Megan)
2931 Old Farm Road | Montgomery, AL 36111

By Letter/Statement of Faith

Mrs. Souri Phaophangsavat
211 Chisholm Street | Montgomery, AL 36110

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. Dennis White (Brenda) in the death of his sister, Margie
Mrs. Eve Golden in the death of her father, Tom Eden Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Tyler Mason (Jody) in the death of her grandmother

Baptist South

Marilyn Tyus • Mary McKenzie

Jackson

Jim Steindorff • May Wickham

Congratulations Extended to

Dr. & Mrs. Mark Anderson (Chris) in the birth of a granddaughter; Mr. & Mrs. Boyd Christenberry (Sara) in the birth of a great granddaughter

Churchwide News & Events

Adult and teen counselors are needed for our IncrediKids Camp at Camp Chandler on Tuesday, June 6 through Thursday, June 8. If you are interested, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164 or gleathers@montgomeryfbc.org. We must have 12 adult counselors/chaperones to participate.

Would you like to serve as a messenger at the **Southern Baptist Convention** on **Tuesday, June 13 and Wednesday, June 14** in Phoenix, Arizona? If so, please call Carolyn Bryan at 241.5120. We will confirm all messengers at the Wednesday evening prayer service before the convention.

June 19-23

Vacation Bible School

9:00 AM to Noon :: FREE!
ages 4* through 6th grade

Register Today!

All children, including those currently enrolled in Sunday School at First Baptist Montgomery, must register for VBS. **Online registration closes on Wednesday, June 14.** After June 14, you will need to wait and register the first day of VBS.

* Child must have turned 4 by August 31, 2016 to attend VBS.

Order T-Shirts & Music CDs

Help us by pre-ordering your VBS T-shirts and Music CDs online. They will be available for pickup beginning Sunday, June 11.

For more information or to register, visit

www.montgomeryfbc.org/vbs



WAR ROOM

PRAYER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON

06.07.17 :: MAIN SANCTUARY :: 12:10 TO 12:50 PM

This week at FBC Montgomery

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

Sunday, May 21

- Senior Adult Sunday
- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 4:00 Nominating Committee
- 5:00 Children's VBS Training
- One Heart & One Voice Choirs Visitation
- 6:15 JOY Singers Patriotic Program

Monday, May 22

- 5:00 Macon East Graduation Rehearsal
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 Freedom in Christ Recovery Group
- 7:00 Macon East Graduation

Tuesday, May 23

- 5:30 Women with Emotional Pain
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, May 24

- 4:45 First Family Dinner
- 5:30 Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal
- 6:00 First Family Prayer Time
- 6:30 Student Ministry: Powerhouse
- 6:35 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 6:45 Ejamat Prayer Time

Thursday, May 25

- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group

Friday, May 26

- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 11:00 Children's Hope Board Meeting

Saturday, May 27

- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member :: Becky Lewis

505 Birch Street | Millbrook, Alabama 36054-2734

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

Like A River Glorious | Sanctuary Orchestra

I Love You, Lord | JOY Singers

I Must Tell Jesus | JOY Singers

Message | Kenny Hoomes

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

Joy Singers Patriotic Celebration

CrossRoads Broadcast Schedule

Watch the sermon at the time below or online at www.montgomeryfbc.org.



Frazer Channel 13 (Montgomery & Prattville)

Briighthouse 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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