

First Baptist Church Montgomery

# BEACON

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



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## 2019 Memorial Sunday

On May 26, during the morning worship services, we will remember church members who have graduated into God's presence since May 22, 2018. Each name will be read, and there will be a special prayer of thanksgiving for their lives.

Camp Hughes  
Bobbie King  
Amy Zachry  
Doris Bell  
Ken Hayes  
Mike Cooper  
Bobbie Higgins  
June Godwin  
Norma Barnes  
Ladon Green  
Inez Jackson  
Marjorie Rainer  
Maryann Brown  
Jennie Mae Buck

Myra York  
Gary Burchell  
Ann Webster  
Jack Harrison  
Jonnie Lynn  
Mary Louise Taylor  
Jerry Allie  
Janis Brassell  
Abby Donath  
Pat Lancaster  
Bob Morris  
Bob Gourlay  
Curtis Kirsch  
Sybil Wilson

Harold Snyder  
Patsy Richardson  
Dave Hataway  
Margaret Cone  
Joanna Cooper  
Regina Mayton  
David Richardson  
Claud Walker  
Thomas Mercer Sr.  
Virginia Brewer  
Henry Lyon  
Charlotte Turnipseed

★★★  
**MEMORIAL  
DAY**  
★★★★  
**WE REMEMBER**

**Honoring Our Military**  
Sunday, May 26 :: 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Military Members—Active, Reserve, Guard, Retired, Veterans. In preparation for Memorial Day, please wear your uniform to church, as we honor those who died protecting our freedom.

★★★  
**First Family Fellowship**

Sunday, May 26 :: 5:30 PM :: Fellowship Hall

Bring your favorite side dish to be paired with hamburgers and hot dogs, and join us for a time of prayer, praise and a nutritious message.



**Your Gift Will Make A Difference**

It's not too late, please prayerfully consider your gift. *Not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice*

**BUILD TOGETHER**

Make your commitment online at [www.montgomeryfbc.org/build-together](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/build-together)

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# CONNECTIONS

— from your Pastor's Heart

## Positive Results from the Cygnal Survey

*How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! (Psalm 133:1)*

Over the past several weeks, our faith family has participated in a survey of participation and satisfaction of our church. Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey and give valuable feedback about your experiences serving and attending various ministries. We were thrilled to have a very large response rate which gave us great insights and feedback. I wanted to share a few of those main takeaways from your responses.

- **Missions is the key unifier of our church.** One of the highest levels of satisfaction in our church is with the missions and community ministry efforts. Overwhelmingly, our church membership found our missions efforts to be *mission-critical* to the health, unity, and future of our church. Missions and community ministries gives us an opportunity to put the hands and feet behind the things we learn and talk about in the pews and in our Bible Fellowship Classes. We have missions endeavors that are local, state-wide, nation-wide, and international. Being a Great Commission church continues to give us great energy and unity as we seek to bring people in, build them up, and send them out.
- **First Baptist Church has a high level of satisfaction in its membership.** Cygnal, the company that completed the survey, shared that First Baptist received one of the highest satisfaction "scores" that it had ever seen. On a scale that ranges from -100 to +100, First Baptist received a +74. According to Cygnal, a positive score is generally considered good, a score of +50 is considered excellent, and anything over +70 is considered exceptional. This is a celebratory statistic that corresponds to the unity, health, mission, and purpose of our church. Each ministry area from preschool to senior adults saw great unity and satisfaction in the feedback that was received.
- **Engagement is linked to participation and satisfaction.** When looking through the data, there is a compelling link between participation with ministries, services, and programs of our church and overall satisfaction. The more engaged one is with the opportunities being offered, the more they indicated they were connected to community, worship, Bible teaching, and spiritual well-being. Our church is stronger and better when we are together in worship, together in Bible Fellowship, together in missions, and together in community.

While these are incredibly positive results that we celebrate and thank the Lord for, there are many opportunities for us to serve and engage more effectively. We're looking at all the feedback we received in each area to see how we can serve the Lord better and lift up the name of Jesus across the spectrum of ministries at First Baptist Church. Continue to pray for wisdom and guidance as we continue to bring them in, build them up, and send them out!

Blessings,

## FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, May 19, 2019

### ATTENDANCE

**Bible Fellowship Enrollment** 5179 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1561  
**Weekly Attendance** 1927 | **Discipleship Attendance** 843

### OFFERING

**Required Weekly** \$131,730.76 | **Received Sunday** \$94,874.00  
**Required To Date** \$2,634,615.20 | **Received To Date** \$2,369,465.23  
**Building Fund Sunday** \$49,288.00 | **Building Fund to Date** \$133,413.46  
**Alabama Baptist Children's Home Offering** \$1,775.00

**Under Budget | \$265,149.97**

VBS // JUNE 17-21 // 9 AM TO NOON

## REGISTER TODAY!

All children, including those currently enrolled in Sunday School at First Baptist Montgomery, must register for VBS. **Online registration closes on Friday, June 7.** After June 7, you will need to wait and register the first day of VBS.

\* *Child must have turned 4 by August 31, 2018 to attend VBS.*

## VOLUNTEER

A host of 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.

## ORDER T-SHIRTS & CDS

Order your VBS T-shirts and Music CDs online by June 5. They will be available for pickup beginning Sunday, June 9 in the main sanctuary foyer.

## SUPPLIES NEEDED

Dry Beans • Rice • Artificial Ivy • Yellow & Brown Fabric Paint • Little Debbie Zebra Cakes • 12"x2" mailing tubes • Animal Shaped Paper Plates

## PRAYER WALK

Join us Sunday, June 9 at 5:00 PM as we saturate FBC with prayer for the upcoming Vacation Bible School.

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
OR TO REGISTER VISIT  
[WWW.MONTGOMERYFBC.ORG/VBS](http://WWW.MONTGOMERYFBC.ORG/VBS)



# Ministry Announcements

## Preschool Ministry

There will be a **Parent/Child Dedication** on **Sunday, June 16** in the morning worship services. To register visit [montgomeryfbc.org/dedications](http://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](mailto:asmith@montgomeryfbc.org) by Friday, May 31.

## Children's Ministry

**Adult chaperones are needed for IncrediKids Camp on June 4 through 6 and Kids Kamp on July 15-19.** If you are interested or would like more information, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164 or [gleathers@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:gleathers@montgomeryfbc.org).



## First Family Dinner | Wednesday, May 29

*No reservations required!*

**Adult & Children's Meal:** Mexican Food, Salad, Dessert

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

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



## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

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

### Student Ministry

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

### Senior Adult Ministry

Join us for the **Celebrators Conference** on **Monday, October 21 through Thursday, October 24** at the LeConte Center in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. This year's conference will feature David Jeremiah, Phil Waldrep, Charlie Daniels, Tim Lovelace, Charles Billingsley, Jason Crabb, Annie Moses Band, Greater Vision, Jim and Melissa Brady, the Mylon Hayes family, and the Mark Trammell Quartet. For more information or to register, contact Mary Virginia Crum at 241.5180. A non-refundable deposit of \$25 per person is needed to secure your place by August 1.

### Missions Ministry

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 [briangay@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:briangay@montgomeryfbc.org).

### Community Ministries

**Are you sensing a call to volunteer in the prison ministry?** If so, please attend the training session at Frazer United Methodist Church on **Saturday, June 15** from 8:00 AM to noon. For more information, contact Chaplain Carl Fisher at [chaplaincarlfisher@gmail.com](mailto:chaplaincarlfisher@gmail.com) or 580.0458.

**Do you know an adult who is learning English?** Invite them to our **International VBS English Camp** on **June 17 through 21** from 9:00 AM to noon. It is held the same time as our First Baptist VBS so that children can attend. For more information, contact Charlotte Cearley (467.6676) or Ruth McKinney (819.7430 or 540.846.3013).

### New Members

#### By Letter/Statement of Faith

**Mr. Joey Blackmon**

3902 Johnstown Drive | Montgomery, AL 36109

**Mr. Darrell Parker**

**Mrs. Darrell Parker (Judy)**

160 Charleston Court North | Montgomery, AL 36117

**Mr. Robert James Smith**

**Mr. Jay Spivey**

1548 Laurelwood Lane | 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

Family and friends in the death of Mildred Moss

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Hatchett (Allison) in the death of his step-mother

#### Baptist South

John Smith

#### Diversicare

Frank Stewart

#### Charlton Place

Mary Wickham





Register online at [www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration)

### Children's Ministry

- May 29 | Pizza Party to Meet Interns
- June 4-6 | IncrediKids Camp (1st-3rd Grades)
- June 12 | Movie Night
- June 26 | Bowling at Brunswick Zone
- June 27 | Whitewater Rafting (4th-6th Grades)
- July 10 | Movie Night
- July 15-19 | Kids Kamp (4th-6th Grades)
- July 23 | Birmingham Zoo (1st-3rd Grades)
- July 24 | Splashpad
- July 31 | Launchpad in Prattville

### Student Ministry

- May 30-31 | Outdoor Adventure
- June 8-6 | One Voice Choir Tour

- June 10-14 | One Heart Choir Tour
- June 26-27 | Mission Montgomery
- July 7 | Crossover Swim Party
- July 22-26 | Youth Camp
- August 2 | Crossover Lake Day
- August 2-3 | Senior Lake Retreat

### College Ministry

- May 28 | Bible Study
- June 4 & 18 | Bible Study
- June 11 | Ultimate Frisbee at AUM
- June 25 | Bowling at Bama Lanes
- July 2 & 16 | Bible Study
- July 9 | Rockin' Jump
- July 30 | Picnic/Tailgate at ASF

**WAR ROOM**  
**PRAYER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON**  
 06.05.19 :: MAIN SANCTUARY :: 12:10 TO 12:50 PM

**DISCOVER**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

*Interested in joining First Baptist?  
Want to know more?*

**SUNDAY, JUNE 9**

**12:15 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**[WWW.MONTGOMERYFBC.ORG/MEMBERSHIP](http://WWW.MONTGOMERYFBC.ORG/MEMBERSHIP)**

### Churchwide News & Events

Would you like to serve as a messenger at the **Southern Baptist Convention** on **Tuesday, June 11 and Wednesday, June 12** in Birmingham, Alabama? If so, please call Carolyn Bryan at 241.5120. We will confirm all messengers at the Wednesday evening prayer service before the convention.

**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](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/livestream)) as well as our main **Facebook page, First Baptist Church Montgomery** (@montgomeryfirstbaptist).

SAVE THE DATE

# Global Missions Celebration

February 19-23, 2020

## This week at FBC

For the complete calendar, visit [www.montgomeryfbc.org](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org).

### Sunday, May 26

Mission Project: Mexico

8:30 Worship Service

Prayer Room in Media Center

9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes

11:00 Worship Service

Prayer Room in Media Center

5:30 First Family Fellowship

### Monday, May 27

Memorial Day // FBC Offices Closed  
Mission Project: Mexico

### Tuesday, May 28

Mission Project: Mexico

6:00 College Ministry: Bible Study

7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

### Wednesday, May 29

Mission Project: Mexico

4:45 First Family Dinner

5:30 Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal

Children's Ministry: Meet the Interns  
Pizza Party

6:00 First Family Prayer Time

6:30 Student Ministry: Powerhouse

6:35 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

6:40 Evangelism Committee

### Thursday, May 30

Student Ministry: Outdoor Adventure

10:00 Caregivers Support Group

### Friday, May 31

Student Ministry: Outdoor Adventure

6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group

8:00 CLC Preschool Graduation

### Saturday, June 1

7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

## In Home Ministry Member Sara Christenberry

3801 Oak Grove Drive, Apt 124  
Montgomery, AL 36116-1169



305 South Perry Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

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

**Call to Worship** | Sanctuary Orchestra

**America the Beautiful** | Sanctuary Choir

**It Is Well** | Matt Sponsler, Kenny Hall & Jenny Renner

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

**Prayer Room**

Doug Rogers (Tripp Henley Class)

## Evening Worship (5:30 PM)

**First Family Fellowship  
& Worship Service**

Fellowship Hall



## CrossRoads Broadcast Schedule

Watch the sermon at the time below or  
online at [www.montgomeryfbc.org](http://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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