

First Baptist Church Montgomery

# BEACON



BRING THEM IN...BUILD THEM UP...SEND THEM OUT

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## Spring Break!

### WEEK AT FBC!

**Sunday, March 19**

**8:30 & 11:00 AM**

Worship Services

**9:45 AM**


Bible Fellowship

**No PM activities or services.**

**Wednesday, March 22**

**No PM activities or services.**

Annie  
Armstrong  
Easter  
Offering



When you give,  
You're supporting  
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# CONNECTIONS

from your  
Pastor's Heart

## THE ROAD TO THE RESURRECTION

We're just a few weeks away from Resurrection Sunday! From Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, there are fantastic opportunities to prepare our hearts for this most special day of worship and celebration.

### **PALM SUNDAY MORNING** | April 2 at 8:30 + 11:00 AM

We'll gather in our morning services to celebrate and worship as Jesus begins His journey to the cross. Our children will participate in the services, which will have the flavor of celebration and joy! We'll also use Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday to invite friends, co-workers, classmates, and family to join us in worship and Bible Fellowship!

### **PALM SUNDAY NIGHT OF WORSHIP** | April 2 at 6:15 PM

Our incredible choir and orchestra are hard at work on this special night of worship. We will take the Lord's Supper and hear a beautiful presentation of the gospel through music. It's a tailor-made opportunity to invite friends, family, and the community to join us in worship.

### **WEDNESDAY PASSION SERVICE** | April 5 at 6:15 PM

We will come together for this special night to recognize our need for Jesus and His willingness to endure the cross. The Reflections will sing, and we'll have a unique opportunity to gather and prepare.

### **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE** | April 7 at Noon

On Good Friday, we'll gather to recognize what makes this Friday good. A short but impactful service that leads us into Resurrection Sunday morning!

### **EASTER SUNDAY** | April 9 at 8:30 + 11:00 AM

We'll gather for a joy-filled, powerful morning of worship as we celebrate our risen Savior in both morning services and Bible Fellowship groups. We will lift the name of Jesus as we recognize His victory over sin and death. Join and invite!

Each of these opportunities is meant to prepare our hearts for what Jesus' resurrection means in the life of a believer. We'll rejoice, celebrate, sing, and take joy in all God has done in Christ Jesus. Don't miss these times to worship together!

Looking forward with anticipation,

**MARK BETHEA**  
Senior Pastor

**SATURDAY APRIL 1**  
10:00 TO 11:30 AM

**EDDERSON'S HOME**  
1041 Cherry Hill Place  
Montgomery, AL 36117

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For more information, contact  
Judy Bryant at 241.5166  
or [jbryant@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:jbryant@montgomeryfbc.org)

**RSVP at [montgomeryfbc.org/events](http://montgomeryfbc.org/events) by March 26.**

*glowing*  
**EGGVENTURE**

**Saturday, April 1**  
**6:00 to 8:00 PM**

Children in first through sixth grades are invited to a Glowing Eggventure at FBC! Come experience a glow-in-the-dark egg hunt, games, supper, and an Easter devotion. It is sure to be an EGGciting evening!

**NEEDED ITEMS:** Bags of Easter Candy  
Collections Bins are available at the Preschool Desk,  
the Information Desk, and the Scott Street Entrance.

Space is limited. Deadline to register is  
Sunday, March 26 at [montgomeryfbc.org](http://montgomeryfbc.org).

## MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Preschool + Children's Ministries

**Bags of Easter Candy are needed for the Preschool Egg Hunt and the Glowing Eggventure.** Collection bins are available at the Preschool Desk, the Information Desk, and at the Scott Street Entrance.

**All new and soon-to-be parents are invited to a Brunch and Learn on Saturday, April 29 from 9:00 to 11:30 AM.** Breakout sessions



**Thursday, May 11**

6:00 to 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Guest Speaker: Kari Kampakis

Cost: \$13.50 for adults and \$8.50 for children  
Tickets will be on sale Sunday, March 26  
in the Welcome Center

include Dad's Survival Guide; Surviving the First Year; Infant Feeding, Bonding, Breastfeeding and more; and Welcoming a New Family Member. This event is free, but registration is required by Sunday, April 23. For more information or to register, visit [montgomeryfbc.org/register](http://montgomeryfbc.org/register).

## Vacation Bible School

**Save the Date for Vacation Bible School on June 19-23.**

Volunteers are needed to share Jesus with our preschoolers and children. Sign up by contacting Judy Bryant (241.5166 or [jbryant@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:jbryant@montgomeryfbc.org)) or Carol Roberts (241.5164 or [croberts@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:croberts@montgomeryfbc.org)).

## FBC Foundation

**Medical students, seminary students, trade school students...we have scholarships for all areas of study!** The 2023-2024 First Baptist Foundation Scholarship Applications are available at [montgomeryfbc.org/foundation](http://montgomeryfbc.org/foundation). All completed applications must be returned by Friday, March 31.

## Community Ministries

**The Caring Center Food Shop is in need of beans, rice, and pasta products.** The Clothing Shop needs diapers (sizes 3, 4, and 5) and pullups (all sizes). For more information, contact Kathy Cooper at 241.5140 or [kcooper@fbc-cm.org](mailto:kcooper@fbc-cm.org).

## Churchwide News + Events

**Save the date for the next Holy Land Pilgrimage on September 13-21, 2023.** Join Pastor Emeritus Jay & Mary Ruth Wolf on a grand adventure to Israel. For more information, contact Ben Hulsey at [ebjhulsey@gmail.com](mailto:ebjhulsey@gmail.com) or 399.9876.

## NEW MEMBERS

### By Letter/Statement of Faith

**Mr. John Brasch**

847 South Perry Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

**Mr. Rush Garrett**

**Mrs. Rush Garrett (Evelyn)**  
1500 Josephine Circle Apt 1510B  
Montgomery, AL 36117

**Dr. Guangping "Lucy" Li**

900 Countryside Lane  
Montgomery, AL 36117

**Mary Massey McCulloch**

9837 Whisper Trace Court  
Montgomery, AL 36117

**Mr. James White**

**Mrs. James White (LaWanda)**

4160 Sherman Way  
Montgomery, AL 36109

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, contact Carolyn Bryan at 241.5120 or [cbryan@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:cbryan@montgomeryfbc.org).

### Sympathy Extended to

Ms. Sandra Shell in the death of her brother-in-law

Mrs. Jim Wilson III (Susie) in the death of her husband; Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Pascale (Lillian) & Mr. & Mrs. James Clingman IV (Wesley) in the death of their father

Mr. Robert Smith in the death of his brother Marvin

### Baptist East

Yyobalina Villacis

### UAB Medical Center

Parker Hornbuckle

### Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Rex Lee (Margaret) in the birth of a great-grandson

Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Whittington (Sharon) in the birth of a great granddaughter

INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN YOU FOR

# Easter

AT FIRST BAPTIST MONTGOMERY

APRIL 2 | 6:15 PM

## PALM SUNDAY

NIGHT OF WORSHIP

APRIL 5 | 6:15 PM

## PASSION SERVICE

OUR NEED FOR A SAVIOR

APRIL 7 | NOON

## GOOD FRIDAY

OUR SINS WASHED AWAY

APRIL 9 | 8:30 + 11:00 AM

## RESURRECTION SUNDAY

CELEBRATING OUR RISEN SAVIOR



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[MONTGOMERYFBC.ORG/EASTER](https://MONTGOMERYFBC.ORG/EASTER)

**FBC FAITHFULNESS** | SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023

### ATTENDANCE

**Bible Fellowship Enrollment** 3509 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1007

**Weekly Attendance** 1289 | **Discipleship Attendance** 815

### OFFERING

**Required Weekly** \$133,653.85 | **Received Sunday** \$99,664.01

**Required To Date** \$1,470,192.35 | **Received To Date** \$1,173,154.71

**Annie Armstrong** \$54,321.00

**Under Budget | \$297,037.64**

March

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

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23 | MEMORY

1 Corinthians 10:13

## THIS WEEK AT FBC

Visit [montgomeryfbc.org](http://montgomeryfbc.org) for the complete calendar of events.

### Sunday, March 19

Reflections Ensemble in Los Angeles  
No PM Service or Activities

8:30 Worship Service  
9:45 Bible Fellowship  
10:00 Pastor's Class  
11:00 Worship Service  
8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

### Monday, March 20

Reflections Ensemble in Los Angeles

10:00 JOY Singers  
5:30 Men's Bible Study  
7:00 College Ministry: The Gathering  
8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

### Tuesday, March 21

Reflections Ensemble in Los Angeles

8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

### Wednesday, March 22

Reflections Ensemble in Los Angeles  
No PM Service or Activities

2:00 Older Children's Choir Rehearsal  
6:15 Becoming His Vessel: The Power  
8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

### Thursday, March 23

Reflections Ensemble in Los Angeles

8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

### Friday, March 24

Reflections Ensemble in Los Angeles

6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group  
8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

### Saturday, March 25

Reflections Ensemble to Los Angeles

9:00 GIFT rEcess  
8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

## IN-HOME MINISTRY MEMBER

### Martha Davidson

3920 Antoinette Drive Apt C1  
Montgomery, AL 36111



305 South Perry Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

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## FBC Livestreams

### Website

[montgomeryfbc.org](http://montgomeryfbc.org)

### Facebook

@montgomeryfirstbaptist

### App

First Baptist Church Montgomery

### Vimeo

[vimeo.com/fbcmontgomery](https://vimeo.com/fbcmontgomery)

### YouTube

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## Crossroads Broadcast Schedule

**Frazer Channel 13** (*Montgomery & Prattville*)

**Briighthouse Channel 122** (*Elmore County*)

**Full Hour:** Sunday, 12:00 PM & 6:00 PM

**Half Hour:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 6:00 PM

**WSFA-TV Channel 12**

**Half Hour:** Sunday, 10:30 AM

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