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First Baptist Church Montgomery



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

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Family GAME NIGHT



Wednesday, March 20
5:00 to 6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall



Don't miss this special night of fun! Join us for a free dinner, prayer time, and fellowship around the tables, playing some of our favorite board games.

for all ages!



EASTER

at First Baptist Montgomery

PALM SUNDAY | MARCH 24

Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Palm Sunday Night of Worship at 5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 27

Passion Service at 6:15 PM

GOOD FRIDAY | MARCH 29

Good Friday Service at 12:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY | MARCH 31

Easter Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Celebrating our Risen Savior!



REFLECTIONS FROM KENYA

We're finishing up a great week here in Kenya. Thank you for your prayers! Lawton and Rachel Webb, with their kids, Brice, David, and Claire Collins, alongside Chris Mills and his daughter, Emma Claire, have done an incredible job as we've partnered with our beloved Jeff and Katherine Donnithorne at

Tenwek Hospital in Kenya. I've just returned to my room from a sweet family worship time, and my heart is so full. I'd love to share a few quick notes from what I've experienced while 8,061 miles away from the church.

1. I'm thankful Jeff and Katherine intentionally prayed, listened, and obeyed when the Lord pressed on them to go. Katherine is an incredibly skilled ophthalmologist who is utilizing this gift and years of study to bring sight to the blind, train Kenyan students, and share the love of Jesus. It reminds me we all have such incredible gifts that, in the hands of the Lord, can be deployed both in Montgomery and around the world to advance the gospel.
2. I'm thankful for a team of families that are on mission. One highlight of our time has been Emma Claire (9), Brice (14), David (11), and Claire Collins (9) serving the Lord alongside their parents. I've also been so grateful to see Jeff and Katherine's kiddos, Jackson (11), Charlotte (9), and Lydia (3) serving right beside us. It reminds me as a parent that I want my kids to see me living out the gospel. I don't want it to be words they hear; I want them to see and experience it with me. Might I encourage you parents to consider a family mission trip (check the Missions Menu!)? It's been incredible to see families serving together!
3. I'm thankful the gospel is alive and well across the world! As we sang "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" in a pediatric ward at Tenwek Hospital, I couldn't help but be struck by the simple yet weighty reality. The Lord has everyone, everything, and everybody in His hands. Praise the Lord; He is good!

Beloved Brothers and Sisters, we bring new brothers and sisters in through evangelism, build them up through discipleship, and go **out** on mission together!

I can't wait to see you on Sunday!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bethea'.

MARK BETHEA
Senior Pastor



MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Missions Ministry

Join us for a New Orleans Mission Project Interest Meeting in room 347 on Sunday, March 17 at 5 PM. The trip dates are June 6-9, 2024. For more information contact Brian Gay at 220.4402 or briangay@montgomeryfbc.org.

FBC Foundation

2024-2025 First Baptist Foundation Scholarship Applications are available now. All completed applications must be returned by Sunday, March 31. For an application, visit montgomeryfbc.org/foundation or email Alissa Parrish at aparrish@montgomeryfbc.org.

Vacation Bible School

Save the Date for Vacation Bible School on June 17-21. Volunteers are needed to share Jesus with our preschoolers and children. Sign up by contacting Judy Bryant (241.5166 or jbryant@montgomeryfbc.org) or Carol Roberts (241.5164 or croberts@montgomeryfbc.org).

Community Ministries

The Caring Center needs new or lightly used bedding in all sizes, towels, blankets, and new or lightly used toys. For more information, contact Emma Kate Shelton at ekshelton@fbc-cm.org.

There will be an English as a Second Language Teacher Training on Friday, April 20 from 1:00 to 8:00 PM & Saturday, April 21 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Caring Center. This training is great for those who are teaching locally or abroad. To receive a certificate, you must attend the workshop in full. There is a \$25 registration fee that includes meals and snacks. Register at alsbom.org/event/english-as-a-second-language-workshop-5/. For more information, contact Charlotte Cearley at africapetitions@gmail.com or Kristy Kennedy

at kkennedy@alsbom.org.
Registration deadline is April
16, 2024.

Churchwide News + Events

**Calling all men (and sons
4th grade and older)...Join
us for a Men's Breakfast on
Saturday, April 20 at 8:00**

AM in the fellowship hall.
Come enjoy fellowship and
be challenged by God's Word
and the testimony of Daniel
Ritchie. Daniel has spoken to
audiences of youth at camps,
congregations on Sunday
mornings, men's groups
and even to pastors at the
Southern Baptist Pastor's
Conference. His story will
encourage you to press on
and be committed to the

Lord in every season and situation. Invite a friend and make your
reservation (\$10 per person) at montgomeryfbc.org/event.

NEW MEMBERS

By Letter/Statement of Faith

Mr. Dustin Connell
Mrs. Dustin Connell (Victoria)
344 Regans Way
Deatsville, AL 36022

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

If you would like to add someone to the
prayer list, contact Carolyn Bryan at
241.5120 or cbryan@montgomeryfbc.org.

Baptist South

Robert Smith

UAB Medical Center

Celeste Granthum

John Knox Manor Rehab

Barbara Smith

Save the date for the 2024 Blessed Banquet on Thursday, May 9. Our
special guests will be Mary Ruth Wolf, Sarah and Glory Sizemore, Mary
Austin Hall, and Alex Hershey. More details coming soon.

Bags of Easter Candy are needed for Spring Celebration.
Collection bins are available at the Preschool Desk, the
Information Desk, and at the Scott Street Entrance.

NEW DATE!

Preschool + Children's Families are invited to the

SPRING
celebration

Saturday, March 30
10:30 am to 1:00 pm

Home of the Newmans + the Steindorffs
2085 & 2717 Marler Road, Pike Road, AL 36064

Register online at montgomeryfbc.org/event
Don't forget to bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket.

Join us for inflatables, yard
games, egg hunts for all ages,
food, fun, and fellowship!

Annie
Armstrong
Easter
Offering

A Mission Field in Need of Hope

371 million people

350 languages
in North America

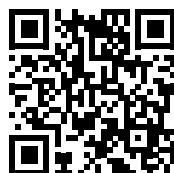
281 million
are estimated to be lost



FBC GOAL: \$130,000
GIVEN TO DATE: \$45,248.13
MONTGOMERYFBC.ORG/ANNIE



MINISTRY SAFE



To serve in any ministry involving children, preschoolers, students, or vulnerable individuals, every volunteer at FBC will complete the following steps:

1. Go to montgomeryfbc.org/ministry-safe and read and sign the protection policy.
2. Complete the one-hour training on sexual abuse awareness.
3. Complete the simple background check.
4. You're ready to serve!

MARCH

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montgomeryfbc.org/scripture

For our sake he made him to be sin who
knew no sin, so that in him we might
become the righteousness of God.

— 2 Corinthians 5:21 —

FBC FAITHFULNESS | SUNDAY, MARCH 10 ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship: Enrollment 3498 | Attendance 1256

Weekly Attendance 1395 | Discipleship Attendance 847

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$136,500.00 | Received Sunday \$122,312.77

Required To Date \$1,365,000.00 | Received To Date \$1,056,243.68

Annie Armstrong Offering \$45,248.13

THIS WEEK AT FBC

Visit montgomeryfbc.org for the complete calendar of events.

Sunday, March 17

- 7:45 Prayer Time *(Welcome Center)*
- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship
- 10:00 Pastor's Class
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 4:00 Reflections Ensemble
- 4:30 Evangelism Essentials
- GriefShare
- Becoming His Vessel: The Essentials
- 5:00 Discipleship Classes
- Preschool + Children's Missions
- One Heart Choir
- 6:00 Bible Drill
- 6:15 Reflections Concert
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Monday, March 18

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

Tuesday, March 19

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 6:00 Children's Bible Drill: Church Drill
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Wednesday, March 20

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 2:15 Baldwin Bible Study
- 5:00 First Family Dinner
- 5:15 Tutoring Program
- 5:45 Sanctuary Orchestra
- 6:00 First Family Prayer Time
- Divorce Care
- 6:45 Sanctuary Choir
- Student Ministry: Powerhouse
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Thursday, March 21

- 9:00 Conversational English
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Friday, March 22

- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 6:30 Kilby Correctional Facility Service
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Saturday, March 23

- 4:00 Palm Sunday Night of Worship Dress Rehearsal
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

IN-HOME MINISTRY MEMBER

Mary Lee Hancock

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montgomeryfbc.org

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Vimeo

vimeo.com/fbcmontgomery

YouTube

First Baptist Church Montgomery

Broadcast Schedule

Frazer Channel 13 *(Montgomery & Prattville)*

BrightHouse 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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