



First Baptist Church Montgomery

BEACON

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

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Instrumental
NIGHT OF
PRAISE *featuring the*
Sanctuary Orchestra
& Handbell Ensemble

SUNDAY, MARCH 30
6:15 PM | MAIN SANCTUARY

Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering

STEP INTO THE
STORY
FBC GOAL: \$130,000

GIVE TO THE
ANNIE ARMSTRONG
EASTER OFFERING
MONTGOMERYFBC.ORG/ANNIE

North American
Mission Board

On
MISSION
at First Baptist Church Montgomery

PERU (March 25-31)
Brian Gay, Eddie Stewart,
Ben Hulse, Barret Rush

UGANDA
Will Hardin + Mary Conley Teel

PERU
Cary McMillan



GUARD AGAINST DISUNITY

I hope Sunday's message filled your heart with a desire to guard and protect the unity of the church, our families, and our relationships. After all, I can't emphasize enough how much the *devil loves disunity*. Disunity diminishes our effectiveness in the world around us when there's so much at stake! Be vigilant and "eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." (Ephesians 4:3)

Here are a few helpful insights regarding unity from the Word:

Psalm 133:1, "Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!"

John 17:21, "That they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

Colossians 3:14, "And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."

Philippians 2:2-3, "Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves."

John 13:35, "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

2 Corinthians 13:11, "Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you."

1 Peter 3:8, "Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind."

This week, consider how to stir one another up to love and to do good works together as the body of Christ and in our homes and relationships (Hebrews 10:24). This is the better way!

I love and appreciate you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bethea'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'M'.

MARK BETHEA
Senior Pastor

Preschool + Children's Families
are invited to the

SPRING Celebration

Saturday, April 19
10:30 AM to 1:00 PM

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



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

Register today at
montgomeryfbc.org/events

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preschool + Children's Ministries

Calling all families with children in the first through sixth grades...Join us for a Family Mission Trip to Gatlinburg, Tennessee on May 24-28. Our main responsibility will be running a day camp similar to VBS for local campgrounds in the area. Other activities may include organizing and preparing items for international workers, projects at a local ministry center, working with the Smoky Mountain Children's home, participating/leading in the campground worship service, helping with a block party, etc. **Registration deadline is Sunday, April 6.** Contact Carol Roberts at 318.8228 or croberts@montgomeryfbc.org to sign up!

Bags of Easter candy are needed for the Spring Celebration.

Collection bins are located at the Preschool Desk, on the 2nd Floor Children's Hallway, at the Information Desk, and at the Adams and Scott Street entrances.

Vacation Bible School

Save the Date for Vacation Bible School on June 23-27. 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).



Wednesday Night Supper April 2

Children + Adults: Taco Bar

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

Family Amount – \$20 (2 adults and children under 12 living in the same household)

Women's Ministry

SAVE THE DATE...The Blessed Banquet will be Thursday, May 8 at 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Our guest speaker for this annual Mother/Daughter Dinner is Sophie Hudson.

The We Care Widows Ministry will meet for lunch on Tuesday, April 22 at 11:30 AM at The Tea Garden (6450 Atlanta Highway). RSVP by April 15 to Sandra White at 399.9919.

Senior Adult Ministry

Join us for an In-Home Ministry Volunteer Lunch on Sunday, April 6, in room 413 at 12:15 PM. Feel free to bring your spouse and enjoy a complimentary lunch while collecting Easter gifts to deliver to your in-home members. For more information, contact Ed Cleveland at 205.223.6418 or ecleveland@montgomeryfbc.org.

FBC Foundation

Medical students, seminary students, trade school students...we have scholarships for all areas of study! The 2025-2026 First Baptist Foundation Scholarship Applications deadline is fast approaching. All completed applications must be returned by Monday, March 31. For an application, visit montgomeryfbc.org/foundation or email Alissa Parrish at aparrish@montgomeryfbc.org.

Community Ministries

The Caring Center needs canned vegetables especially green beans, mixed vegetables, carrots, collards, diced tomatoes, and spaghetti sauce. Other needed items include linens of all sizes, size 4 and 5 diapers, and small toys. For more information, contact Rick Brenny at 241.5141 or rbrenny@fbc-cm.org.

Sign up to receive the Community Ministries Newsletter by contacting Madison Breeden at mbreeden@fbc-cm.org.

NEW MEMBERS

By Letter/Statement of Faith

Mr. Corey Green
Mrs. Corey Green (Adrien)
214 Gail Street
Prattville, AL 36066

Mr. Alving Lainez
Mrs. Alving Lainez (Loida)
82 Louis Priestler Road
Montgomery, AL 36110

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

Sympathy Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Will Benefield (Jill) in the death of his grandmother

Baptist South

Don Collins

Jackson

Lillian Wilkinson

Capitol Hill Healthcare

Terry Yarbrough

John Knox Manor Rehab

Barbara Smith

Oak Crest Health & Wellness

Robert Smith

UAB Medical Center

Phillip Lankford · Stephanie Roberti

PALM SUNDAY

NIGHT OF WORSHIP

A NIGHT OF WORSHIP CENTERED
AROUND THE LORD'S TABLE

EASTER
AT FIRST BAPTIST MONTGOMERY

SUNDAY, APRIL 13
5:00 PM | MAIN SANCTUARY

LADIES WHO READ BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, May 13 | 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Book: *No Compromise: The Life Story of Keith Green* by Melody Green & David Hazard

Discussion Leader: RachelAnn Burkett

Where: Home of Sharon Windham
(7149 Wynlakes Blvd)

Mark your calendar and make plans to join us as we discuss our fourth "heroes of the faith" book. All ladies invited! Happy Reading!



Download the 2024 State of the Church at montgomeryfbc.org/publications or pick up a copy in the Welcome Center this Sunday!

FBC FAITHFULNESS

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship: Enrollment 3373 | **Attendance** 1139

Weekly Attendance 1376 | **Discipleship Attendance** 292

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$140,519.23 | **Received Sunday** \$117,973.83

Required To Date \$1,686,230.76 | **Received To Date** \$1,395,440.64

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering \$75,806.14

THIS WEEK AT FBC

Visit montgomeryfbc.org for the complete calendar of events.

Sunday, March 30

- 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 Orchestra & Handbell Rehearsal
Nominating Committee
- 4:45 GriefShare
- 5:00 Discipleship Classes
Preschool + Children's Missions
One Heart + One Voice Choirs
- 6:00 Children's Bible Drill
- 6:15 Instrumental Night of Praise
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Monday, March 31

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal
- 5:30 Deacons' Meeting
Men's Bible Study
- 6:00 Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal
- 7:00 College Ministry: The Gathering
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Tuesday, April 1

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 Ladies Bible Study
- 5:00 Church Bible Drill
- 5:30 First Tuesday Men's Golf Fellowship
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Wednesday, April 2

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 2:15 Baldwin Bible Study
- 5:00 Prayer for Unreached People
First Family Dinner
- 5:14 WMU Leadership Team Meeting
- 5:15 Tutoring
- 5:45 Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal
- 6:00 First Family Prayer Time
Preschool + Children's Choirs
Parents, Let's Talk
Divorce Care
- 6:45 Student Ministry: Powerhouse
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Thursday, April 3

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

Friday, April 4

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

Saturday, April 5

- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

IN-HOME MINISTRY MEMBERS

James & LaWanda White

4160 Sherman Way
Montgomery, AL 36109



305 South Perry Street
Montgomery, AL 36104

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MARCH

But seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Matthew 6:33-34

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download resources at montgomeryfbc.org/scripture

Broadcast Schedule

Frazer Channel 13 *(Montgomery & Prattville)*

Bighthouse 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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