



First Baptist Church Montgomery

# BEACON

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

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**Celebrating our  
Risen Savior!**

**EASTER SUNDAY  
APRIL 20**

**8:30 & 11:00 AM | Morning Worship**

**9:45 AM | Bible Fellowship**

**10:00 AM | Pastor's Class**

**NO PM SERVICE OR ACTIVITIES**

**There will be overflow seating in the fellowship hall for the morning worship services.**

**Parking is available in the Perry Street Lot and in the deck on the corner of Scott & Lawrence Streets.**

**EASTER**

AT FIRST BAPTIST MONTGOMERY

## Celebrate the Resurrection Together!

This week has been filled with opportunities to prepare our hearts for Sunday morning. Our choir and orchestra did an incredible job preparing us through the Palm Sunday Night of Worship. We've walked together through our Passion Service and Good Friday service, feeling the heaviness of our sin and the darkness of Good Friday.

We do all this to prepare our hearts for Easter Sunday morning. We've attempted to see the weight of our sin and the darkness of Good Friday so that we can feel the freedom of our salvation and light that comes on Sunday.

Sunday morning will be a joy-filled morning of celebratory worship to King Jesus. We know He has won, so we gather to worship the Risen and Victorious Savior together!

Let's repeat the reminder as often as we need: Jesus is alive!

Invite someone with you and come prepared to sing, fellowship, worship, celebrate, and be transformed by God's life-changing Word.



**MARK BETHEA**  
Senior Pastor







## Thursday, May 8

6:00 to 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall  
Featuring Sophie Hudson

Cost: \$15/adults & \$9/children through April 27  
(April 28-30: \$20/adults and \$10/children)

Reserve your tickets online at  
[montgomeryfbc.org/events](http://montgomeryfbc.org/events)

Reservation deadline is Wednesday, April 30. For more information,  
contact Sharon Windham at [swindham@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:swindham@montgomeryfbc.org).

# MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Preschool + Children's Ministries

The 2025 Summer Calendars are now available. Event registrations are open online at [montgomeryfbc.org/summer](http://montgomeryfbc.org/summer).

Parents, don't miss Parents Night Out on Friday, May 2, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. This is your time to have a date night or sit at home! Dinner will be provided while parents enjoy an evening out. Register your children (8 weeks to 6th grade) by Sunday, April 27 at [montgomeryfbc.org/events](http://montgomeryfbc.org/events).

## Vacation Bible School

Save the Date for Vacation Bible School on June 23-27.  
Volunteers are needed to share Jesus with our preschoolers

## Congratulations to our 2025 Regional Bible Drill Participants



First Row: Timothy Peterson, Lizzie Kate Peterson, Avery Wyrosdick, Abby Wills, Emily Claire Hall

Second Row: Abigail Sponsler, Sarah Leatherwood, Anna Corley, James Corley, and Lucas Burt.

## Wednesday Night Supper | April 23



**Children:** Mini Corn Dogs, Chips, Dessert

**Adults:** Poppyseed Chicken, Rice, Green Beans, Roll, Salad, Dessert

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

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

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)).

## Women's Ministry

**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

**Save the Date for our Senior Adult Vacation Bible School on Monday, May 19 through Wednesday, May 21 from 10:00 AM to noon in the fellowship hall.** Get ready for Lifeway's *Magnified!* Adventure awaits each day. Register by calling Mary Virginia Crum at 241.5180.

## 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](mailto:rbrenny@fbc-cm.org).

**Sign up to receive the Community Ministries Newsletter** by contacting Madison Breeden at [mbreeden@fbc-cm.org](mailto:mbreeden@fbc-cm.org).

## NEW MEMBERS

### By Baptism

#### **Oliver Reaves**

3231 Southview Avenue  
Montgomery, AL 36106

### By Letter/Statement of Faith

#### **Mrs. Elaine Gill**

2200 Briar Gate Drive  
Montgomery, AL 36116

#### **Dr. Frances Morris**

160 Stone Park Blvd. Apt. 801  
Pike Road, AL 36064

#### **Mr. Evan Noel**

2904 Kingman Drive  
Pike Road, AL 36064

## 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

Dr. & Mrs. Austin Worley (Lauren) in the death of her sister

Mr. & Mrs. Roy Pickering (Shari) in the death of his cousin

### Baptist South

Cecil McKinney

### Baptist East

Roy Kitchens

### Jackson

Mac McGee

### Capitol Hill Healthcare

Terry Yarbrough

### John Knox Manor Rehab

Barbara Smith

### UAB - Highlands

Robert Smith

### UAB Medical Center

Robert Geddie • Don Smith

### FBC Staff Birthdays

Brad Brand (April 26)

# STEP INTO THE STORY

**Annie Armstrong**  
Easter Offering®

FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

**FBC GOAL: \$130,000**



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## Deacon Nominations Due By Sunday, April 27!

Forms are available in the sanctuary foyer or  
online at [montgomeryfbc.org/deacon-nominations](http://montgomeryfbc.org/deacon-nominations).

*On*  
**MISSION**  
at First Baptist Church Montgomery

### UGANDA (April 21 - May 2)

Mark Bethea, Russell McCrory, Troy Teel,  
Celia Teel, Sara Denney, Davis Denney,  
Elizabeth Hardin, Caroline Hardin

### MAINE (April 22-28)

Ed Cleveland, Alabama Singing Men

### MEXICO (April 22-29)

Brian Gay, Tim Powell, Colleen Walton

### UGANDA (ongoing)

Will Hardin + Mary Conley Teel

## FBC FAITHFULNESS

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

### ATTENDANCE

**Bible Fellowship: Enrollment** 3348 | **Attendance** 1291

**Weekly Attendance** 1772 | **Discipleship Attendance** 545

### OFFERING

**Required Weekly** \$140,519.23 | **Received Sunday** \$103,425.79

**Required To Date** \$2,107,788.45 | **Received To Date** \$1,758,736.43

**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering** \$104,192.14

## THIS WEEK AT FBC

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

### Sunday, April 20

NO PM SERVICE OR ACTIVITIES

- 7:45 Prayer Time (*Welcome Center*)
- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship
- 10:00 Pastor's Class
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

### Monday, April 21

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

### Tuesday, April 22

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 Ladies Bible Study
- 11:30 We Care Widows Ministry Lunch
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

### Wednesday, April 23

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

### Thursday, April 24

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

### Friday, April 25

- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 5:00 Children's Choir Lock-In
- 6:30 Kilby Correctional Facility Service
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

### Saturday, April 26

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

## IN-HOME MINISTRY MEMBERS

### Buddy York

521 Mockingbird Lane  
Pike Road, AL 36064-3541

305 South Perry Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104



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## APRIL

But he was pierced for our  
transgressions; he was  
crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the  
chastisement that brought  
us peace, and with his  
wounds we are healed.

Isaiah 53:5

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download resources at [montgomeryfbc.org/scripture](http://montgomeryfbc.org/scripture)

## 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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