



First Baptist Church Montgomery

# BEACON

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

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Celebrating Our  
Risen Savior

**RESURRECTION  
SUNDAY  
APRIL 5**

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

**Morning Worship**

**9:45 AM**

**Bible Fellowship**

**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.

**HOPE IS ALIVE!**

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**EASTER** AT FIRST BAPTIST  
MONTGOMERY

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# CONNECTIONS

from your  
Pastor's Heart

***"to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood"*** (Revelation 1:5b)

Few sentences in the Bible so succinctly and beautifully summarize the gospel message as these words from John in Revelation. This season of Easter reflects the deepest portion of our theological foundation. Without it, we're still hopelessly lost in our sin.

The cross demonstrates God's love for us in Christ Jesus. The verb tense reminds us that this love is continual and that God's love was not a one-time action, but continues in Christ.

It reminds us that He has indeed freed us from the reality of sin. Sin continues to try to pull us back into captivity, yet Jesus' death on the cross reminds us there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Though the accuser points out the mountain of sin-evidence against us, our righteous King has pardoned us by his blood.

By his blood, we have been set free. The Bible reminds us that without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness of sins. Nothing can wash away our sin but the blood of Jesus!

So we have gathered together through this Resurrection season to sing, celebrate, remember, remind, and worship our God! Let the reality of Resurrection Sunday extend beyond April 5th!

You are loved, prayed for, and deeply appreciated!



**MARK BETHEA**  
Senior Pastor



## SUMMER EVENTS AT FIRST BAPTIST

### **MAY 22-24**

Beach Adventure (7th-12th)

### **MAY 23-27**

Family Mission to Savannah

### **JUNE 2-4**

IncrediKids Camp (1st-3rd)

### **JUNE 6-13**

One Voice Choir to Phoenix

### **JUNE 8-12**

One Heart Choir to Chattanooga

### **JUNE 22-26**

Vacation Bible School

### **JULY 10-12**

Family Mission to New Orleans

### **JULY 13-17**

Kids Kamp (4th-6th)

Youth Camp (7th-12th)

### **JULY 23-27**

Family Mission to Cincinnati

**PARENTS NIGHT  
OUT** | **Friday  
April 17  
6 to 9 pm.**

8 weeks to 6th grade  
RSVP by Sunday, April 12  
at [montgomeryfbc.org/events](http://montgomeryfbc.org/events)

## MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Preschool + Children's Ministries

The 2026 Summer Calendars are now available. Event registrations are open online at [montgomeryfbc.org/summer](http://montgomeryfbc.org/summer).

### Vacation Bible School

Save the Date for Vacation Bible School on June 22-26. Volunteers are needed to share Jesus with our preschoolers and children. Sign up today by contacting Judy Bryant (334.241.5166 or [jbryant@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:jbryant@montgomeryfbc.org)) or Carol Roberts (334.241.5164 or [croberts@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:croberts@montgomeryfbc.org)).

### Student Ministry

Graduate Recognition Sunday is May 3. Visit [fbmsm.com](http://fbmsm.com) to register for the lunch and submit your photos.

### Men's Ministry

FBC Men, it's softball season! If you are interested in playing on one of our softball teams please contact Luke Granthum at 334.462.2638 for more information.

### Missions Ministry

The Jackie Swan Women on Mission group will meet on Thursday, April 9 at 11:00 AM at the home of Amy Rutledge. Contact Sharon Cleveland for more information at 205.223.6419.

## Wednesday, April 8

Adults + Children:  
Taco Bar, Dessert

Adult Meal – \$5; Child's Meal (12 & under) – \$3  
Family Amount – \$20

(2 adults & children under 12 living in the same household)



**The Amy Cooper WOM Group will meet on Monday, April 13** at 11:30 AM in the fellowship hall. Celia Teel will speak about surrendering our children to overseas missions. Bring a sack lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. For more information contact Sheree Powell at 334.549.6435.

## Community Ministries

### Have you ever considered serving in ESL or CE?

During the month of April, you're invited to explore this impactful ministry during our Open House. Simply visit any class at any time that fits your schedule and see firsthand how lives are being changed. Look for the QR code on flyers in your Bible Fellowship class for more details. It's a simple step that could open the door to meaningful ministry right here in our city.

**Come spend a meaningful morning serving together as we plant the Master's Garden on Saturday, April 18, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM.** This hands-on project helps provide food for those in need while giving us a chance to serve the Lord side by side. Whether you have a green thumb or just a willing heart, we'd love for you to be part of it!

## Churchwide News

**Want to be the first to know what's happening at First Baptist?** Skip the mailbox wait and get ***The Beacon***

delivered straight to your inbox each Thursday—before the print version even arrives! It's quick, convenient, and a great way to stay connected to everything going on in our church family. To make the switch, email Amanda Smith at [asmith@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:asmith@montgomeryfbc.org).

## NEW MEMBERS

### By Letter/Statement of Faith

#### Ms. Diana Windsor

9164 Crescent Lodge 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

Mr. & Mrs. Pickett Reese (Amy) in the death of his mother; Pickett, George, and Charlie Reese in the death of their grandmother

Mr. Robert Wadsworth in the death of his wife Lillie; Mr. & Mrs. Clynt Hart (Susan) in the death of his mother; Ms. Katherine Hart in the death of her grandmother

Mr. & Mrs. Jason Gardner (Brittney) in the death of her father Norman Arnold; Ann-Stallings and Mary-Hallman Gardner in the death of their grandfather

Mr. & Mrs. Chris Adams (Patti) in the death of her mother; Layney and Wyn Adams in the death of their grandmother

### Baptist South

Jay Daniel Lewis

### Baptist South

Skip Parks

### UAB Hospital

Eve Golden

### Prattville Heath + Rehab

LeVonne McGee

### Crowne Healthcare

Rachel Teel · Jeanette Martin

### John Knox Manor Rehab

Barbara Smith · Barbara Owen

### Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Perry (Cindy) in the birth of a granddaughter



# Thursday, May 7

6:00 to 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Featuring Maegan Schwindling

Cost: \$18/adults & \$12/children through April 24  
(April 25-27: \$20/adults and \$13/children)

Register online at  
[montgomeryfbc.org/events](http://montgomeryfbc.org/events)

Reservation deadline is Monday, April 27. For more information,  
contact Sharon Windham at [swindham@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:swindham@montgomeryfbc.org).



## Deacon Nominations Due By Sunday, April 26!

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

## MISSION TRIP INTEREST MEETINGS

### ► SUNDAY, APRIL 12 | 7:15 PM | 347

Peru Mission Trip (July 19-26). For more information, contact  
Brian Gay at 334.220.4402.

### ► SUNDAY, APRIL 19 | 7:15 PM | 443

New York City Family Mission Trip (October 8-19). For more  
information, contact Brian Gay at 334.220.4402.

### ► SUNDAY, APRIL 19 | 7:15 PM | 347

Kolkata, India Mission Trip (2027). For more  
information, contact Terry Veazey at 334.221.0246.

## FBC FAITHFULNESS

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

### ATTENDANCE

**Bible Fellowship: Enrollment** 3244 | **Attendance** 1153

**Weekly Attendance** 1999 | **Discipleship Attendance** 584

### OFFERING

**Required Weekly** \$140,519.23 | **Received Sunday** \$70,946.25

**Required To Date** \$1,826,749.99 | **Received To Date** \$1,401,711.75

**Annie Armstrong Offering** \$105,544.00

# THIS WEEK AT FBC

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

## Sunday, April 5

### NO PM SERVICE OR ACTIVITIES

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

## Monday, April 6

- 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 7

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 6:30 Charlotte Cearley Women on Mission  
Ecclesiastes 4 Ministry Fellowship
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

## Wednesday, April 8

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 Sarah McCrory Women on Mission
- 2:15 Baldwin Bible Study
- 5:00 Wednesday Night Supper  
Prayer Time for Unreached People
- 5:14 WMU Leadership Team Meeting
- 5:15 Tutoring Program
- 5:45 Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal
- 6:00 Spring Sessions  
Preschool + Children's Choirs  
DivorceCare
- 6:40 Finance Committee
- 6:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
Student Ministry: Powerhouse
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

## Thursday, April 9

- 9:00 Conversational English
- 11:00 Jackie Swan Women on Mission
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

## Friday, April 10

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

## Saturday, April 11

- 8:30 Becoming His Vessel: The Habits
- 1:00 Celebration of Life for Frank McCollough
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

## IN-HOME MINISTRY MEMBER JOHNNIE GOLDEN

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## APRIL

He himself bore our sins  
in his body on the tree,  
that we might die to sin  
and live to righteousness.  
By his wounds you have  
been healed.

1 Peter 2:24

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

## Broadcast Schedule

**WSFA-TV Channel 12** Sundays, 10:30 AM

## Watch Online

### WEBSITE

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

### VIMEO

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

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