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Instrumental
NIGHT OF
PRAISE featuring the
Sanctuary Orchestra
& Handbell Ensemble

SUNDAY, APRIL 19
6:15 PM | MAIN SANCTUARY

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CONNECTIONS

from your
Pastor's Heart

If you've ever wondered how you can be involved in ministry, missions, and serving our community in Jesus' name, here are a few options to consider as you prepare your calendar for the summer and upcoming year:



► **ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE +**

CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH. We need wise and willing teachers in a multitude of places across our church and Community Ministries. English as a Second Language and Conversational English see hundreds of friends from across the nations each day. This is a huge opportunity that requires a Driver's License rather than a Passport to invest in friends of far different backgrounds in a simple way.

► **TUTORS.** When our weekly tutoring ramps back up in the Fall, we are always in need of tutors to help students in our schools to excel. Not only do you invest in their academics, you have a perfect opportunity to invest in them individually. Now is the perfect time to connect and learn more!

► **BIBLE FELLOWSHIP TEACHERS + VOLUNTEERS.** Each Sunday, we have groups gathered across our campus for the purpose of studying the Bible. From the youngest of bed babies, across the age spectrum, we need wise and godly teachers investing in every age range. We need volunteers to keep the nursery and worship care. You bless parents tremendously by serving in those areas.

► **PRAYER MINISTRY.** Hop on Zoom each night at 8p to pray alongside our prayer warriors for pressing needs across our church, community, and world. Join us at 7:45a each Sunday morning in the Welcome Center to pray for our teachers, visitors, and congregation to connect to Jesus.

► **COMMUNITY MINISTRIES.** There are nearly endless opportunities to serve our community through Community Ministries. The Master's Garden, the Nehemiah Center, the Caring Center, Prison Ministry, and the others mentioned above are ready for you and can use your help immediately. These are fantastic ways to serve, reach, and invest in our beloved community in the name of Jesus.


► **LET'S TALK.** I'd be delighted to pray and talk individually if you don't know where to plug in, serve, or invest. I've highlighted just a few of the innumerable opportunities in our family of faith to invest. Our church, community, and people need your godly wisdom and influence. I'd love to help deploy your time and talents out into the world!

If you're open, available, and willing, shoot me a text at 334.462.3724 or an email at mbethea@montgomeryfbc.org and I'll help connect you to any of these opportunities above or walk with you to explore where the Lord could utilize your incredible gifts!

I love you, appreciate you, and look forward to continuing to serve alongside you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bethea'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

MARK BETHEA
Senior Pastor



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

Reservation deadline is Monday, April 27. For more information,
 contact Sharon Windham at swindham@montgomeryfbc.org.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preschool + Children's Ministries

The 2026 Summer Calendars are now available. Event registrations are open online at 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) or Carol Roberts (334.241.5164 or croberts@montgomeryfbc.org).

Student Ministry

Graduate Recognition Sunday is May 3. Visit 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.

Senior Adult Ministry

Save the Date for our Senior Adult Vacation Bible School on Monday, May 18 through Wednesday, May 20 from 10:00 AM to noon in the

Wednesday, April 22

Children: Chicken Nuggets, Chips, Dessert

Adults: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Lima Beans, Roll, Salad, Dessert

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

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



Fellowship Hall. Get ready for Lifeway's *Illumination Station!* Join us for the brightest week of the year!

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.

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.

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

Family and friends in the death of Pat Thurman

Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Byrom (Kim) in the death of her aunt LeVonne McGee

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Rowell (Brenda) in the death of her mother Patsy Binford;

Mr. Sam Rowell in the death of his grandmother

Baptist South

Skip Parks · Madeline Williams

Sarah Alford

UAB Hospital

Eve Golden

East Alabama Medical Center

Shot Thames

Prattville Baptist Hospital

Louise Calloway

Crowne Healthcare

Rachel Teel · Jeanette Martin

John Knox Manor Rehab

Barbara Smith · Barbara Owen

MISSION TRIP INTEREST MEETINGS

➤ SUNDAY, APRIL 19 | 7:15 PM | 443

New York City Family Mission Trip (October 8-12). 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.



Deacon Nominations Due By Sunday, April 26!

Forms are available in the sanctuary foyer or online at montgomeryfbc.org/deacon-nominations.

SUMMER EVENTS

at First Baptist Montgomery

MAY 22-24

Beach Adventure (Grades 7-12)

JUNE 2-4

IncrediKids Camp (Grades 1-3)

JUNE 6-13

One Voice Choir Tour (Grades 9-12)

JUNE 8-12

One Heart Choir Tour (Grades 7-8)

JUNE 22-26

VBS: Illumination Station (ages 4 - 6th Grade)

JULY 13-17

Kids Kamp (Grades 4-6)

Youth Camp (Grades 7-12)

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, VISIT
MONTGOMERYFBC.ORG

FBC FAITHFULNESS

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship: Enrollment 3243 | **Attendance** 1102

Weekly Attendance 1835 | **Discipleship Attendance** 790

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$140,519.23 | **Received Sunday** \$122,937.40

Required To Date \$2,107,788.45 | **Received To Date** \$1,692,058.65

Annie Armstrong Offering \$136,197.88

THIS WEEK AT FBC

Visit montgomeryfbc.org for the complete calendar of events.

Sunday, April 19

- 7:45 Prayer Time *(Welcome Center)*
- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 4:00 Missions Committee
- 4:45 GriefShare
- 5:00 Discipleship Classes
Preschool + Children's Missions
One Heart + One Voice Choirs
- 6:15 Instrumental Night of Worship
- 7:15 NYC Mission Trip Interest Meeting
Kalkuta Mission Trip Interest Meeting
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Monday, April 20

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 10:00 JOY Singers Concert @ Oak Grove
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 Ladies Who Bake
- 7:00 College Ministry: The Gathering
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Tuesday, April 21

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Wednesday, April 22

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 2:15 Baldwin Bible Study
- 5:00 Wednesday Night Supper
Prayer Time for Unreached People
- 5:15 Tutoring Program
- 5:45 Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal
- 6:00 Spring Sessions
Preschool + Children's Choirs
DivorceCare
- 6:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Student Ministry: Powerhouse
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Thursday, April 23

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

Friday, April 24

- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 5:30 Children's Musical Dress Rehearsal
- 6:30 Worship at Kilby Correctional Facility
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Saturday, April 25

- 8:30 Becoming His Vessel: The Habits
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

IN-HOME MINISTRY MEMBER NORMA GUARISCO

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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

Broadcast Schedule

WSFA-TV Channel 12 Sundays, 10:30 AM

Watch Online

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montgomeryfbc.org

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vimeo.com/fbcmontgomery

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