



First Baptist Church Montgomery

# BEACON

*bring them in...build them up...send them out*

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## Worldwide Communion

Sunday, October 7  
8:30 & 11:00 AM

Share in the beauty and  
wonder of the Lord's Supper.



Join us as we welcome  
***Dr. Bobby White***  
pastor of Montgomery City of Refuge

Sunday, October 7  
6:15 PM // Main Sanctuary

# DIGITAL AGE PARENTING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21  
2 TO 4:30 PM // MAIN SANCTUARY

WITH **TAL  
PRINCE**





# CONNECTIONS

— from your Pastor's Heart

## God's Call to PRESS ON!

No matter what you face, God says *“keep running your race with ENDURANCE as you FOCUS your eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith. Who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, ignored the shame, and is now seated at the right hand of God.”* (Hebrews 12:1-2)

Our daily journey through this fallen world well compares to a triathlon combined with an obstacle course. Navigating the course requires a lot of perseverance! That's why the Lord serves as our coach by exhorting us to remove hinderances and run with endurance; pressing on to His upward prize, and seeking to be His overcomer.

Dr. Kenneth Cooper provides an instructive and inspiring story about the quality of endurance. Dr. Cooper is a famous and Christ-centered physician who specializes in health and wellness. His landmark work entitled “Aerobics” contains the enlightening story about Ken going to observe the San Francisco marathon. There were 6,000 runners participating. Dr. Cooper did not focus on the runners who finished at the top but he concentrated on the ones who finished at the bottom. The last place finisher was a man who ran with no feet. He covered the 26 mile course with pads wrapped around his ankles. The next-to-last marathoner was a gentleman who boasted that he only fell twice which is pretty good for a blind guy. Third-to-last was a tenacious 9 year old girl. Dr. Cooper's fourth-to-last champ was a 94 year old man who runs 6 miles daily and claims he could beat any other 90 year old in a 100 yard dash! Cooper observed the common denominator which enabled them to finish their race was not age or life stage but ENDURANCE of will. So no matter what you are facing, in faith keep racing!

We fuel our will with FOCUS. Focus facilitates endurance. God's Word tells us to *“focus on Jesus”* who provides the ultimate model of perseverance because our Savior endured the cross. Jesus endured the cross to save us. We seek to endure our hardships to serve Him.

Let's FOCUS and ENDURE as we run our race as a reflection of His glory and grace!

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## 2019 Proposed Budget

The church will vote on the budget without discussion during both morning worship services on **Sunday, October 7**.

Copies of the budget are available on the tables in the main sanctuary foyers or by visiting [www.montgomeryfbc.org/stewardship](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/stewardship).

### FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, September 30, 2018

#### ATTENDANCE

**Bible Fellowship Enrollment** 5209 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1647  
**Weekly Attendance** 2188 | **Discipleship Attendance** 1742

#### OFFERING

**Required Weekly** \$128,365.38 | **Received Sunday** \$102,604.91  
**Required To Date** \$5,006,249.82 | **Received To Date** \$4,624,842.95  
**Building Fund Sunday** \$270.00 | **Building Fund to Date** \$16,976.85  
**Myers Mallory Offering** \$21,587.00

**Under Budget | \$381,406.87**

**FREE**

**Games Fellowship Prizes Food Trucks\***

# 2018 FALL FESTIVAL

First Baptist Church Montgomery

sunday **OCTOBER 28** 4 to 6 pm

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

\*food available for purchase

305 South Perry Street | Montgomery, AL 36104 | 334.834.6310



## Ministry Announcements

### Preschool Ministry

Parents, don't miss **Parents Night Out** on **Friday, November 9** from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. This is your time to have a date night or just sit at home in peace and quiet! The event is free, but you need to register your children (8 weeks to 6th grade) by noon on Friday, November 2. Register online at [montgomeryfbc.org/parents-night-out](http://montgomeryfbc.org/parents-night-out).

### Children's Ministry

Kids, don't forget **Outrageous Outfits**. **Sunday, October 7 is Silly Sock Sunday**. For more information, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164.

**Stay connected to the Children's Ministry by signing up for the Remind App.** Text this message: @fbcmontg to number 81010. It's quick and easy! For more information, call Glen Leathers at 241.5164 or [gleanthers@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:gleanthers@montgomeryfbc.org).

### Senior Adult Ministry

There will be an **In-Home Ministry Lord's Supper** on **Sunday, October 14** from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Associates, please contact your team captain or John Fleming if your member wishes to participate.

Join us for the **Abundant Living Conference** on **Tuesday, October 16** from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM at Gardendale First Baptist Church. The conference will feature Dennis Swanberg "America's Minister of Encouragement." There is no charge for the event or transportation, but you will need to bring \$10 for lunch. The bus will leave from Scott Street at 7:00 AM. To register, call Mary Virginia Crum at 241.5180 by Tuesday, October 8.

Join us for a **Trip to the Anderson Farm** on **Thursday, November 8** at noon. Call Mary Virginia Crum at 241.5180 to make your reservation for this free event. We will depart from the Scott Street parking lot at 11:15 AM. Plans include lunch and wonderful fellowship!



### First Family Dinner | Wednesday, October 10

*No reservations required!*

**Adult & Children's Meal:** Chicken Fingers, French Fries, Roll, Salad, Dessert

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

**Maximum Family Amount – \$20** (immediate family only)

## Missions Ministry

The **Amy Cooper WOM Group** will meet on **Monday, October 8** at 11:30 AM Huff Building Fellowship Hall. Our own Amy Cooper members will be in the spotlight sharing ministries in which they are personally engaged. Other special ministries will be highlighted by leaders of other FBC WOM groups, Bible Fellowship classes, etc. Kellie Guthrie will talk briefly about her Lydia Project Re-invention. All are invited to attend. Bring a sack lunch and join us for a time of fellowship and inspiration. Drinks and dessert are provided. For more information, call Lanelle Huff at 399.6658.

The **Jackie Swan Bible Study Group** will meet on **Thursday, October 11** in room 413. Sewing the day gowns for stillborns at Baptist Hospital begins at 10:30 AM with lunch (bring a sandwich lunch) and the Bible study at 12:00 PM. We will be studying Liz Curtis Higgs' *Bad Girls of the Bible*. For more information, contact Sara Jane Lyon at 277.7240 or Beppy Tiller at 263.9491.

The **Charlotte Cearley WOM Group** will meet on **Tuesday, October 9** at 6:30 PM in the home of Kathy Hall, 3668 Wiley Road. Guest speaker Debbie Jones with Samaritan Inn Ministry (SIM) will share about opportunities to share God's love by being the "hands and heart of Christ." Contact Kathy Hall at 777-8704 or Kathy Smith at 467-9178 if you are interested in learning more about the purpose of this group.

**Volunteers are needed to help with the 2018 River Region Judgment House.** For more information about possible areas of service, or to register to be on a team, visit [www.judgmenthouse.org](http://www.judgmenthouse.org) or contact Brian Gay at 220.4402 or [briang@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:briang@montgomeryfbc.org).

## Community Ministries

**Volunteers of all ages are needed to help in the Caring Center!** A special appeal goes out to moms with school-age kids to consider giving three hours a week during school hours to help care for the needy with food, clothes and household goods. What a practical way for you to be "doers of the Word." Prayerfully consider this great opportunity to have an impact on our community in the name of Jesus! To volunteer, contact Jane Ferguson at 241.5144 or Tim Cearley at 241.5141.

## New Members

### By Baptism

**Mary Surhea White**

2100 Wyndgate Mews | Montgomery, AL 36117

### By Letter/Statement of Faith

**Mr. Tom Crews**

930 Cherry Hill Place | Montgomery, AL 36117

## Our Church Family

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, contact Carolyn Bryan at 241.5120.

### Sympathy Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Chet Matthews (Cindy) in the death of her father

Mr. & Mrs. Brannan Reaves (Meredith) in the death of his father

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Teague (Betty) in the death of his father

Mrs. Ladon Green (Martha) in the death of her husband; Ms. Beth Green in the death of her father-in-law; Mr. Daniel Green & Miss Sarah Green in the death of their grandfather

### Baptist East

David Hataway • Dot Robinson

### UAB Medical Center

Terry Treadwell

### Ministerial Staff Birthdays

Mark Bethea (October 13)

RIVER REGION  
**judgment-house**

A Dramatic Gospel Presentation That Changes Lives

Oct 14 - 31



4003 Eastern Blvd

## Churchwide News & Events

**Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is coming November 12-19!** This year's campaign is in honor of our dear friend and FBC member, Ann Palmer, who has ALS and is on hospice care. Over the past 7 years, Ann has individually packed more than 700 shoeboxes and donated countless boxes of filler items to make hundreds of additional shoeboxes. Plan to pack one or more shoeboxes this year in honor of Ann's dedication, and make a difference in the life of a child! To volunteer, contact Ben Hulsey at 399.9876 or ebjhulsey@gmail.com.

**Volunteers are needed in the Prayer Room!** Available time slots can be found on the prayer room door (located next to the elevator on the 3rd floor, main building) or contact Sally Frazier at 274.8989 or 224.9895.

**Will you be away from FBC on Sunday?** Then join us **Sunday** at 11:00 AM as we broadcast our service live on the FBC app and website ([www.montgomeryfbc.org/livestream](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/livestream)) as well as our main **Facebook page, First Baptist Church Montgomery** (@montgomeryfirstbaptist).

## Alabama Baptist State Convention

**Tuesday, November 13 & Wednesday, November 14**  
**First Baptist Church | Trussville**

If you would like to serve as a messenger at the Alabama Baptist State Convention, contact Carolyn Bryan at 241.5120 or cbryan@montgomeryfbc.org.

*"Being a banker, the thoughts about all the potential legalities and complexity were barriers we faced. The process seemed so complicated. Having trust in Pastor Jay and the experience of others from the church helped us feel comfortable in taking the initial step with PhilanthroCorp. This was the best and easiest thing to do!"*

— Tim and Leslie Riley

faith kids gifts family work home  
**LEGACY**  
conversations  
relationships | expertise | resources

You're invited to join **Jay Wolf and Barry Bledsoe** for a  
**Legacy Conversations Lunch**

**Monday, October 22**

12 to 1 PM \\ Fellowship Hall

This is a great opportunity to have lunch with your Pastor and learn about services available to you through the First Baptist Foundation. Jay and Barry will share about our services with PhilanthroCorp, an estate planning firm out of Colorado. Our church has partnered with them to provide planning services to you at no cost.

Please RSVP to Alissa Parrish at [airvin@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:airvin@montgomeryfbc.org) or 241.5127.

**Apples OF Gold**

A Mentoring Program for Young, Married Women

**Thursdays, January 24 through March 7 // 9:30 to 11:45 AM**

**Limited to 13 participants**  
**Registration Deadline: October 12**  
**Call or text Cheri Love at 202.8303**

**Cost is \$25**  
(includes book, notebook and meals)  
Unfortunately, no childcare available

## This week at FBC

For the complete calendar, visit  
[www.montgomeryfbc.org](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org).

### Sunday, October 7

- 8:30 Worship Service  
Prayer Room in Media Center
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes  
Children's Ministry: New Christian Class  
Nearly/Newlywed Class
- 11:00 Worship Service  
Prayer Room in Media Center
- 4:30 ABCs of Evangelism  
Citizenship Class
- 5:00 Children's Missions  
Discipleship Classes
- 6:15 Worship Service

### Monday, October 8

- 10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal
- 11:30 Amy Cooper Women on Mission
- 5:15 Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 Freedom in Christ Recovery Group

### Tuesday, October 9

- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 Ladies Bible Study
- 5:30 Women with Emotional Pain
- 6:30 Charlotte Cearley Women on Mission
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous
- 8:00 College Ministry: Elevate

### Wednesday, October 10

- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 2:15 Baldwin Bible Study
- 4:45 First Family Dinner
- 5:30 Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal  
Tutoring
- 5:45 Preschool & Children's Choirs  
Discipleship: Godly Parent Training
- 6:00 First Family Prayer Time
- 6:30 Student Ministry: Powerhouse  
Discipleship: DivorceCare
- 6:35 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 6:40 Finance Committee
- 6:45 Ejamat Prayer Time

### Thursday, October 11

- 9:00 Conversational English
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group
- 10:30 Jackie Swan Women on Mission

### Friday, October 12

- Mission Project: Talladega
- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 1:30 Meal for Lanier Football Team

### Saturday, October 13

- Mission Project: Talladega
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

## In Home Ministry Member Bob Morris

3909 Meredith Drive | Montgomery, AL 36109

305 South Perry Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
montgomery

## Morning Worship (8:30 & 11:00 AM)

**Call to Worship** | Sanctuary Orchestra

**All the Glory Belongs to Jesus**  
Sanctuary Choir

**Offertory** | Lottie Monroe

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**  
**2019 Ministry Plan Adoption**

**Prayer Room**

Jeff Cavanaugh (Epperson/Wachs/Trotman Class)

## Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

**Call to Worship** | Montgomery City of Refuge

**Offertory** | Montgomery City of Refuge

**Message** | Dr. Bobby White



## CrossRoads Broadcast Schedule

Watch the sermon at the time below or  
online at [www.montgomeryfbc.org](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org).

**Frazer Channel 13** (Montgomery & Prattville)

**Brighthouse Channel 122** (Elmore County)

Sunday, 1:30 PM (full hour) & 6:00 PM

Tuesday, 8:00 PM; Thursday, 1:30 PM & 6:00 PM

**WSFA-TV Channel 12** | Sunday, 10:30 AM

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