

"I was excited about having Bert Montgomery come to First Baptist Austin because I had enjoyed his writing and I delighted in his ability to find theological truth from a wide range of sources. However, his presentation was a wonderful gift beyond what I had expected. His strong presentation of a challenge to serious discipleship, all presented in a New Orleans style of speaking, complete with non-stop guitar accompaniment brought both smiles and deep conviction to our congregation. Anybody who can appreciate the Holy work of Willie Nelson and still call us to a deep following of Jesus is someone I want to hear from again. Thanks Bert..."

## Dr. Roger Paynter Pastor First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church Austin, TX

"When Bert preached the Christianity of Johnny Cash at the Flower-Pickin' Festival, we could all relate."

## **Robbie Ward**

Executive Director Pardon Johnny Cash Flower-Pickin' Festival

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## BERT MONTGOMERY

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"Bert is an out-of-the box, no cookie-cutter, full-throttle Jesus kinda guy who gets what it means to be on mission with God in the world. I'm glad to call him a friend and colleague and my teacher in remembering that life isn't just about rules and regulations. It is about taking yourself out to the edge and leaping toward whatever God has in store."

Dr. Robert Nash, Jr.

McAfee School of Theology - Mercer University

"Bert is a modest sort of fellow despite all of his accomplishments. He's a writer, a speaker, and a musician. The neat thing is, when he writes you can hear the music. And when he speaks, you can hear the care and thought that goes into every word he writes. Oh yeah – and he can be very, very funny, too. This is a good combination and I heartily commend the writing and speaking and music of Bert Montgomery to you."

**Bob Darden** 

Dept. of Journalism - Baylor University (former editor of the late-great Wittenburg Door)

## ABOUT BERT

Bert Montgomery grew up outside of New Orleans, lived in Memphis, and dearly loves the state that connects the two. He's the author of four books; he teaches Introduction to Religion courses in the Department of Philosophy and Religion at Mississippi State University; and he serves as pastor of University Baptist Church in Starkville. His writings have also appeared at The FaithLab, Huffington Post, Burnside Writer's Collective, Red Letter Christians, and elsewhere. Because of his blues-inspired message "God's Got His Mojo Workin'," Bert has earned the nickname "The Minister of Mojo."

Prior to moving to Starkville, Bert served three Kentucky congregations as either youth minister or pastor. He worked for several years as a juvenile probation officer, first in Jackson, MS, then in Memphis, TN.

For what it's worth, after graduating from Destrehan High School (Go Wildcats!), Bert studied at Mississippi State University, Union University, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Mississippi College, Memphis Theological Seminary, and the Baptist Seminary of Kentucky. He actually hung around long enough to get degrees from three of them (a B.A. in Religion/Philosophy; an M.S. in Sociology; and an M.Div.).

