



On
MISSION 

at First Baptist Church Montgomery

2024 Missions Menu
and Prayer Guide

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About this Missions Menu

In 2023, FBC Montgomery has the opportunity to take the light of Christ from our neighborhoods to the Nations. In this menu, you'll find a guide for finding your place in missions around the world. We hope you will search for where God would have you go and be obedient to that calling.

As you read through and consider the various mission opportunities described, remember everything we do is built on the foundation of Prayer. Prayer is not just part of our strategy. Prayer IS our strategy.

Please take this missions menu and prayer guide and use it throughout the year to pray for our mission expeditions and the missionaries we will be serving.

A Word about Funding

At FBC Montgomery, we have been blessed to provide additional funding to help offset the costs to participants. The costs listed in this menu include housing, flights, transportation, and most meals. In addition, the FBC Montgomery budget will help subsidize the costs of translators, supplies, and other expenses involved in successfully completing mission trips. **On average, mission projects are subsidized by 70% of the cost of the trip!**

The FBC Montgomery Budget and funds from budget overage have subsidized all trips. Additional scholarships are available upon request. We don't want money to be the thing that keeps anyone from going.

FBC COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

FBC Community Ministries needs volunteers year-round to be on mission here in Montgomery and in the River Region.

CARING CENTER

Where: Huff-Ferguson Building (380 Arba Street)

When: Monday – Thursday (10:00 AM to 3:00 PM)
Friday (1:00 to 3:00 PM)

Contact: Emma Kate Shelton, Director (334.241.5144)

Description: The Caring Center provides food, clothes, household items, and financial assistance to individuals and families in the Montgomery and River Region area. A large volunteer force is needed to help in the reception area, the clothing shop, the food shop, the donation receiving area, and help make return phone calls to schedule food shop appointments.

TUTORING PROGRAM

Where: FBC, 5th and 6th Floor

When: Wednesday (5:15 to 6:30 PM)

Contact: Charles Hamilton, Community Ministries Executive Director (334.241.5141/chamilton@fbc-cm.org)

Description: Volunteers have the opportunity to make a positive impact in the life of a child through one-on-one tutoring ministry with children from our Nehemiah Center and local community.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE & CONVERSATIONAL CAFÉ

Where: FBC, 6th Floor

When: Monday – Wednesday (9:00 AM to 1:00 PM)
Americana Café (9:30 to 11:30 AM)

Contact: Cecil McKinney, Coordinator (334.819.7430)

Description: Multi-levels of one-hour ESL classes for our international friends and an opportunity for students to practice what they learn in class at the Conversational Café. Volunteers are needed primarily for Café and to help provide refreshments for participants.

CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH

Where: FBC, 4th Floor

When: Thursday (9:00 AM to 11:15 AM)

Contact: Brooke Mills, Director (334.492.8812 or conversationalenglish@mgmbaptists.org)

Description: Volunteers help with teaching multi-levels of one-hour English classes, providing child-care assistance for CE students with non-school-age children, assisting with transportation needs, or help to provide refreshments for students and teachers.

CITIZENSHIP TRAINING

Where: FBC, 4th Floor

When: Thursday (9:00 to 11:15 AM)

Contact: Ellen Bush (334.430.6580) or Reggie Quimby (334.224.2086)

CHILDREN'S LEARNING CENTER

Where: FBC, 1st Floor

When: Monday - Friday (7:00 AM to 5:30 PM)

Contact: Kim Herbert, Director (334.834.7475 or kherbert@fbc-cm.org)

PRISON MINISTRY

Contact: Chuck Latham (334.241.5140)

Description: Various opportunities for men and women as facilities open up for Bible classes; non-traditional opportunities include Angel Tree and IT support for the volunteer training portal

NEHEMIAH CENTER

Where: 217 Broadway Street, Montgomery, AL 36110

When: After-School Program, Monday – Thursday
(3:00 to 5:30 PM)

Summer Program, June & July (9:00 AM to 3:00 PM)

Moms and Mentors, Wednesday (12:00 to 2:00 PM)

English as a Second Language (ESL), Wednesday (12:30 to 2:00 PM)

Adult Education, Weekdays: Monday & Wednesday,
Week nights: Tuesday & Thursday

Live Nativity, December 6 (4:30 to 6:30 PM)

Back-to-School Block Party, August 5 (9:00 AM to 12:00 PM)

Contact: Rhonda Thompson, Director (334.263.6663)

Description: The Nehemiah Center is a Christian Community Development program for the Chisholm area providing engagement opportunities for children, young adults, and families. Includes sports camps, basketball, football, tennis, cheerleading, Bible studies, and many community special events

MASTER'S GARDEN

Where: 216 Broadway Street, Montgomery, AL 36110

When: March through November

Contact: Robin Caddell, Director (334.546.7902)

Description: Volunteers are needed to help plant, prune, pick and pray over this beautiful 2.5 acre community garden. The garden provides individual family plots and a communal garden serving to improve quality of life, develop cross-cultural bonds, produce nutritious fruits and vegetables, reduce family food budgets, beautify the neighborhood, and instill pride/self-reliance among neighbors.

PRAYER POINTS:

- For volunteers to serve (Galatians 6:9)
- For children and parents to come to know Jesus (John 17:3)
- For the love of Christ to be evident in the lives of volunteers (Matthew 5:16)
- For those coming from other countries to experience Christ when participating in Community Ministry projects (Ephesians 5:1)
- For wisdom as we serve and care for families, internationals, the city of Montgomery, and those from the surrounding counties (Proverbs 16:9)

RECESS RESPITE EVENT

February 10, April 27, July 27, and November 16

rEcess is a respite event that will be held quarterly at our church. This event is for the parents, siblings, and children in our GIFT ministry. rEcess is an event created by the organization 99 Balloons that allows time for families that experience disabilities to take a break from everyday life and have FUN! We want this to be a fun time for siblings of children experiencing disability as well as the children experiencing disabilities themselves. We also want this to be a time of respite for the parents, a time where they can take a break. We hope you will join us as we start this special event at our church!

Volunteers Needed: Need to be at least 16 yrs old

Contact: Sara Elizabeth Granthum
(segranthum@gmail.com)

RA MISSION PROJECT

Saturday, April 6 & Sunday, April 7

The RA's will be doing a local mission project in April during the Montgomery Airshow. Tasks will include handing out water bottles, showing love to all those in attendance and more.

Volunteers Needed: RAs and Parents

Contact: Chris Mills (334.617.6908)

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLOCK PARTY

Saturday, August 3 // 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Every year our church is honored to host a back-to-school party at the Nehemiah Center in Chisolm. The event includes fun, games, food, and lots of opportunities for fellowship and gospel conversations.

Contact: Brian Gay (334.220.4402)
Ryan Gray (803.767.9236)

- Alabama -

TALLADEGA

This project will provide the opportunity to minister to people coming to the spring and fall races at Talladega Superspeedway. Opportunities for evangelism will abound and the ministry will lead a worship service to be held on Sunday morning before the race.

Prayer Points:

- For volunteers to serve for each of these dates (Isaiah 6:8)
- For direction from the Lord during worship services (Ephesians 6:19)
- For clarity and boldness in sharing the Gospel (Isaiah 55:11)
- For opportunities to build relationships (John 13:34)

Cost: \$20/per person

Spring (Youth) // April 20-21

Trip Leader: Darren Kreitz (334.590.4020)

HOPE HEALS CAMPS

Dates: July

Hope Heals Camp is a time of respite, resourcing, and relaxation for families affected by disability. We strive to wholistically serve every member of a family unit, which means there are myriad ways to contribute at camp. Based on your preference and our needs, you may serve in one of the following: Compassionate Companion (CC), Floater, Kids Activity Crew, Hospitality Crew, Tech Crew, Medical Crew, General Crew, or Nursery Crew.

More information is available at
www.hopeheals.com/camp/volunteer

Cost: \$400

Trip Leader: Paul and Britt Griggs (334.207.5215 or brittgriggs@charter.net)

– United States –

REFLECTIONS CHOIR TOUR

Dates: March 15-17

The Reflections ensemble will lead in at least three different worship services throughout Nashville. Our students will also be able to serve at the Nashville Rescue mission as well as lead their weekly chapel service.

Cost: \$330

Trip Leader: Brad Brand (bbrand@montgomeryfbc.org)

Prayer Points:

- Pray that our student would be bold in sharing their faith.
- Pray that the gospel is heard as we sing and lead in worship.
- Pray that the local churches are strengthened as a result of us serving and leading in worship.

ONE VOICE CHOIR TOUR

Dates: June 8-15

Our One Voice Choir tour will be in Charleston and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. On Sunday, we will lead in worship at the historic First Baptist Church in Charleston. Throughout the week, we will lead 3-4 worship services as well as serve the community of Myrtle Beach. We will also be assisting with a sports camp in North Myrtle Beach.

Trip Leader: Brad Brand (bbrand@montgomeryfbc.org)

Prayer Points:

- Pray that God would use our students well to lead His people in worship.
- Pray that the Gospel is clear through the songs we sing.
- Pray that God would draw people to Himself through our students leading and serving.
- For students to be fully committed to serving the Lord (Romans 12:1-2)
- For safety as we travel on the buses (Psalms 121:7-8)
- For the hearts of non-believers to have their hearts open to the Gospel (Deuteronomy 5:29)
- For the pastors and those with whom we work to be encouraged (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

ONE HEART CHOIR TOUR

Dates: June 9-16

The One Heart Choir (grades 7-8) will present a local concert on June 9 before leaving for choir tour in Chattanooga, Tennessee on June 10 through 14. There Homecoming Concert will be at FBC on June 16.

Score International is headquartered in Chattanooga and will be our ministry partner this year. The choir will sing and minister in area Homeless Shelters, Rescue Missions and Service Projects based on the needs of the local community and churches.

Trip Leader: Greg Steele (gsteele@montgomeryfbc.org)

Prayer Points:

- For opportunities to share Christ's love with others (Mark 16:15-16)
- For the lost to be saved (Psalm 96:3)
- For safe travels and healthy students and leaders (Hebrews 13:15)

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA FAMILY TRIP

Dates: May 31 - June 2

This is a Family Friendly mission trip. We will be leaving on Friday and traveling to New Orleans. While there, we will do a variety of activities including a block party, feeding the homeless at the church without walls with our church planter Troy Gause, and more!

Cost: \$100/per person

Trip Leader: Brian Gay (334.220.4402)

Prayer Points:

- For God to soften the hearts of those whom we would be sharing (Jeremiah 24:7)
- For us to remain focused on God's main goal of making true disciples of Christ (Matthew 28:19)
- For the Holy Spirit to move us to have great compassion for the lost (Colossians 3:12)
- For the protection of the missionaries serving in this area (Deuteronomy 31:6)

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE FAMILY TRIP

Dates: June 29 - July 3

This is a Summer Family Mission Project open to all ages. The team will be serving alongside a local church in the Nashville area.

Cost: \$150/per person

Trip Leader: Chris Mills (334.617.6908) and Carol Roberts (334.318.8228)

NEW YORK

Our church is honored to support multiple church plants in New York City. These include Wes & Ashley Costello and Alonza Lewis, who were sent out from our church to serve in NYC. During these trips, we will be providing support for these church plants in a variety of ways.

Cost: \$450/per person

NYC Spring Break (College Students) // March 9-13

Trip Leader: Ryan Gray (803.767.9236)

NYC May

Trip Leader: Mike Nuss (224.2079)

NYC October (Families) // October 3-7

Trip Leader: Brian Gay (220.4402)

Prayer Points:

- For God to soften the hearts of those whom we would be sharing (Jeremiah 24:7)
- For us to remain focused on God's main goal of making true disciples of Christ (Matthew 28:19)
- For the Holy Spirit to move us to have great compassion for the lost (Colossians 3:12)
- For the protection of the missionaries serving in this area (Deuteronomy 31:6)

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA (COLLEGE)

Dates: March 16-20

Come see all that God is doing through Favor City Church in Las Vegas! Beyond the strip there are families and people, made in the image of God that are in desperate need to meet their creator! You can serve with us by helping provide childcare for our gatherings, a meal for our serve team, maintenance work on our trailers, and serving our local high school. This team will Prayer walk/Door Hanger promo for Fall festival, trailer repairs, painting projects at our high school, childcare for our worship gathering to give our Kids team a break. Projects can be modified based on the team.

Trip Leader: Ryan Gray (rgray@montgomeryfbc.org)

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Dates TBD

We will be working with Kevin & Christy Scott who started Coffee @ the Well and Church @ the Well.

Cost: \$600/per person

Trip Leader: Ellen Bush (ellenbush54@gmail.com)

- International -

LONDON, ENGLAND (COLLEGE)

Dates: July 5-12

Trip Leader: Ryan Gray (rgray@montgomeryfbc.org)

Prayer points:

- For safe travels (Psalm 121:7-8)
- For the hearts of believers to be encouraged and for nonbelievers to come to know Jesus Christ through this unique opportunity (Romans 10:17)

CENTRAL ASIA (Z PEOPLE)

Dates: March 1-8

Prayer warriors needed! Come tour the Z heartland while you petition the Lord for the hearts of these people. You will spend the week joining us in prayer as we tour centuries old cities, see sights and meet with locals to hear about the spread of the Gospel in this area.

Onion Prayer Conference (www.onionprayer.com)

Cost: \$1200/per person

Trip Leader: Brian Gay (334.220.4402 or briang@montgomeryfbc.org)

KENYA, AFRICA

Spring

This team will be visiting the Donnithorne family to provide encouragement and work in and around the Tenewek Hospital in Kenya. The Donnithorne family has been serving in Kenya since the fall of 2023 and we are looking forward to sending a team to work with them in Spring of 2024.

Cost: \$1200/per person

Trip Leaders: Mark Bethea (334.241.5121 or mbethea@montgomeryfbc.org.)

INDIA

Spring

This team will be dedicating new churches, host a Pastor's Conference, provide individual ministry, preaching, and evangelism.

Prayer Points:

- For many to come to Christ as a result of the work in India (1 Chronicles 16:24)
- For funds to build more churches (Philippians 4:19)
- For protection and perseverance of Indian pastors and believers (Ephesians 6:19-20)
- For a great move of the Holy Spirit in a land of less than one percent Christians (Acts 2:1-4)
- For the churches to continue to draw many to Christ (Matthew 5:14-16)

Trip Leader: Douglas McElvy (334.315.9000 or dmcelvy@mcelvylaw.com)

MEXICO

Dates: May 17-24

This team will be visiting and working alongside the Mexico (Mixtec) team. The Mixtec are one of the largest Unreached People Groups in the Americas. A new church has recently been planted and work continues to reach more Mixtec people.

Cost: \$800/per person

Trip Leader: Brian Gay (220.4402 or briang@montgomeryfbc.org)

BRAZIL

Dates: July 19-28

Working with Pastor Humberto and his Xexeu church congregation at two area churches. FBC Montgomery helped to build these church buildings several years ago. The team will organize events that will encourage congregations and strengthen their presence in the community.

Cost: \$1200/per person

Volunteers needed: Up to 10

Team Leaders: Jim Johnson (334.799.2978 or jvjgreenville@aol.com)

ROMANIA

Dates: July

We will be working at a Ukrainian Refugee Center in Romania hosted by a Baptist church in Bucharest. This church uses its church facility as a temporary refuge for Ukrainians until they obtain proper travel documents or find work inside Romania. This site is staffed by church volunteers who provide food, water, and clothing to the refugees. Our team will largely take over the operations for a week to relieve the volunteers. In addition to managing the camp (checking in new refugees, preparing and serving three meals a day, cleaning, etc.), we will conduct VBS for the children.

Volunteers Needed: 6 – 10

Cost: \$1200 /per person

Trip Leader: Ken and Katherine Webb
(kjwebb8925@gmail.com)

SOUTH AFRICA MK CAMP

Dates: Late December 2024 – January 2025

Volunteers help serve the IMB missionaries during this meeting by providing an MK Camp for Sub-Saharan Africa Missionary Kids. Activities are similar to a FBC Youth Camp and include bible studies, worship, games, devotionals, and much more.

Cost: \$1200/per person

Trip Leader: Tommy McGregor
(tommy@tommygregor.com)

CUBA

Dates: TBD

This team will do construction, VBS, women's & men's bible studies, testimonies, preaching and more to impact the people of Cuba with the Gospel.

Cost: \$800/per person

Team Leaders: Beau Cooper (334.462.2606 or paulroycooper@gmail.com) & Pickett Reese (334.315.5938 or pickettreese@gmail.com)

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