

First Baptist Church Montgomery

# BEACON



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

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FBC Stewardship Emphasis  
2025 Goal: \$7,307,000

GROWING IN  
**generosity**  
2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

time  
talent  
treasure



## November 3 | Giving Sunday

### Ways to Give:

- Online at [montgomeryfbc.org/give](http://montgomeryfbc.org/give)
- On the First Baptist App
- Through Your Bank's Bill Pay System
- In the Worship Services on Sunday



Discover the ministries  
of FBC and how you can  
**Make a Difference!**

**Sundays, November 3 & 10**

8:00 AM to 12:30 PM // 2nd Floor Foyer

[montgomeryfbc.org](http://montgomeryfbc.org) | [info@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:info@montgomeryfbc.org) | 334.834.6310



## WHAT IS GIVING SUNDAY?

This Sunday, we're launching Giving Sunday as an integral part of our stewardship season. We're asking the entire church body to join in generosity and recognize God's abundant blessing over each of us!

Here are a few opportunities to participate in Giving Sunday:

1. If you are giving faithfully, let's joyfully give over and above this Sunday as we see the awesome power in our collective generosity.
2. If you have never tithed or given financially to the Lord through the church, consider Giving Sunday to be the catalyst to this critical spiritual discipline. Pray and allow this Sunday to propel you in obedience with the entire church family.
3. Consider utilizing Giving Sunday as a physical act of worship during the worship service. As the offering plate is passed, bring your offering and physically place it in the offering plate or boxes in the back of the Sanctuary.
4. Also, consider utilizing the opportunity to get your children involved and excited about giving. Don't miss the opportunity to teach and demonstrate generosity! Let them be involved in giving during the Sunday morning worship service.

As we give together, let's see the impact we can make as we follow God's instruction in 2 Corinthians 9:7, *"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*

Giving Sunday (previously *Prove the Tithes Sunday*) has traditionally been one of the largest single days of generosity on our church calendar. It helps propel us forward into missions and ministry! Thank you for the years and years of faithful generosity and stewardship!

Praying, Serving, and Giving with You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bethea', written in a cursive style.

**MARK BETHEA**  
Senior Pastor

**PARENTS NIGHT OUT** | Friday  
**November 15**  
**6 to 9 pm**

8 weeks to 6th grade  
 RSVP at [montgomeryfbc.org/events](http://montgomeryfbc.org/events)

## MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Preschool Ministry

The Preschool Ministry is **GROWING** and we need to add another room for worship care during the 11:00 AM worship service! This additional room for crawlers/toddlers requires at least 8 volunteers per month (2 each week). All volunteers must first complete the Ministry Safe training as per our Child Protect Policy. If you would be willing to serve, contact Judy Bryant at [jbryant@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:jbryant@montgomeryfbc.org).

### Women's Ministry

Do you have a college student at Alabama or Auburn? If YES, then join us for a "road trip" to Auburn on Tuesday, November 12 and Tuscaloosa on Tuesday, November 19 to have lunch with our students. Everyone will be "going dutch" for lunch, but we'll be taking "goody

**First Family Thanksgiving MEAL**

Sunday, November 24  
 Fellowship Hall  
 4:45 to 6:00 PM  
 Make reservations at [montgomeryfbc.org/event](http://montgomeryfbc.org/event)

**NOVEMBER**

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 27:1

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## Wednesday Night Supper | November 6



**Children:** Chicken Nuggets, Chips, Dessert

**Adults:** Pulled Pork, Hashbrown Casserole, Baked Beans, Toast, Salad, Dessert

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

**Family Amount – \$20** (2 adults and children under 12 living in the same household)

## NEW MEMBERS

### By Baptism

**Cole Dozier**

563 Cindy Lane  
Montgomery, AL 36116

**Thomas McCrory**

50 Johnson Creek Court  
Cecil, AL 36013

**Wylie Parks**

2436 Wildwood Drive  
Montgomery, AL 36111

**Anna Stone**

1824 Hillwood Drive  
Montgomery, AL 36106

**Watts Wood**

2062 Myrtlewood Drive  
Montgomery, AL 36111

- Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Garrick (Melinda) in the death of her brother
- Dr. & Mrs. Grover Jacobs (Nan) in the death of her sister
- Mr. & Mrs. Ben Easterling (Catherine) in the death of her mother; Mary Margaret, Caroline, and Ben Easterling in the death of their grandmother
- Mr. John Teague Jr. in the death of his mother Tami

### Baptist South

Shari Pickering

### Capitol Hill Healthcare

Terry Yarbrough · Jerry Hinson

### Hillview Terrace

Lillian Wilkinson

### John Knox Manor Rehab

Barbara Smith

### St. Francis – Emory Healthcare (Columbus, GA)

Robert Smith

### Congratulations Extended to

- Mr. & Mrs. Bob Herbert (Kim) in the birth of a granddaughter
- Mr. & Mrs. Boone Stutz (Elizabeth) in the birth of a son; Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Flemming (Sharon) in the birth of a grandson
- Mr. & Mrs. Mike Rowell (Brenda) in the birth of a granddaughter

## 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

- Mr. & Mrs. Will Lewis (Rosemary) in the death of his grandmother
- Mr. & Mrs. Andy Donaldson (Gail) in the death of her father; Emma and Ava Donaldson in the death of their grandfather
- Dr. & Mrs. Stan Winslow (Cheryl) in the death of his sister

bags” for our FBC college students as a “thinking of you/love you” gift from the church. We will leave Montgomery at 10:30 AM on both days to head to each campus. Dads are welcome as well. For more information, contact Sharon Windham at swindham@montgomeryfbc.org.

## Missions Ministries

**The Amy Cooper WOM Group will meet on Monday, November 11 at 11:30 AM in the fellowship hall.** The speaker will be Bethany Brand, First Choice Women’s Medical Center. Bring a sack lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. For more information, contact Sheree Powell at 549.6435.

## Community Events

### *MBA Annual Celebration*

Sunday, November 3 | 6:00 PM | Eastern Hills Baptist Church  
mgmbaptists.org

### *Alabama Baptist State Convention*

Tuesday, November 12 & Wednesday, November 13  
Eastern Shore Baptist Church (Daphne, AL) | alsbom.org/convention

To serve as a messenger, contact Carolyn Bryan at 241.5120 or cbryan@montgomeryfbc.org

# The Living Christmas Tree 2024 Ticket Request

Ticket reservations begin on Sunday, November 3. Remember, the purpose of this beautiful Christmas gift is to reach the lost. PLEASE invite friends, family, and neighbors to join you and use this as a purposeful opportunity to share Christ. To help us be as efficient as possible, remember:

- **The best way to reserve tickets is online.** You can also return the ticket request form in the offering plate on Sunday or drop it in the LCT boxes at the information desk, the 4th-floor foyer, or the Scott Street entrance.
- **Tickets may be picked up beginning Sunday, November 17,** from 9:30 AM to 12:15 PM in the Welcome Center. The final pick-up date for tickets being held is Wednesday, December 4.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENTATIONS	# OF TICKETS NEEDED
Friday, December 13 · 7:00 PM	
Saturday, December 14 · 4:00 PM	
Sunday, December 15 · 4:00 PM	

**Since no offering will be taken during the presentations, a \$5 per ticket donation is suggested.**

Detach the form and leave in one of the LCT boxes at First Baptist or mail to: The Living Christmas Tree, First Baptist Church, 305 South Perry Street | Montgomery, AL 36104

**For more information or to order tickets  
visit [thelivingchristmastree.org](http://thelivingchristmastree.org).**

**FBC FAITHFULNESS | SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024**

## ATTENDANCE

**Bible Fellowship: Enrollment 3519 | Attendance 1223**

**Weekly Attendance 1737 | Discipleship Attendance 539**

## OFFERING

**Required Weekly \$136,500.00 | Received Sunday \$88,466.06**

**Required To Date \$5,869,500.00 | Received To Date \$4,899,065.65**

## THIS WEEK AT FBC

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

### Sunday, November 3

- 7:45 Prayer Time (*Welcome Center*)
- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship
- 10:00 Pastor's Class
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 4:00 Reflections Ensemble
- 4:30 Becoming His Vessel: The Habits
- 4:45 GriefShare
- 5:00 Discipleship Classes  
Preschool + Children's Missions  
One Heart + One Voice Choirs
- 6:15 Worship Service
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

### Monday, November 4

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal
- 4:30 Sanctuary Handbell Rehearsal
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 7:00 College Ministry: The Gathering
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

### Tuesday, November 5

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 Ladies Bible Study
- 6:30 Apples of Gold
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

### Wednesday, November 6

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 2:15 Baldwin Bible Study
- 5:00 First Family Dinner  
Prayer for Unreached People Group
- 5:15 Tutoring
- 5:45 Orchestra Rehearsal
- 6:00 First Family Prayer Time  
Preschool + Children's Choirs  
Confident Parenting  
DivorceCare
- 6:45 Student Ministry: Powerhouse  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

### Thursday, November 7

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

### Friday, November 8

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

### Saturday, November 9

- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

## IN-HOME MINISTRY MEMBER

### Speck Hughes

3801 Oak Grove Drive, Apt 30  
Montgomery, AL 36116



305 South Perry Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

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## FBC Livestreams

### Website

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

### Facebook

@montgomeryfirstbaptist

### App

First Baptist Church Montgomery

### Vimeo

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

### YouTube

First Baptist Church Montgomery

## Broadcast Schedule

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

**Briighthouse Channel 122** (*Elmore County*)

**Full Hour:** Sunday, 12:30 PM & 6:00 PM

**Half Hour:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 6:00 PM

**WSFA-TV Channel 12**

**Half Hour:** Sunday, 10:30 AM

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