



On
MISSION 

at First Baptist Church Montgomery

2025 Missions Menu
and Prayer Guide

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ABOUT THIS MISSIONS MENU

In 2025, First Baptist Montgomery has the opportunity to take the light of Christ from our neighborhoods to the nations. In this menu, you'll have a guide for finding your place in missions around the world. It is our hope that 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.

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

A WORD ABOUT FUNDING

At First Baptist Montgomery, we have been very 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 First Baptist Montgomery budget will help to subsidize the costs of translators, supplies, and other costs involved in the successful completion of mission trips. *On average, mission projects are subsidized by 70% of the cost of the trip!*

All trips have been subsidized by the First Baptist Montgomery Budget and funds from budget overage. **Additionally, scholarships are available upon request.** We don't want cost to be the thing that keeps anyone from going.

MONTGOMERY

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, 36104)

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

Contact: Rick Brenny, Director (334.241.5140/rbrenny@fbc-cm.org)

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)
Conversational 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 Cafe. 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/
conversationalenglish@mgbaptists.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 helping 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/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, 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)

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. It 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

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)

WOMEN ON MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

WMU WOMEN'S EVENT: ROCKIN' WITH JOY

Where: FBC, Fellowship Hall

When: Tuesday, March 4

Description: Watch for more information in the *Beacon* and make plans to attend. You will receive a blessing!

WMU INITIATIVE: CULTIVATE

Description: This initiative allows us to connect with College Campus Ministers across our state. To receive weekly messages from these ministers and learn about their efforts to reach college students for Christ, sign up at www.alabamawmu.org/bcm.

AUM BAPTIST CAMPUS MINISTRIES (BCM) LUNCHEON

Where: AUM Campus

When: Wednesday, April 9

Contact: Sheree Powell (334.549.6435)

Description: This lunch is prepared and hosted by the Amy Cooper Women on Mission group. Volunteers are needed to help with this meal and serve college students on the AUM Campus.

NEHEMIAH MOM'S GROUP LUNCH

Where: Nehemiah Center

Contact: Jane Burdeshaw (334.318.2209)

Description: Several of our Women on Mission groups and other volunteers supply lunch for the Nehemiah Mom's group once a month. Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve these meals.

CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

When: October 20-26

Contact: Mary Ruth Wolf (334.717.1921) or Anita Graydon (334.322.0350)

Description: Help us make Christmas brighter for children living along the Mississippi River who are among some of the poorest in the U.S. Generation after generation in the region live without basic human needs. Share a gift of love and the Gospel with a child in need this Christmas! We invite you to participate with us in this Alabama WMU Ministry project. For more information, visit alabamawmu.org/christmasbackpacks.

SERVE SEPTEMBER

When: Tuesday, September 23

Contact: Sharon Windham, Women's Ministry Coordinator (334.324.4663/swindham@montgomeryfbc.org)

Description: Serve September is a church-wide initiative inviting everyone—women, men, young, old, and all groups (deacons, Bible Fellowship groups, WMU groups, choir, ministries, softball team, and more)—to participate in a special day of service. Last year, the event included six service sites, such as the FBC Caring Center, Southside Gospel Fellowship, and local organizations like Medical Outreach Ministries, First Choice, Montgomery Christian School, MPD Headquarters, and three fire stations. For 2025, the goal is to have six or more sites. Our church family is encouraged to prayerfully consider how they can serve, coming together to support the city and embody Galatians 5:13: "Through love, serve one another." Mark your calendars and join in lifting high the name of Jesus through humble service!

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLOCK PARTY

Where: Nehemiah Center (217 Broadway Street, 36110)

When: Saturday, August 2 (10:00 AM to 12:00 PM)

Contact: Brian Gay (334.220.4402/briang@montgomeryfbc.org) or Ryan Gray (803.767.9236/rgray@montgomeryfbc.org)

Description: Every year our church is excited to host a back-to-school party at the Nehemiah Center. The event includes games, food, and lots of opportunities for fellowship and gospel conversations. The Block Party ends with a backpack giveaway to hundreds of children in the community.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray for the many volunteers that are needed to prepare for and accomplish this block party.
- Pray for the supplies that are needed to fill many backpacks.
- Pray for the many people to come and respond to the party.
- Pray for the gospel presentation that will be made, that people would hear and respond.

ALABAMA

HOPE HEALS CAMPS

Where: Camp McDowell (Nauvoo, AL)

When: June 29 through July 4

Cost: \$400 (registration for our group opens January 21)

Contact: Paul and Britt Griggs (334.207.7148/brittgriggs@charter.net)

Description: Hope Heals Camp is a week-long retreat and year-round community offering rest, resources, and relationships to families affected by disability. There are a myriad of ways to serve at camp. Based on your preferences and the service roles that need to be filled, you may serve in one of the following ways: Compassionate Companion (CC), Pastoral Crew, Kids Activity Crew, Hospitality Crew, Tech Crew, Medical Crew, Logistics Crew, or Nursery Crew. No prior experience or training is needed. For more information visit hopeheals.com/camp/volunteer.

UNITED STATES

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS (COLLEGE)

When: March 15-20

Cost: \$450 per person

Contact: Ellen Bush (ellenbush54@gmail.com) and Ryan Gray (803.767.9236 or rgray@montgomeryfbc.org)

Description: College students will be working with Kevin & Christy Scott who started Coffee @ the Well and Church @ the Well.

PRAYER POINTS:

- For our college students to get a greater understanding for the gospel need in Boston
- For our college students to leverage their lives for the mission of God
- For our team to assist and serve Kevin & Christy in the work God has called them to do

REFLECTIONS CHOIR TOUR

Where: Savannah, Georgia

When: March 19-23

Cost: \$450 per person

Contact: Brad Brand (662.295.6114/bbrand@montgomeryfbc.org)

Description: The Reflections ensemble will lead worship throughout the communities of Savannah, GA. Our students will also serve alongside different local churches and ministries in different service projects throughout the city.

PRAYER POINTS:

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

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA (COLLEGE)

When: March 22-27

Cost: \$450 per person

Contact: Ryan Gray (803.767.9236 or rgray@montgomeryfbc.org)

Description: Our college team will be joining Favor City Church by helping them better reach the city of 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. We will help with their Sunday morning gathering, serve their leadership team, provide childcare, and canvas nearby neighborhoods as Favor City prepares for the Easter season. Our college students will learn more about the mission of God and how they can better leverage their lives for God's Kingdom by being a part of this trip.

PRAYER POINTS:

- For the continued work of Favor City
- For God to show favor on Las Vegas by giving Favor City Church more Gospel opportunities
- For our students to recognize their place in the mission of God

ST. REGIS, MONTANA

When: May 20-27

Cost: \$800 per person

Contact: Jim Johnson (334.799.2978/jvjgreenville@aol.com)

Description: This team will work alongside the New Day Fellowship congregation during a community sponsored weekend foodfest/flea market that annually draws around 14,000 visitors.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray that our trip will encourage the pastor and congregation
- Pray that our presence there will help the community be more receptive to the gospel.

GATLINBURG, TENNESSEE (FAMILY TRIP)

When: May 24-28

Cost: \$150 per person (Deadline to register is Sunday, August 6)

Contact: Chris Mills (334.617.6908/cmills129@gmail.com) and Carol Roberts (334.318.8228/croberts@montgomeryfbc.org)

Description: This project is for families with at least one child in the first through sixth grade. Our main responsibility will be running a day camp similar to VBS for local campgrounds in the area. Other activities may include organizing and preparing items for international workers, projects at a local ministry center, working with the Smoky Mountain Children's home, participating/leading in the campground worship service, helping with a block party, etc.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray for the openness of families to going and serving.
- Pray for the willingness of children to attend the camp.
- Pray for the hearts of those coming to camp to be open to hearing the biblical truths that will be presented.

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA (FAMILY TRIP)

When: May 30 – June 1

Cost: \$150 per person

Contact: Brian Gay (334.220.4402/briang@montgomeryfbc.org)

Description: This family-friendly mission trip will leave on Friday and travel 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!

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)

NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

Description: Our church is honored to support multiple church planters 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 provide support for these church plants in a variety of ways.

When: May

Cost: \$600 per person

Contact: Mike Nuss (334.224.2079)

When: October 3-7 (Families)

Cost: \$600 per person

Contact: Brian Gay (334.220.4402/briang@montgomeryfbc.org)

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)

ONE VOICE CHOIR TOUR

Where: Dallas, TX

When: June 7-14

Cost: TBD

Contact: Brad Brand (662.295.6114/bbrand@montgomeryfbc.org)

Description: On Sunday, we will lead worship at First Baptist Church in Keller, TX. Throughout the week, we will lead worship services as well as serve the metroplex of DFW. We will also have a couple of mission projects with Mission Arlington.

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

Where: Tennessee

When: June 9-13

Cost: TBD

Contact: Greg Steele (gsteele@montgomeryfbc.org)

Description: The One Heart Choir (grades 7-8) will present a local concert on June 8 before leaving for choir tour in Tennessee on June 9 through 13. Their Homecoming Concert will be at FBC on June 15. Score International is headquartered in Tennessee 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.

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)

LIVINGSTON, MONTANA (SENIOR ADULTS)

When: September 12-20

Cost: \$800 per person

Contact: Ed Cleveland (205.223.6418/ecleveland@montgomeryfbc.org)

Description: This team will work with Darryl and Veronica Brunson at Expedition Church in Livingston. Projects include deep cleaning, food preparation and distribution, yard work, painting, remodeling two mobile homes, and helping to replant a church in Big Timber by engaging the lost and unchurched people.

INTERNATIONAL

INDIA

When: March 14-22

Cost: \$1500 per person

Contact: Douglas McElvy (334.315.9000/dmcelvy@mcelvylaw.com)

Description: 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)
- For Indian Pastors and Leaders safety
- For the Indian Saints and those who will hear the Gospel
- For Safety of the Mission Team

LIMA, PERU

When: March 25-31

Cost: \$1500 per person

Contact: Brian Gay (334.220.4402/briang@montgomeryfbc.org)

Description: The exciting global city of Lima, Peru is awaiting your arrival. With more than 10 million lost, Lima is in great need of new churches that are strategically engaging those who have not heard. This team will be going to Lima as a support to Cary McMillan who is staying in Peru for an extended missions assignment.

UGANDA

When: Spring

Cost: \$1500 per person

Contact: Mark Bethea (334.241.5121/mbethea@montgomeryfbc.org.)

Description: This team will be working among the Karamajong people. The team will be working with Mary Conley Teel and Will Hardin as they are there on long-term assignments.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Praise God for the 100-plus people who recently came to faith in Jesus after watching the 'JESUS' film in their heart language, Ng'akarimojong! Local pastors were able to lead discussions and follow up with new believers.
- Pray for the church at Sokodu to faithfully disciple these brothers and sisters, and ask that the Word of God will continue to work in the remote villages these new believers walked from in order to watch the film.
- Pray also for three more opportunities to share the 'JESUS' film in other remote villages. Our Karamojong Team is encouraged to see the Lord moving among the people, and we give all glory to God!"

MEXICO

When: April 22-29

Cost: \$1000 per person

Contact: Brian Gay (3234.220.4402/briang@montgomeryfbc.org)

Description: 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.

CENTRAL ASIA (Z PEOPLE)

When: May 16-22

Cost: \$1500 per person

Contact: Brian Gay (334.220.4402/briang@montgomeryfbc.org)

Description: 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. For more information on the Onion Prayer Conference, visit onionprayer.com.

BRAZIL

When: July 18-28

Cost: \$1500 per person

Contact: Jim Johnson (334.799.2978/jvjgreenville@aol.com)

Description: FBC has helped construct 26 churches in the last 23 years in Brazil. This year we will visit five of those churches and use activities to bring encouragement to the pastor, the congregation and to the community.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray for the Brazil Baptist evangelism effort in towns that have no churches.
- Pray for the two new church plants in Palmares and Mirandiba.

ROMANIA

Cost: \$1500 per person

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

When: June 28 – July 8 (Youth Camp & Medical)

Description: We will be working at the Youth Camp of our Holy Trinity Baptist partner church in Bucharest. This Youth Camp, outside of Bucharest, will host Romanian or Ukrainian youth depending on the week. The FBC Team will provide assistance to the counselors (encouragement, devotionals), help with worship time, provide assistance with meal preparation and/or setting out food, and other tasks around the camp. A camp nurse is needed. Anyone with expertise in construction would be helpful as there are numerous projects at the camp. A medical missions team will travel with the team to Bucharest and then move to various towns and villages throughout Romania to provide medical care to the underserved.

When: August 29 – September 8 (Refugee Center & Medical)

Description: We will be working at the Holy Trinity Baptist Refugee Center in Bucharest, serving the Ukrainian refugees by offering VBS for their children and children of church members, teaching Conversational English classes to children and youth of the refugees and church members, and preparing meals in the kitchen. In addition, some of the team will travel to the camp site and make repairs and preparations for the camp for the next year. A medical missions team will travel with the team to Bucharest and then move to various towns and villages throughout Romania to provide medical care to the underserved.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Holy Trinity Baptist is working to purchase a building to house refugees.
- They are exploring the opportunity to work with Iranian refugees as a new ministry opportunity.
- Several senior staff and spouses have health issues.

SOUTH AFRICA MK CAMP

When: Late December 2025 – January 2026

Cost: \$1500 per person

Contact: Tommy McGregor (tommy@tommygregor.com)

Description: Volunteers help serve the IMB missionaries during this meeting by providing a youth 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.

CHILDREN'S HOPE

Where: Jacmel, Haiti

When: No mission trips at this time due to the safety issues in Haiti.

Contact: Maria Zacharias, Executive Director
(maria@childrens-hope.com)

Description: Children's Hope and our partners care for children, strengthen families, and serve communities in Haiti in Jesus' name. We do this through multiple programs - a children's home, education initiative, medical/dental clinic, community outreach, prison ministry, mental health program, and a feeding program for seniors. We serve Haitian communities in partnership with local churches and community leaders.

CUBA

When: TBD

Cost: \$1000 per person

Contact: Beau Cooper (334.462.2606/paulroycooper@gmail.com) & Pickett Reese (334.315.5938/pickettreese@gmail.com)

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

FRANCE

Where: Nice, France

When: TBD

Cost: \$1500 per person

Contact: Brian Gay (220.4402/briang@montgomeryfbc.org)

Description: This team will be working with our partners Patrick and Katie Thompson in Nice, France. Nice is the second-largest French city on the Mediterranean coast. Throughout France, people are searching for hope. Most have limited knowledge of the Bible and do not look to the historic church as a source of hope. In cities with healthy churches, many people are finding faith in the person of Jesus Christ, but many regions of France have no evangelical presence.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray for this new partnership opportunity to continue to open up
- Pray for the people of Nice to be softened to hear the gospel

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