

First Baptist Church Montgomery

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

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SEE YOU SUNDAY!



8:30 + 11:00 AM

Adam Griffin, pastor of Eastside Community Church will speak in our morning services

6:15 PM

Don't miss this opportunity to worship with Jason Houser and Seeds Kids Worship.



Tuesday March 4

WMU Ladies Event
6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall
(doors open at 5:45 PM)

All ladies and friends are invited to enjoy a special dinner and to hear from our guest speaker Page Hughes.

Tickets \$15/person

Purchase tickets online at
montgomeryfbc.org/events
or in the Welcome Center this Sunday!



STEP INTO THE STORY

WEEK OF PRAYER | MARCH 2-9



Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering

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THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

I am continually amazed at the breadth, depth, and scope of ministry that occurs daily through God's people at First Baptist Church Montgomery. It's astonishing and encouraging to see what happens when the church uses its gifts to serve in our community, neighborhoods, and the ends of the earth. Lives are changed, eternities are adjusted, and God is glorified. All that and more has happened this past year.

Thank you for the ways that **you** served faithfully in 2024!

Each number, statistic, and story in the State of the Church represents lives touched by King Jesus through our church. It all reflects our mission and purpose—to bring people in through evangelism, build them up in discipleship, and send them out on mission! We haven't moved away from that goal and will not as we take to heart the Great Commission and the Great Commandment.

We are a strong and united church. We have been a strong and united church. And we will continue to shine brightly with a strong gospel light into our future. For 195 years, we've stood at the heart of downtown Montgomery, and by God's grace, we'll keep shining for 195 more years or until the Lord returns.

You have been a generous church with your time, talent, and treasure, as we'll celebrate through the State of the Church. While the State of the Church is an excellent document, it can never fully capture everything. There's no way to quantify the ways Bible Fellowship Groups support each other through the challenges of life, the thousands of gospel conversations that take place at ballfields, water coolers, and coffee breaks, or the countless gospel interactions that occur to encourage one another. This document only represents a portion of the complete picture of gospel ministry that takes place when we gather together and then scatter wherever God leads us.

Challenges exist, yet opportunities accompany them. Where there is darkness, there is also the chance to illuminate with a gospel light. Let's look ahead to 2025 with the eagerness to shine the light of Jesus!

You are loved and appreciated. Let's rejoice together in what God has done, what He is doing, and what He has yet to do in our midst!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark".

MARK BETHEA
Senior Pastor

The 2024 State of the Church will be available in the coming days. Pick up a copy or download it online at montgomeryfbc.org/publications.



FBC WOMEN'S MINISTRY UPCOMING EVENTS

THE BLESSED BANQUET

THURSDAY, MAY 8 | 6:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

SPEAKER: SOPHIE HUDSON

FEAST (LIFEWAY WOMEN'S EVENT)

AUGUST 22 & 23 | ATLANTA, GA

FEATURING KRISTI MCLELLAND

For more information or to sign up, contact Sharon Windham at swindham@montgomeryfbc.org.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Ministry

Children in 1st to 6th grade are invited to come together and spread joy on Sunday, March 9, from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. We will gather in Room A311 to take part in a special activity where we will prepare and deliver spring treat bags to some of our church's home bound senior adults. Due to transportation needs, children must pre-register by Thursday, March 6. To register your child, contact Carol Roberts at croberts@montgomeryfbc.org.

Music Ministry

SAVE THE DATE...Join us for an Instrumental Night of Praise on Sunday, March 30 at 6:15 PM in the main sanctuary. The night will feature the Sanctuary Orchestra and Handbells. Invite a friend to this special worship opportunity.

Missions Ministry

An interest meeting will be held on Sunday, February 23 for our St. Regis, Montana Mission Trip. This short meeting will start at 4:30 PM in the Welcome Center. If you are interested but can't make the meeting, contact Jim Johnson at 799.2978 or jvjgreenville@aol.com.

Wednesday Night Supper February 26



Children: Chicken Nuggets, Chips, Dessert

Adults: Baked Potato Bar, 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)

The 2025 Missions Menu is now available! Pick up your copy in the welcome center or online at montgomeryfbc.org/mission-projects.

FBC Foundation

2025-2026 First Baptist Foundation Scholarship Applications are available now. All completed applications must be returned by Monday, March 31. For an application, visit montgomeryfbc.org/foundation or email Alissa Parrish at aparrish@montgomeryfbc.org.

Churchwide News + Events

On Sunday, March 2, Dr. Matthew Sleeth will speak during the evening service on the topic "Mental Health, Suicide, and the Church's Response." Children in first through sixth grades will participate in Bible Buddies/ Bible Drill, and there will be special activities for preschoolers, allowing parents to attend the service without concern for sensitive topics. Dr. Sleeth, a former emergency room physician and chief of hospital medical staff, resigned from his position to focus on teaching, preaching, and writing about faith, God, and the Bible. Don't miss this opportunity to hear this important and timely message.

FBC Men, it's softball season! If you are interested in playing on one of our softball teams please contact Justin Law (334.320.5634) and he will get you more information. Currently, the season is scheduled to start sometime in April.

NEW MEMBERS

By Letter/Statement of Faith

Mr. Matthew Feltmann
431 East Drive
Montgomery, AL 36113

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. Chad Holley (Crystal) in the death of his grandmother; Mr. & Mrs. Cole Holley (Robyn) in the death of his grandmother

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Ellis (Rebecca) in the death of his father

Baptist South

Rebecca Parker · John Holleman

Capitol Hill Healthcare

Terry Yarbrough

Crowne Healthcare

Jeanette Martin

John Knox Manor Rehab

Barbara Smith

Oak Crest Health & Wellness

Robert Smith

On
MISSION
at First Baptist Church Montgomery

UGANDA

Will Hardin
Mary Conley Teel

PERU

Cary McMillan

SUMMER EVENTS

AT FIRST BAPTIST MONTGOMERY

MAY 23-25

Student Ministry: Outdoor Adventure

MAY 24-28

Family Mission Trip to Gatlinburg, TN

MAY 30 - JUNE 1

Family Mission Trip to New Orleans, LA

JUNE 10-12

IncrediKids Camp (1st-3rd Grades)

JUNE 7-14

One Voice Choir Tour to Dallas, TX

JUNE 9-13

One Heart Choir Tour to Tennessee

JUNE 23-27

Vacation Bible School

JULY 14-18

Kids Kamp (4th-6th) (Ponderosa Bible Camp)

Youth Camp (7th-12th) (Shocco Springs)

FBC FAITHFULNESS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship: Enrollment 3420 | **Attendance** 1110

Weekly Attendance 1626 | **Discipleship Attendance** 825

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$140,519.23 | **Received Sunday** \$78,113.21

Required To Date \$983,634.61 | **Received To Date** \$763,463.01

THIS WEEK AT FBC

Visit montgomeryfbc.org for the complete calendar of events.

Sunday, February 23

- 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 Rehearsal
- 4:30 Becoming His Vessel: The Power
- 4:45 Griefshare
- 5:00 FDW Parent Session 3
- Discipleship Classes
- Preschool + Children's Missions
- One Heart + One Voice Choir Rehearsals
- 6:15 Seeds Kids Worship Concert
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

Monday, February 24

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

Tuesday, February 25

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 Ladies Bible Study
- 6:30 Women's Ministry Book Club
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

Wednesday, February 26

- 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 Sanctuary Orchestra
- 6:00 First Family Prayer Time
- Preschool + Children's Choirs
- Divorce Care
- Parenting: Ownership Road
- 6:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Student Ministry: Powerhouse
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

Thursday, February 27

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

Friday, February 28

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

Saturday, March 1

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

IN-HOME MINISTRY MEMBER

Margaret Swearingen

9 Avenue of the Waters
Pike Road, AL 36064

305 South Perry Street
Montgomery, AL 36104



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FEBRUARY

When I am afraid,
I put my trust in you.

Psalm 56:3

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download resources at
montgomeryfbc.org/scripture

Broadcast Schedule

Frazer Channel 13 (*Montgomery & Prattville*)

Bighthouse Channel 122 (*Elmore County*)

Full Hour: Sunday, 12:00 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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