

BEACON

First Baptist Church Montgomery



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

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 2
NEHEMIAH CENTER :: 10:00 AM TO NOON

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
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**SCHOOL SUPPLIES
NEEDED BY
SUNDAY, JULY 27**

College Ruled Notebook Paper
Wide Ruled Notebook Paper
Pens & Pencils
1-Subject Spiral Notebooks
1st Grade Writing Tablets
Highlighters
Dry Erase Markers
Crayons
Rulers
Pencil Sharpeners

Pencil Bags
Erasers
Tape
Glue and Glue Sticks
Children's Scissors
3x5 Index Cards
Hand Sanitizer
Kleenex
Disinfectant Wipes
Paper Towels

SUMMER SESSIONS WEDNESDAY July 23

5:00 to 5:50 PM | First Family Dinner

6:00 to 6:45 PM

Summer Session on Catholicism

Klub Kid, Battle Ready, Powerhouse



KIDS KAMP AND YOUTH CAMP WEEK

This was a significant week for our Children's and Student Ministries as hundreds of students attended Youth Camp at Shocco Springs and Kids Kamp at Ponderosa Bible Camp in Mentone. Here are some specific prayer points to help us continue praying for

our children and students.

- 1. THE WORD OF GOD TO GROW IN HEARTS.** Pray for the students as they soak up the Word of God, that it may take root and grow into good fruit in the coming days leading up to the new school year.
- 2. KNOWLEDGE TO LEAD TO CHANGE.** The goal of camp, church, and class is not to gather more information about who God is, but to have a real-life, transforming encounter with the King of kings and Lord of lords. Pray that what was learned at camp will lead to a transformed life.
- 3. EVANGELISM EXPLOSION.** Many who attended Youth Camp and Kids Kamp will return to their schools, sports teams, and neighborhoods with this transformative experience. Pray for opportunities for our students to tell the good news to their friends.
- 4. NEW LIFE IN CHRIST.** I pray that our baptistry will be filled with students who are ready to follow Jesus for the very first time. Pray for those who have not made decisions to surrender their lives to Jesus and choose to follow Him.
- 5. LEADERS TO LEAD WELL.** We have an incredible team of ministerial staff, interns, and volunteers who led the students this week. Pray for the community that was built, friendships made, and wise investments to yield eternal dividends.

Camp week is a great week! Come back on Sunday at 5:15 PM to hear what the Lord did! I am anticipating an awesome night of worship and celebration!

You are loved and prayed for,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bethea'.

MARK BETHEA
Senior Pastor

DEACON ordination

Sunday, August 3
5:15 PM | Main Sanctuary

These men have been selected from the nominations to serve as deacons for the next three years (2025-2028). Those with an asterisk () will be ordained. Thank you for serving the Lord & FBC!*

John Ashworth	Kenny Hall	Tim Powell
Lee Bozeman	Will Harwell	Steve Roberts
Ron Breeden*	Bradley Hatfield*	Will Sanford*
Mitchell Bruce	Jeff Holland	Eddie Stewart
Patrick Cleveland	Earl Jones	Jacob Tidwell*
Beau Daniel	Jody McClinton	Jay Tidwell
Steven Faulkner	Jon Morris*	

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preschool Ministry

Join us for Preschool Artful Explorations on Thursday, July 24, from 10:00 to 11:30 AM in B112. This special art experience, led by Barb's on Mulberry, invites preschoolers (ages 3 to kindergarten) to create an 11 x 14 canvas masterpiece titled "Fish Trio." Additional art activities will be available for younger siblings. Please note that all preschoolers must be accompanied by a parent or adult. The registration and payment deadline is Sunday, July 20. For more information, visit montgomeryfbc.org/summer.

Senior Adult Ministry

Make plans now to join us for our annual trip to the Celebrators Conference, taking place October 13–16, 2025, in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. This uplifting event features an incredible lineup, including Phil Waldrep, David Jeremiah, The Collingsworth Family, Karen Peck & New River, Mark Lowry & Friends, David Phelps & Band, comedian Jonnie W., and worship leader Charles Billingsley. The cost is \$450 per person and includes conference admission,

Wednesday Night Supper | July 23



Children: Buttered Noodles, Fruit, Dessert

Adults: Spaghetti with meat sauce, mixed vegetables, 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)

hotel accommodations, all breakfasts, and transportation. You'll be responsible for your own lunches and dinners. Space is limited to 30 participants, so if you'd like to reserve your spot, visit montgomeryfbc.org/events.

Missions Ministry

There will be an interest meeting for the New York City Mission Trip (October 9-13) on Sunday, July 20 at 4:30 PM in the Welcome Center. For more information contact Brian Gay at 334.220.4402.

Volunteers are needed for the Back-to-School Block Party at the Nehemiah Center on Saturday, August 2 from 10:00 AM to noon. This annual event has blessed the Chisholm community as we provide hundreds of children with backpacks filled with school supplies. Volunteers are needed to help with game booths, face painting, field games, balloon animals, inflatables, food service, registration, parking and more. Sign up to volunteer online at montgomeryfbc.org/events. For more information, contact Brian Gay at 220.4402 or briang@montgomeryfbc.org or Ryan Gray at 803.767.9236 or rgray@montgomeryfbc.org.

NEW MEMBERS

By Baptism

**Emery Herbert
Harrison Herbert**

3209 Rolling Road
Montgomery, AL 36111

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

Rev. & Mrs. James Blakeney in the death of his brother; Dr. Mendy Blakeney in the death of her uncle

Mr. & Mrs. Luke Granthum (Celeste) in the death of his mother; Mr. & Mrs. Drew Granthum (Kelsey) in the death of his grandmother; Miss Brittany Granthum in the death of her grandmother; Mr. & Mrs. Will Granthum (Sara Elizabeth) in the death of his grandmother

Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Nolan (Callie) in the death of her father

Mr. Douglas McElvy in the death of his wife Eleanor; Ms. Keren McElvy & Mr. Douglas McElvy Jr. in the death of their mother; Jack McElvy in the death of his grandmother

Baptist South

Pat Sylvest

Crowne Healthcare

Rachel Teel • Jeanette Martin

John Knox Manor Rehab

Barbara Smith • Barbara Owen
Patty Roper

UAB Medical Center

Robert Smith • John Newton
Kelly Clark

FBC Staff Birthdays

Ryan Gray (July 21)
Ed Cleveland (July 25)



SAVE THE DATE

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 17
6:15 PM | MAIN SANCTUARY**

**MONTGOMERYFBC.ORG/
TEAM-NIGHT**

Churchwide News + Events

We are seeking to begin a class on Sunday mornings during the 11:00 AM worship service for Friends with Dementia. This class will provide caregivers with a time of respite to attend worship while their loved one is cared for and engaged with God's word and love. A new church member, Dr. Fran Morris, also known as the Dementia Whisperer, will lead the class. Volunteers are needed, and no prior experience is necessary. All volunteers will receive training. If you would like to volunteer or you and your loved one would like to participate or receive more information, contact Ed Cleveland at 205.223.6418. The first class date will be determined based on interest and the availability of volunteers.



On MISSION
at First Baptist Church Montgomery

MEXICO (July 22-29)
Brian, Eden, and Matthew Gay

NEW YORK CITY (ongoing)
Wes & Ashley Costello and Alonza Lewis

UGANDA (ongoing)
Mary Conley Teel

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED IN THE
FOLLOWING AREAS:**

- **Angel Tree** | A coordinator to head up this year's program.
- **Caring Center** | A volunteer to help with data entry.
- **Tutoring** | Volunteers to help tutor students this fall.

For more information
or to volunteer, contact:

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(334) 241-5141

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**FBC
COMMUNITY MINISTRIES**
MEETING HUMAN NEEDS IN THE NAME OF JESUS

FBC FAITHFULNESS

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship: Enrollment 3233 | **Attendance** 1216

Weekly Attendance 1413 | **Discipleship Attendance** 491

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$140,519.23 | **Received Sunday** \$102,805.05

Required To Date \$3,934,538.44 | **Received To Date** \$3,087,578.77

THIS WEEK AT FBC

Visit montgomeryfbc.org for the complete calendar of events.

Sunday, July 20

- 7:45 Prayer Time (*Welcome Center*)
- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 4:30 New York Mission Trip Interest Meeting
- 5:15 Worship Service: Camp Review
- 6:30 Children's Ministry Family Fellowship
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

Monday, July 21

- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

Tuesday, July 22

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

Wednesday, July 23

- 5:00 First Family Dinner
- Prayer for Unreached People Groups
- 5:45 Sanctuary Orchestra
- 6:00 Summer Sessions
- Preschool: Klub Kid
- Children: Battle Ready
- Students: Powerhouse
- 6:45 Sanctuary Choir
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

Thursday, July 24

- 7:30 Imagination Adventure Trip
- 10:00 Preschool Artful Exploration
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

Friday, July 25

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

Saturday, July 26

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

IN-HOME MINISTRY MEMBER FRANCES GREEN

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Montgomery, AL 36104



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JULY

Humble yourselves,
therefore, under the mighty
hand of God so that at the
proper time he may exalt
you, casting all your
anxieties on him, because
he cares for you.

1 Peter 5:6-7

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download resources at
montgomeryfbc.org/scripture

Broadcast Schedule

Frazer Channel 13 (*Montgomery & Prattville*)

Brighthouse 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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