

BEACON

First Baptist Church Montgomery



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

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IT'S PROMOTION SUNDAY AT FBC

You Belong Here!

Sunday, August 10

7:45 AM

Prayer Time

8:30 AM

Worship Service

9:45 AM

Bible Fellowship

11:00 AM

Worship Service

4:45 PM

GriefShare

5:00 PM

One Heart Choir

One Voice Choir

Mission Friends / RAs / GAs

Anxious for Nothing

Art of Parenting

Evangelism Essentials

Get Your Gifts in Gear

Philippians

Return to Mayberry

6:15 PM

Worship Service

Wednesday, August 13

5:00 PM

First Family Dinner

5:45 PM

Sanctuary Orchestra

6:00 PM

Fall Sessions

Preschool + Children's Choirs

Divorce Care

6:40 PM

Finance Committee

6:45 PM

Sanctuary Choir

Powerhouse

Montana Mission Team

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SUMMER AT THE NEHEMIAH CENTER

Thank God for another remarkable Summer! We just completed our twentieth year of daily summer programming at the Nehemiah Center. Our theme was Camp Chaos. We learned how God can bring peace, even during chaotic times. The "Three Queens of Community Ministries", Jane Ferguson, Kathy Cooper, and Anita Graydon, started each week with Bible Buddies stories, crafts, activities, scripture memory, and biblical principles about finding God's love and peace for our lives. Each day, we built on these principles through play, activities, and Bible study.

Each week we used fun tools for teaching discipleship, such as Outdoor Chaos, swimming, soccer, therapeutic drumming, Karate lessons, field trips, Yoga, and the "Nehemiah Water Park". Each of these activities is proven to be an effective court diversion strategy, a self-esteem builder, and a booster for good mental health in children. What a blessing to see each one of these precious children grow in strength and Godly wisdom right before our eyes. They beamed with confidence as they memorized scripture and recited it each day with pride.

We are grateful for special weeks like VBS. This is always a treasured time for our children when lifetime memories and learning are forged. Missions Montgomery is an annual event that combines fun and relationship-building. Our children cherish the attention and love that is poured out to them each year from First Baptist volunteers. For the past 15 years, Farm Week at Dream Field Farm has been a summer favorite. Learning about the awe of God through God's creation is priceless.

It is truly a privilege to provide a safe, loving, and nurturing space for our most vulnerable children to learn about God's love and grace for each of us. My deepest thanks to all who contribute through prayer, love, time, talents, and finances to make this life-altering program possible each year, "... *for such is the kingdom of heaven.*" Matthew 19:14

RHONDA THOMPSON
Nehemiah Center Director

2026 Budget Input

On Sunday, August 17, a representative from the Finance Committee will visit the Adult Bible Fellowship Groups to receive input for the 2026 Church Budget. There will be Budget Input response sheets in the preschool, children and youth departments for the teachers and directors in these areas. You may also email your input or suggestions by Sunday, August 17 to Patti Shoemaker at pshoemaker@montgomeryfbc.org.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

6:15 PM | MAIN SANCTUARY

Join us in praying for this event:

PREPARATION | That the Lord would be at work both on and off the field. That He would be in the details of this event, and that He would be at work in the lives of those coming to Team Night.

SPEAKER | Pray for Coach Dilfer. Pray that the Lord would give Him wisdom and discernment and that the Lord would speak through Him.

SALVATION | Pray that the Lord would be glorified through Team Night, and that people would come to saving faith in Jesus Christ. Pray that students would hear the gospel and respond in faith to Christ.



SPECIAL GUEST:
TRENT DILFER
Head Coach
UAB Blazers



Sign up to volunteer at
MONTGOMERYFBC.ORG/TEAM-NIGHT

Ladies Who Bake

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

6:00 TO 8:00 PM

HOME OF CHERI LOVE

5611 WOODSIDE CIRCLE

LADIES, JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP WHILE ENJOYING
A SHARED INTEREST IN BAKING.

**FEATURED
RECIPE:** *french macarons*

**DEVOTION
BY:** *katherine webb*

**NUMBER OF
PARTICIPANTS:** *fifteen*

THIS EVENT IS FREE, BUT
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. USE
THE QR CODE OR VISIT
MONTGOMERYFBC.ORG/EVENTS.
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL
354.202.8305.



MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preschool + Children's Ministries

All first graders and their immediate families are invited to The Big Church Tour on Sunday, September 14. Join Pastor Mark and Mrs. Carol for lunch at 12:15 PM in the fellowship hall. Childcare will be provided for younger siblings during the tour. You also don't want to miss the evening service on Sunday, September 14, as we present all of

Wednesday Night Supper | August 13



Children: Chicken Nuggets, Chips, Dessert

Adults: Poppyseed Chicken, Rice, Green Beans, Roll, 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)

our first graders with Bibles. RSVP by Sunday, September 7 for both events online at montgomeryfbc.org/event.

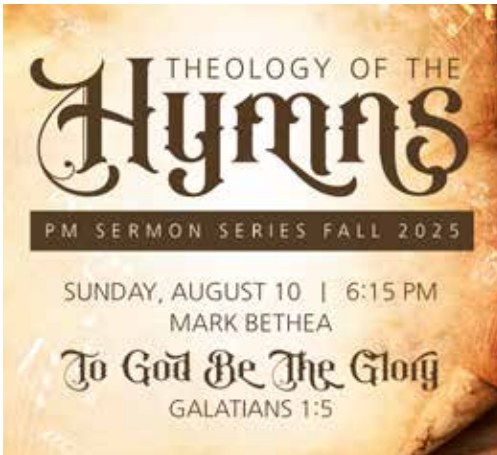
Senior Adult Ministry

Join us Monday, August 11 for JOY Singers at 10:00 AM in room 347. Everyone is welcome! For more information, contact Ed Cleveland at 241.5125 or ecleveland@montgomeryfbc.org.

A few spots remain for our annual trip to the Celebrators Conference, taking place October 13–16, 2025, in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. The cost is \$450 per person and includes conference admission, hotel accommodations, all breakfasts, and transportation. You'll be responsible for your own lunches and dinners. Reserve your spot at montgomeryfbc.org/events.

FBC Foundation

August is National Make-A-Will month! Did you know the FBC Foundation has a service in place to help you create, review, and update your will? We can connect you to Christian experts to help you walk through the process with ease. For more information, contact Alissa Parrish at aparrish@montgomeryfbc.org.



NEW MEMBERS

By Baptism

Dolrawee (Jayleen) Chaichang

912 Willow Springs Road
Wetumpka, AL 36093

Natawan (Tim) Charnnarongkul

912 Willow Springs Road
Wetumpka, AL 36093

Miss Stuart Edwards

3402 Dartmouth Circle
Montgomery, AL 36111

Suginna (Gina) Laohapatanawong

914 Willow Springs Road
Wetumpka, AL 36093

Suratouch (Todd) Laohapatanawong

914 Willow Springs Road
Wetumpka, AL 36093

Doc McIntyre

1607 Hillwood Drive
Montgomery, AL 36106

Mr. David Wales

Mrs. David Wales (Allison)

31 Hannah Lane
Pike Road, AL 6104

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

Mrs. Beth Green in the death of her cousin; Miss Sarah Green in the death of her cousin; Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Green (Gracie) in the death of his cousin

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Frankum (Joanne) in the death of her sister

Mrs. Gerald Roper (Ruth) in the death of her husband

Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Breeden (Madison) in the death of his grandmother

Crowne Healthcare

Rachel Teel • Jeanette Martin

John Knox Manor Rehab

Barbara Smith • Barbara Owen

UAB Medical Center

Robert Smith

Congratultions Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Spivey (Laura) in the birth of a grandson; Mr. Wiley Spivey in the birth of a great grandson

FBC Staff Birthdays

Amanda Smith (August 13)

2025 FALL DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Sundays, August 10 through November 16
Wednesdays, August 13 through November 19

Classes begin Sunday, August 10 or Wednesday, August 13 unless otherwise noted

SUNDAYS

ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING

5:00 PM | B403

Facilitated by Jon & Elizabeth Morris

ART OF PARENTING: AIMING YOUR CHILD'S HEART TOWARD GOD

5:00 PM | B412

Facilitated by Mike & Cindy Perry

EVANGELISM ESSENTIALS: LEARNING TO SHARE YOUR FAITH WITH ANYONE

5:00 PM | B409

Facilitated by Mark Betheda &
Caden Lockett

GET YOUR GIFTS IN GEAR: DISCOVERING YOUR PLACE IN LIFE AND MINISTRY

5:00 PM | B415

Facilitated by Larry & Susan Gay

GRIEFSHARE

4:45 PM | B416

Facilitated by Ben Kelley, Barry
Bledsoe & Erin Wall

PHILIPPIANS

5:00 PM | B402

Facilitated by Tim Powell

RETURN TO MAYBERRY

5:00 PM | B405

Facilitated by Doug & Lori Rogers

EXPLORING OTHER FAITHS

Begins October 5

5:00 PM | B403

Facilitated by Ed Cleveland

MONDAYS

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Mondays | 5:30 PM

410 South Perry Street

TUESDAYS

LADIES BIBLE STUDY: RUTH

Begins September 16

9:30 AM | 347

Facilitated by Nancy Burt

WEDNESDAYS

DIVORCE CARE

6:00 PM | B415

Facilitated by Robert Gassman

FRIDAYS

FRIDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP

6:45 AM | 413

Various Facilitators

SATURDAYS

BECOMING HIS VESSEL: THE ESSENTIALS

Begins August 9

8:30 AM | His Vessel Ministries

FOR A COMPLETE LIST WITH DESCRIPTIONS, VISIT
MONTGOMERYFBC.ORG/DISCIPLESHIP

FBC FAITHFULNESS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship: Enrollment 3209 | **Attendance** 1117

Weekly Attendance 1586 | **Discipleship Attendance** 409

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$140,519.23 | **Received Sunday** \$149,982.36

Required To Date \$4,356,096.13 | **Received To Date** \$3,512,205.30

THIS WEEK AT FBC

Visit montgomeryfbc.org for the complete calendar of events.

Sunday, August 10

- 7:45 Prayer Time (*Welcome Center*)
- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 3:00 Celebration of Life for Eleanor McElvy
- 4:45 GriefShare
- 5:00 Discipleship Classes
Preschool & Children's Missions
One Heart & One Voice Choirs
- 6:15 Evening Worship
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

Monday, August 11

- 10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal
- 11:15 JOY Singers Luncheon
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 7:00 College Ministry: The Gathering
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

Tuesday, August 12

- 10:30 Steppingstone Class Meeting
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

Wednesday, August 13

- 5:00 First Family Dinner
Prayer for Unreached People Groups
- 5:45 Sanctuary Orchestra
- 6:00 Fall Sessions
Preschool & Children's Choirs
DivorceCare
- 6:40 Finance Committee
- 6:45 Sanctuary Choir
Student Ministry: Powerhouse
Montana Mission Team Meeting
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

Thursday, August 14

- 1:00 Celebration of Life for Peggy Holley
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

Friday, August 15

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

Saturday, August 16

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

IN-HOME MINISTRY MEMBER FAYE HATAWAY

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Montgomery, AL 36116

305 South Perry Street
Montgomery, AL 36104

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AUGUST

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

1 Peter 5:8-9

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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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