

First Baptist Church Montgomery

# BEACON

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

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Myers-Mallory  
State Missions Offering

**WEEK OF PRAYER  
FOR STATE MISSIONS  
SEPTEMBER 7-14, 2025**

**FBC Goal: \$25,000**  
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**VISITORS + COOKIE BAKERS NEEDED FOR OUR**

# MINISTRY VISITS

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 12:15 PM | Fellowship Hall**

## MINISTRY VISITORS

Join us for a light lunch before heading out to visit 2 to 3 families who may need a touch from their church family.

## COOKIE BAKERS

Bring two ziploc bags filled with six chocolate chip or sugar cookies on Sunday, September 28. Drop-off at the Information Desk.



**MINISTRY VISITOR  
& COOKIE BAKER  
SIGNUPS**

**montgomeryfbc.org | info@montgomeryfbc.org | 334.834.6310**

## KEEP WISE IN THE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

Pastor Matt Smethurst said, "Spiritual Disciplines are not about making you more precious to God. They're about making God more precious to you."



What are the Spiritual Disciplines? These are practices that help believers pursue holiness and grow in godliness. They are simple yet profound exercises that strengthen our spiritual muscles and open our ears and hearts to let the Lord work in and through us.

Donald Whitney's classic book, *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*, is a straightforward and transformative resource that clarifies the role of disciplines in a believer's life. He outlines Bible intake, prayer, worship, evangelism, serving, stewardship, fasting, silence and solitude, journaling, and learning as disciplines aimed at fostering spiritual growth.

Paul wrote to Timothy, *Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.* (1 Timothy 4:7-8)

Be diligent in training yourself toward godliness. Be committed to practicing the disciplines and let go of those things that do not have eternal value.

Let's pursue and push each other towards this good and wise prize!

You are loved and prayed for,



**MARK BETHEA**  
Senior Pastor

### ROMANIA (Aug 29 - Sep 8)

Noble Anderson, Jenille Ball, Ben Kelley, Gary & Jane Miller,  
Kevin & Melanie Pace, Ken & Katherine Webb

### NEW ENGLAND (Aug 30 - Sep 3)

Troy & Ann Amster

### NEW YORK CITY (ongoing)

Wes & Ashley Costello and Alonza Lewis

### UGANDA (ongoing)

Mary Conley Teel



The FBC Children's Ministry presents

## THE BIG CHURCH TOUR AND THE 1ST GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

Sunday, September 14

**Get Your Tickets Now:**  
[montgomeryfbc.org/events](http://montgomeryfbc.org/events)

# MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Preschool Ministry

We are seeking caring and dependable individuals to serve as paid childcare workers on Sunday nights, Wednesday nights, and for special events. References are required, and some experience is preferred. If you love working with preschoolers and want to be part of this important ministry, contact Judy Bryant at [jbryant@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:jbryant@montgomeryfbc.org) or 241.5166 for more information or to apply.

## Senior Adult Ministry

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

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:



**FBC  
COMMUNITY MINISTRIES**

MEETING HUMAN NEEDS IN THE NAME OF JESUS

- **Angel Tree** | A coordinator to head up this year's program.
- **ESL & CE** | Volunteers to help our international friends learn English.
- **Tutoring** | Volunteers to help tutor students this fall.

For more information  
or to volunteer, contact:

**Charles Hamilton**  
[chamilton@fbc-cm.org](mailto:chamilton@fbc-cm.org)  
(334) 241-5141

**Madison Breeden**  
[mbreeden@fbc-cm.org](mailto:mbreeden@fbc-cm.org)  
(334) 264-6416

## Wednesday Night Supper | September 3



### Children + Adults:

Eggs, Grits, Bacon, Biscuit, Gravy, Fruit

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

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

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

## Missions Ministry

### **The Jackie Swan Women on Mission Group will meet Thursday, September 4**

at 11:00 AM at the home of Sharon Cleveland. Join us as we meet and have lunch together. New members are welcome! For more information about the group or to RSVP, contact Sharon Cleveland at 205.223.6419.

### **The Amy Cooper WOM Group will meet Monday, September 8**

at 11:30 AM in the fellowship hall. The guest speaker will be Larry Hyche, Global Missions Office, ALSBOM. Bring a sack lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. For more information, contact Sheree Powell at 549.6435.

## Community Ministries

**The Caring Center Food Pantry needs canned vegetables (green beans, green peas, mixed vegetables, etc) as well as bags of rice.** For more information, contact Rick Brenny at [rbrenny@fbc-cm.org](mailto:rbrenny@fbc-cm.org).

## FBC News + Events

**Join us on Wednesday, September 17 at 5:00 PM for a special Wednesday Night Supper.** We are inviting all new and returning English as a Second Language and Conversational English students to join us around the tables. Don't miss this special night of getting to know our international friends.

**There will be a We Care Widows Ministry Luncheon on Thursday, September 25** from 11:30 to 1:00 PM in the Student Center. Guest speaker is Ahna Baggett. RSVP deadline is Thursday, September 18.

## NEW MEMBERS

### By Baptism

#### **Mrs. Carol Gunter**

3153 Rolling Road  
Montgomery, AL 36111

### By Statement/Letter of Faith

#### **Mr. Justin Barrett**

#### **Mrs. Justin Barrett (Jocelyne)**

3902 Johnstown Drive  
Montgomery, AL 36109

#### **Mr. Bill Gunter**

3153 Rolling Road  
Montgomery, AL 36111

#### **Mr. Enrique Picazo**

#### **Mrs. Enrique Picazo (Hannah)**

138 W Deer Track Drive  
Wetumpka, AL 36093

#### **Mrs. Ruth Roper**

1111 Buckridge Road  
Wetumpka, AL 36093

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, contact Carolyn Bryan at 241.5120 or [cbryan@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:cbryan@montgomeryfbc.org).

### Sympathy Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Cody Eiland (Brittany) in the death of her grandmother

Mr. Ralph Griswold in the death of his wife Ann; Mr. & Mrs. Pickett Reese (Amy) in the death of her mother

### Baptist South

Gail Shirley

### Baptist East

Kay Fleming

### Crowne Healthcare

Rachel Teel • Jeanette Martin

### John Knox Manor Rehab

Barbara Smith • Barbara Owen

### UAB Medical Center

Robert Smith



For more information or to RSVP, contact Sandra White at 399.9919.

**Are you looking for an area to plug in and serve at First Baptist?**  
**The Broadcast Ministry needs you!** Help us to amplify the gospel and send it out beyond the walls of our church. No experience is required! For more information, contact Rita Tidwell (241.5135 or [rtidwell@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:rtidwell@montgomeryfbc.org)).



## SAVE THE DATE

Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra

# Christmas Retreat

**Friday, September 12** 6:00 to 9:00 PM  
**Saturday, September 13** 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM  
Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest!

**Special Guest: Dr. Joe Crider**  
*Dean of the School of Music at  
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary*

Join us for food, fun,  
and fellowship as we kick  
off the Christmas Season!



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

### Six SERVE Sites

- FBC Community Ministries (Caring Center, CLC, and Café Americana)
- Medical Outreach Ministries
- First Choice
- Montgomery Police Department Headquarters and 3 Fire Stations
- Flatline Church
- LifeSouth Bloodmobile

# SERVE September!

Tuesday, September 23

## CHURCH WIDE DAY OF SERVICE

The Women's Ministry is hosting a day of service for all church members! Choose your SERVE site & sign up today at [montgomeryfbc.org/serve-september](http://montgomeryfbc.org/serve-september)



REGISTER TODAY

# FBC FAITHFULNESS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025

## ATTENDANCE

**Bible Fellowship: Enrollment** 3224 | **Attendance** 1201

**Weekly Attendance** 1419 | **Discipleship Attendance** 900

## OFFERING

**Required Weekly** \$140,519.23 | **Received Sunday** \$93,918.62

**Required To Date** \$4,777,653.82 | **Received To Date** \$3,836,485.41

# THIS WEEK AT FBC

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

## Sunday, August 31

NO PM SERVICE OR ACTIVITIES

- 7:45 Prayer Time *(Welcome Center)*
- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

## Monday, September 1

LABOR DAY

FBC OFFICES CLOSED

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

## Tuesday, September 2

- 9:00 ESL Registration
- 5:40 First Tuesday FBC Golf Fellowship
- 6:30 Charlotte Cearley WOM Group
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

## Wednesday, September 3

- 9:00 ESL Registration
- 5:00 First Family Dinner
- Prayer for Unreached People Groups
- 5:14 WMU Leadership Meeting
- 5:15 Tutoring
- 5:45 Sanctuary Orchestra
- 6:00 Fall Sessions
- Preschool & Children's Choirs
- 6:45 Sanctuary Choir
- Student Ministry: Powerhouse
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

## Thursday, September 4

- 10:30 Jackie Swan WOM Group
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

## Friday, September 5

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

## Saturday, September 6

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

## IN-HOME MINISTRY MEMBER JEANETTE MARTIN

1937 Upper Wetumpka Road, 23-B  
Montgomery, AL 36111



## 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](http://montgomeryfbc.org/scripture)

## Broadcast Schedule

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

**Briighthouse 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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