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



FBC GOAL: \$25,000
MONTGOMERYFBC.ORG/GIVE

VISITORS + COOKIE BAKERS NEEDED FOR OUR

MINISTRY VISITS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 12:15 PM | Fellowship Hall



**SIGN UP
TODAY!**

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.

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THE POWER OF A RENEWED MIND

Our Scripture memory verse for June 2024 was Romans 12:2, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

The world operates at a rapid pace to educate and train us according to its own ways. The purpose of advertising influences our preferences, affecting what we like, value, and appreciate more than anything else. Television, movies, and music communicate messages about appropriateness and values. If the world is working overtime to instill messages of fleshly desires, we need to stay sober so our minds can be renewed and transformed into the way of the Lord.

Only through renewing our minds can we correctly understand and follow God's will and way. The Word guides us, and the Holy Spirit convicts and corrects as we humble ourselves before His throne.

As we walk in this world, we take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ (2 Corinthians 10:5), and we rightly dwell on what is good, wise, right, holy, just, honorable, and noble (Philippians 4:8). Tune your mind and heart to the frequency of God's good Word, and let your eyes and soul be nourished with wisdom.

Remember this month's mega-verse from 1 Peter 5. Stay sober and watchful as we stand firm in our faith.

You are beloved and highly prayed for this week.

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

MARK BETHEA
Senior Pastor

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. 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. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.



SERVE September!

Tuesday, September 23

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

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



REGISTER TODAY

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preschool + Children

There will be a Parent/Child Dedication on Sunday, October 12 in the 8:30 and 11:00 AM worship services. Register at montgomeryfbc.org/events or call Tiffany Alewine at 241.5165. If you would like your baby's photo to be included in the Order of Worship that day, email a high resolution photo of your baby to asmith@montgomeryfbc.org by Sunday, September 28.

Women

We are gearing up for lunch with our college students this fall! Join us for a road trip to Auburn on Tuesday, October 14 and Tuscaloosa on Tuesday, October 21. For more information, contact Sharon Windham at swindham@montgomeryfbc.org.

Senior Adults

Join us on Friday, October 10, for Restoration 2025! We have several members of our church who have restored antique vehicles,



On MISSION

at First Baptist Church Montgomery

MONTANA

(Sep 13-20)
Ed Cleveland and the Senior Adult Ministry

NEW YORK CITY

(ongoing)
Wes & Ashley Costello and Alonza Lewis

UGANDA

(ongoing)
Mary Conley Teel

Wednesday Night Supper | September 17



Children: Chicken Nuggets, Chips, Dessert

Adults: Pulled Pork, Hashbrown Casserole, Baked Beans, Texas Toast, Slaw, Dessert

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

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

motorcycles, and other forms of transportation. We invite everyone to come and view these restored "beauties," enjoy free food, and hear a brief lesson on finding restoration through Christ. This is a free event, so we encourage you to bring a lawn chair and join us in the Perry Street Parking Lot from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. If you would like to bring an antique car, please contact Ed Cleveland at (205) 223-6418. We can't wait to see you there!

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.

Tutors and a van driver are needed for the 2025/2026 Tutoring Program on Wednesdays at 5:15 PM. If you are interested, contact Charles Hamilton at chamilton@fbc-cm.org or 241.5141.

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

NEW MEMBERS

By Baptism

Mr. Adrian Evans
2024 Carlos Street
Montgomery, AL 36108

Marlo Harris
2510 Churchill Drive
Montgomery, AL 36111

Crews Owen
3329 Flowers Road
Mathews, AL 36052

By Letter/Statement of Faith

Ms. Joy White
1653 Bridge Creek Road
Prattville, AL 36067

Ms. Lisa Clayton
1517 Trolley Road
Prattville, AL 36066

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. Ken Dyess (LaVondra) in the death of his brother

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Langer (Margie) in the death of their daughter Liesl; Mr. Joel Langer & Ms. Katie Langer in the death of their sister

Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Peterson (Laurie) in the death of her sister

Mr. & Mrs. Sal Vongphachanh (Rattana) in the death of her brother

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Balkema (June) in the death of his brother

Baptist South

Beverly Warren

Baptist East

Elaine Bennett

Crowne Healthcare

Rachel Teel • Jeanette Martin

John Knox Manor Rehab

Barbara Smith • Barbara Owen

Children's of Alabama

Everett Ann McCurdy

UAB Medical Center

Robert Smith

Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Haygood Poundstone (Beth) in the birth of a grandson

YOU'RE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS **CHURCH-WIDE MISSION PROJECT** THAT WILL
SHARE A GIFT OF LOVE AND THE GOSPEL WITH A CHILD IN NEED THIS CHRISTMAS.



CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS
FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

FBC COLLECTION WEEK:
SEPTEMBER 21-28, 2025

MONTGOMERYFBC.ORG/BACKPACKS

FBC SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

FBC BROADCAST MINISTRY

Want to help us reach more people for Christ? Then, join the FBC Broadcast Team! You are welcome at anytime, no experience required. Visit our Broadcast Control Room (located on the 4th floor of the main building) on any Sunday. For more information, contact Rita Tidwell (462.6021 or rtidwell@montgomeryfbc.org).

GIFT MINISTRY

Buddies are needed to help with our friends with special needs. If you would like to volunteer, contact Samantha Wyatt at 224.2551 or sswyatt228@gmail.com. Come be a part of our G.I.F.T. (God's Incredible Friends Together) Team.

GREETERS

Do you enjoy welcoming others with a smile? We are looking for new greeters to serve just one Sunday a month for about 25 minutes at one of three time slots: 8:00–8:30 AM, 9:25–9:45 AM, or 10:40–11:05 AM. This small commitment makes a big impact in helping people feel at home when they walk through our doors. If you'd like to be part of the greeting team, call or text Caden Lockett at 322.4226 to sign up!

FBC FAITHFULNESS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship: Enrollment 3225 | **Attendance** 1169

Weekly Attendance 1693 | **Discipleship Attendance** 817

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$140,519.23 | **Received Sunday** \$123,989.89

Required To Date \$5,058,692.28 | **Received To Date** \$4,047,359.52

THIS WEEK AT FBC

Visit montgomeryfbc.org for the complete calendar of events.

Sunday, September 14

- 7:45 Prayer Time *(Welcome Center)*
8:30 Worship Service
9:45 Bible Fellowship
Children's Ministry: New Christian Class
11:00 Worship Service
12:15 Children's Ministry: Big Church Tour
4:00 Reflections
4:45 GriefShare
5:00 Discipleship Classes
Preschool + Children's Missions
One Heart + One Voice Choirs
6:15 Worship Service
8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Monday, September 15

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal
5:30 Men's Bible Study
6:00 Women's Ministry: Ladies Who Bake
7:00 College Ministry: The Gathering
8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Tuesday, September 16

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
9:30 Ladies Bible Study: Ruth
8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Wednesday, September 17

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
2:15 Baldwin Bible Study
5:00 First Family Dinner
Prayer for Unreached People Groups
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 18

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

Friday, September 19

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

Saturday, September 20

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

IN-HOME MINISTRY MEMBER FRANK MCCOLLOUGH

2641 Boykin Place
Montgomery, AL 36117

305 South Perry Street
Montgomery, AL 36104



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SEPTEMBER

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1 Peter 5:10-11

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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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