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First Baptist Church Montgomery



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

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FBC Stewardship Emphasis
2026 Goal: \$7,307,000

WHOLLY COMMITTED

Time. Talent. Treasure. Testimony.

All for His Name

November 2 | Giving Sunday

Ways to Give:

- online at montgomeryfbc.org/give
- on the First Baptist App
- through Your Bank's Bill Pay System
- in the Worship Services on Sunday



montgomeryfbc.org/stewardship

THEOLOGY OF THE Hymns

FALL 2025 SERMON SERIES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2
6:15 PM

ED CLEVELAND

Lift High the Cross

montgomeryfbc.org | info@montgomeryfbc.org | 334.834.6310

THANKSGIVING IS COMING, DON'T MISS IT!

Little Debbie Christmas Tree Cakes have appeared on store shelves—and it's still October. You've probably walked into several stores that skipped over Thanksgiving décor and jumped straight into Christmas trees, ornaments, and gift ideas. If we're not careful, we'll miss one of the best seasons to reset our hearts into gratitude.

In the few weeks leading up to November 27, here are some practical tips to prepare your heart for this thankful season.



- 1. Memorize the Word.** Our Scripture memory for November is both our Stewardship theme verse and an aid in gratefulness. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him (Colossians 3:17).
- 2. Write down thankful things.** Get a big piece of paper or sticky notes and daily add notes of what we're grateful for. For families, this can be especially helpful to involve children. Let each day be a new opportunity to be thankful for something else. Let the month be a tapestry of thanksgiving for the big and little things God has blessed us with!
- 3. Be thankful aloud.** Psalm 26:7 urges us to proclaim our thanks openly and share all of God's wondrous deeds. Verbally express your gratitude, both to the Lord and to others. Don't just think it — speak it!
- 4. Slow down.** This is a busy season with so much to do and prepare for. As much as you can, be still and know that He is God. Slow your soul and your pace to take time to reflect on God's grace and blessings over you. If we're not careful and intentional, Thanksgiving will pass us by on our way to a new year. Don't let it happen in your heart or your home.

Believers are thankful people. God saved us from our sins and from eternal separation from Himself. While circumstances in life can change dramatically, God's saving grace remains constant.

Encourage one another with gratitude! It's the antidote to many of our fleshly failings.

You are loved and so appreciated!

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

MARK BETHEA
Senior Pastor



MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preschool + Children's Ministries

All first through sixth graders are invited to join us on Sunday, November 16 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM in room A311. We will make and deliver Thanksgiving baskets to some of our homebound senior adults. Due to the need for transportation, children must pre-register. Contact Carol Roberts by Wednesday, November 12 at croberts@montgomeryfbc.org to register your child.

Women's Ministry

Ladies, would you like to have another woman from our church as a prayer partner — someone to share weekly prayer requests and praises with? We're starting a new ministry, designed to help women grow together in faith through prayer and encouragement. If you're interested, email Sharon Windham at swindham@montgomeryfbc.org. She will follow up with details about the match-up process and how this ministry will work.

Senior Adult Ministry

Get ready for our next big adventure, April 13-17! Pack your bags and join us for a wonderful getaway to Florida's beautiful East Coast — including Amelia Island, historic St. Augustine, and lively Jacksonville! Your travel package includes transportation, lodging, breakfasts, and dinners, plus exciting activities such as a guided tour of Amelia Island, a St. Augustine trolley tour, and a scenic cruise on the St. John's River — and that's just the beginning!



Wednesday Night Supper November 5

Children + Adults: Taco Bar, Dessert

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

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

Don't miss out on this fun-filled trip with great friends and unforgettable sights. Spaces are limited and will go fast! The cost is \$650 per person for double occupancy and \$850 per person for single occupancy. Make your reservations online at montgomeryfbc.org/events.

Missions Ministries

The Amy Cooper WOM Group will meet on Monday, November 10 at 11:30 AM in the fellowship hall. Cary McMillan will talk about missions in Peru. Bring a sack lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. For more information, contact Sheree Powell at 549.6435.

Community Ministries

The Caring Center is collecting gifts for the Mary Ruth Wolf Christmas Workshop, which helps families in the Nehemiah Program. Children can "shop" for toys and gifts for siblings and parents. We welcome donations of new toys for children aged 0 to 17, as well as new gifts for older siblings (18+) and parents. Drop off your donations at the Caring Center, 380 Arba Street, Montgomery, AL 36104, by November 28, Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. For more information, contact Madison Breeden at 264.6416 or communityministries@fbc-cm.org.

Churchwide News + Events

If you would like to serve as a messenger at the Alabama Baptist State Convention on Tuesday, November 11 & Wednesday, November 12 at Whitesburg Baptist Church (Huntsville, Alabama), contact Carolyn Bryan at 241.5120 or cbryan@montgomeryfbc.org.

NEW MEMBERS

By Baptism

Camila Fahel-Matos

2133 Halcyon Downs Loop
Montgomery, AL 36117

Adams Jackson

7218 Timbermill Road
Montgomery, AL 36117

By Letter/Statement of Faith

Mr. James Augustin

5707 Calmar Drive
Montgomery, AL 36116

Mrs. Chrislene Adonnia

5707 Calmar Drive
Montgomery, AL 36116

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

Dr. & Mrs. Al Parks (Doris) in the death of their son-in-law

Mr. & Mrs. Les Davis (Pam) in the death of her brother David Tebbetts; Sianna Davis in the death of her grandfather

Ms. Susan Johnston in the death of her mother

Crowne Healthcare

Rachel Teel

John Knox Manor Rehab

Barbara Smith • Barbara Owen
Jeanette Martin • Marion Faulkner

UAB Medical Center

Whitney Hill

Santa Rosa Care Center (Tucson, AZ)

Robert Smith

Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Conte (Donna) in the birth of a granddaughter

The Living Christmas Tree 2025 Ticket Request

Ticket reservations begin on Sunday, November 2. Remember, the purpose of this beautiful Christmas gift is to reach the lost. PLEASE invite friends, family, and neighbors to join you and use this as a purposeful opportunity to share Christ. To help us be as efficient as possible, remember:

- **The best way to reserve tickets is online.** You can also return the ticket request form in the offering plate on Sunday or drop it in the LCT boxes at the information desk, the 4th-floor foyer, or the Scott Street entrance.
- **Tickets may be picked up beginning Sunday, November 23,** from 9:30 AM to 12:15 PM in the Welcome Center.

Name _____ Cell Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

PRESENTATIONS	# OF TICKETS NEEDED
Friday, December 12 • 7:00 PM	
Saturday, December 13 • 4:00 PM	
Sunday, December 14 • 4:00 PM	

Since no offering will be taken during the presentations,
a \$5 per ticket donation is suggested.

Detach the form and leave in one of the LCT boxes at First Baptist or mail to: The Living Christmas Tree, First Baptist Church, 305 South Perry Street | Montgomery, AL 36104

**For more information or to order tickets
visit thelivingchristmastree.org.**

FBC FAITHFULNESS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship: Enrollment 3222 | **Attendance** 1148

Weekly Attendance 2018 | **Discipleship Attendance** 1260

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$140,519.23 | **Received Sunday** \$115,795.64

Required To Date \$6,042,326.89 | **Received To Date** \$4,840,141.02

THIS WEEK AT FBC

Visit montgomeryfbc.org for the complete calendar of events.

Sunday, November 2

- 7:45 Prayer Time *(Welcome Center)*
8:30 Worship Service
9:45 Bible Fellowship
11:00 Worship Service
4:00 Reflections Ensemble
4:30 MBA Annual Meeting
4:45 GriefShare
5:00 Discipleship Classes
Preschool + Children's Missions
One Heart Choir
One Voice Choir
6:15 Worship Service
8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Monday, November 3

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal
12:00 FBC Foundation Board Meeting
5:30 Men's Bible Study
7:00 College Ministry: The Gathering
8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Tuesday, November 4

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
9:30 Ladies Bible Study: Ruth
6:30 Charlotte Cearley WOM
7:00 Helen Hancock WOM
8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Wednesday, November 5

- 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, November 6

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

Friday, November 7

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

Saturday, November 8

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

IN-HOME MINISTRY MEMBER

JUDY SPORT

3801 Oak Grove Drive, Apt 35
Montgomery, AL 36116

305 South Perry Street
Montgomery, AL 36104



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NOVEMBER

And whatever you do, in
word or deed, do everything
in the name of the Lord
Jesus, giving thanks to God
the Father through him.

Colossians 3:17

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download resources at
montgomeryfbc.org/scripture

Broadcast Schedule

Greater Love TV (greaterlove.tv)

Full Hour: Sundays, 12:00 PM

WSFA-TV Channel 12

Half Hour: Sundays, 10:30 AM

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