

BEACON

First Baptist Church Montgomery



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

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Worldwide Communion Sunday

October 5 | 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Share in the beauty and wonder of the Lord's Supper.

Fall Festival

AT FIRST BAPTIST
MONTGOMERY

**Sunday, October 26
4:00 to 6:00 PM • FREE!**

Food • Games • Inflatables
Fellowship • Prizes • and More!

Calling all families! Get ready for
a costume contest for the whole
family! There will be prizes for
the most spectacular participants.

Fun, Happy Costumes Only!



THEOLOGY OF THE Hymns

PM SERMON SERIES FALL 2025

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 | 6:15 PM | RUSSELL MCCRORY

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

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THE PSALMS

I have found the Psalms to be a wellspring of wisdom for prayer and expressing the stirrings of our souls. The entire book is a gift. As I have reflected on Psalm 25 over the past few days, I wanted to share my personal prayer inspired by these two powerful verses.



PSALM 25:4-5

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.

Make me – Lord, humble me to be under Your authority and Your purpose. Compel my heart towards You.

to know your ways – Lord, change my heart to desire Your ways over my own. Let me see the fruit of following Your way and to wisely see the unwise outcomes of following my own way.

O Lord; teach me your paths – Lord, help me be a humble student of Your way, Your will, and Your purpose. And extend a holy joy in trusting in You.

Lead me – Lord, I submit myself to Your leadership in every area of my life. Lead me, Lord and be my good and guiding Shepherd.

in your truth – Lord, let me soak in and seek for Your truth while dwelling on what is true, right, lovely, pure, and honorable rather than what is destructive and deceptive.

and teach me – Lord, again, I ask that I be a student under Your authority and wisdom.

for you are the God of my salvation – Lord, there is no other salvation or refuge for my weary soul and my sin-soaked flesh; You are my all-in-all.

for you I wait – Lord, give my soul patience to wait well upon You and Your perfect will, even when I don't understand and am afraid.

all the day long – Lord, I submit myself to Your time, Your plan, Your purpose, and Your will. Thank you for Your patience over me and grow my patience as I wait upon You for deliverance.

You are loved, prayed for,
and appreciated –

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

MARK BETHEA
Senior Pastor

2026 Proposed Budget

The church will vote on the budget without discussion during both morning worship services on **Sunday, October 5.**

Copies of the budget are available in the Welcome Center or by visiting montgomeryfbc.org/stewardship.

5TH QUARTER FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY OCTOBER 19
7:15 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

JOIN US FOR A CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FAMILY FELLOWSHIP
COMPLETE WITH TAILGATE FOOD AND GAMES!

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discipleship

Join us for Exploring Other Faiths, a five-week class meeting **October 5 through November 16 at 5:00 PM in B402**. Together we'll explore the belief systems common in the River Region, recognizing that while these groups are kind and upright members of the community, their beliefs differ greatly from Christianity. We'll also discuss practical ways to minister to them in a Christ-like manner. Facilitated by Ed Cleveland, with a full list of topics available online at montgomeryfbc.org/discipleship.

Missions Ministry

The Jackie Swan WOM group will meet on **Thursday, October 9 at 10:30 AM at the home of Sharon Cleveland**. For more information, contact Sharon Cleveland at 205.223.6419.

The Amy Cooper WOM Group will meet on **Monday, October 13 at 11:30 AM in the fellowship hall**. The program focus will be the FBC College Ministry. Bring a sack lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. For more information, contact Sheree Powell at 334.549.6435.



NEW YORK CITY (October 9-13)

Brian, Eden & Matthew Gay; Tommy & Wolf McGregor;
Lawton & Brice Webb; Corey, Callie, Ansley & Grant Johnson;
Kenny, Sarah & Emily Claire Hall; Ben & Wyatt Bradshaw

NEW YORK CITY (ongoing)

Wes & Ashley Costello and Alonza Lewis

UGANDA (ongoing)

Mary Conley Teel

Wednesday Night Supper | October 8



Children: Mini Corn Dogs, Chips, Dessert

Adults: Hamburger with fixings, Chips, Baked Beans,
Dessert

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

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

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-com.org.

Churchwide News + Events

This Sunday, October 5, we are excited to welcome Alabama Baptist Children's Homes and Family Ministries, with Chip Colee joining us to share about their important work. During Bible Fellowship at 9:45 AM, there will be a special presentation in the main sanctuary where you can learn more about ABCH, discover ways to support their ministries, and explore opportunities to get involved in foster care and adoption. Everyone is invited to attend.

All ordained ministers and deacons are invited to the Deacons' Retreat on Thursday, October 16 at the Alabama Nature Center Pavilion (3276 Lanark Road, Millbrook) from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Make your reservation online at montgomeryfbc.org/events or contact Carolyn Bryan at 241.5120 or cbryan@montgomeryfbc.org.

NEW MEMBERS

By Baptism

Mr. Tristan Allen

1914 Cedar Ridge Loop
Prattville, AL 36067

Bragg Benefield

9807 Bent Brook Drive
Montgomery, AL 36117

Anthony Smith

4136 Strathmore Drive
Montgomery, AL 36116

By Letter/Statement of Faith

Mr. Wright Ward

Mrs. Wright Ward (Lauran)

1748 Radcliffe Road
Montgomery, AL 36106

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

Family and friends in the death of
Ballard Hillman

Family and friends in the death of
Rebecca Parker

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Nuss (Judy) in the death of his brother Steve; Mr. & Mrs. Carey Shoemaker (Patti) in the death of her brother

Baptist South

Shirley Haase

Jackson

Ginger Cofty

Crowne Healthcare

Rachel Teel • Jeanette Martin

Encompass

Betty Dickey

Hillview Terrace

Marion Faulkner

John Knox Manor Rehab

Barbara Smith • Barbara Owen

Santa Rosa Care Center (Tucson, AZ)

Robert Smith

RESTORATION 2025



Join us on Friday, October 10 for Restoration 2025. We have several individuals in our church body who have restored antique vehicles, motorcycles, and other forms of transportation. We invite everyone to join us from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM to view these restored "beauties," enjoy free food, and learn a brief lesson on becoming restored through Christ. This is a free event. We encourage you to bring a lawn chair and join us in the Perry Street Parking Lot. Contact Ed Cleveland at (205) 223-6418 if you would like to bring an antique car.

LADIES WHO READ BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, November 18 | 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Book: *The Insanity of God* by Nik Ripken

Discussion Leader: Mary Ruth Wolf

Where: Home of Casey Ensminger
(8407 Marsh Pointe Drive, 36117)

Mark your calendar and make plans to join us as we discuss this new book. All ladies invited! Happy Reading!



FBC FAITHFULNESS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship: Enrollment 3231 | **Attendance** 1223

Weekly Attendance 1988 | **Discipleship Attendance** 955

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$140,519.23 | **Received Sunday** \$87,153.20

Required To Date \$5,480,249.97 | **Received To Date** \$4,393,570.90

Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering \$20,237.50

THIS WEEK AT FBC

Visit montgomeryfbc.org for the complete calendar of events.

Sunday, October 5

- 7:45 Prayer Time (*Welcome Center*)
- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship
Discover First Baptist
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 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, October 6

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

Tuesday, October 7

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

Wednesday, October 8

- 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
- 6:40 Finance Committee
- 6:45 Sanctuary Choir
Student Ministry: Powerhouse
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

Thursday, October 9

- 9:00 Conversational English
- 10:30 Jackie Swan WOM Group
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

Friday, October 10

- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 10:00 Restoration 2025
- 6:30 Kilby Correctional Facility Service
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

Saturday, October 11

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

IN-HOME MINISTRY MEMBER RAMONA REEVES

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Montgomery, AL 36116



OCTOBER

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21

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download resources at
montgomeryfbc.org/scripture

Broadcast Schedule

Greater Love TV (greaterlove.tv)

Channel 13 (*Montgomery & Prattville*)

Brighthouse Channel 122 (*Elmore County*)

Full Hour: Sundays, 12:00 PM

WSFA-TV Channel 12

Half Hour: Sundays, 10:30 AM

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