

First Baptist Church Montgomery

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

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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 12 | 6:15 PM | CADEN LOCKETT

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

save the date

NOEL

The LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE 2025

December 13 at 7:00 PM

December 14 & 15 at 4:00 PM

A CALL TO PRAY AND FAST FOR OUR CITY

On Sunday, I'll share this information during our services, but I wanted your heart to be geared in this direction as we walk into this season together.

I left last Sunday's service with a heart overflowing with joy as we took the Lord's Supper together as a united body of believers. And I was quickly devastated to read the reports of the violence that happened in downtown Montgomery.

I've been talking with pastors in our city over the past several days, and we're all sensing the Lord's movement and our need to collectively storm heaven by praying for our city, community, and our individual response to the gospel. The needs and darkness seem great and overwhelming, but the Lord is breaking through, and I see the Spirit of God stirring.

We need Jesus not only to continue transforming our hearts, but also to radically transform our community. "The harvest is plentiful..." and Jesus is our hope!

On Sunday, I'm planning to call our church to fast and pray through the end of October. This is a dedicated time as we join other brothers and sisters in Christ to pray and fast for our beloved city and community. I pray the Lord will do a work in our lives to stir us to shine a brighter gospel light and to open doors of gospel opportunity.

Please be intentional in your prayer and fasting*. If you've not fasted before, consider using resources to help you wisely set aside time or things to better connect with the Lord in prayer and devotion. If fasting from food, exercise wisdom in the duration and your health. I'm happy to assist as you prayerfully consider this.

196 years ago, Lee Compere arrived in Montgomery, Alabama, and established a church that would become part of downtown Montgomery. We love our city and community and will continue shining a bright gospel light that points people to the hope of the world, Jesus Christ!

Join me as we intentionally pray, fast, and seek the Lord for our community and our response to the gospel in our own lives.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at mbethea@montgomeryfbc.org. I'm delighted to help in any way I can.

You are loved, prayed for,
and deeply appreciated!



MARK BETHEA
Senior Pastor



**Here's a helpful
beginner's guide
to fasting.*



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 Sundays 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.

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.

Missions Ministry

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.

Our Church approved the 2026 Ministry Plan of \$7,307,000.

Wednesday Night Supper | October 15



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 & 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

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 Letter/Statement of Faith

Dr. Chris Dickinson

7019 Peppertree Lane
Montgomery, AL 36117

Mr. Patrick Cagle

Mrs. Patrick Cagle (Molly)

9512 Twickenham Court
Pike Road, AL 36064

Mr. Scott Vinson

Mrs. Scott Vinson (Hope)

7901 Tavistock Street
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

Mr. & Mrs. Reginald Williams (Martha) in the death of their daughter-in-law

Mr. & Mrs. Todd Lucas (Maxie) in the death of his mother; Ruth, Rose, and Rebeckah Lucas in the death of their grandmother

Crowne Healthcare

Rachel Teel

Hillview Terrace

Marion Faulkner

John Knox Manor Rehab

Barbara Smith • Barbara Owen
Betty Dickey • Jeanette Martin

Bristol Regional Medical Center (Bristol, TN)

Doris Parks

Santa Rosa Care Center (Tucson, AZ)

Robert Smith

FBC Staff Birthdays

Mark Bethea (October 13)



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



Angel Tree Season is here!

If you would like to volunteer to gather Angel Tree intake information, bake cookies, pray for children and their families, register Angel Tree gift givers, help with gift receiving, or assist with gift delivery we need your help. Contact Wendy Hamilton at 662.425.7725 or wehl30@msn.com for additional information.

Community Events

Noon Bible Study

Thursdays | 12:10 to 12:50 PM
His Vessel Ministries
hisevessel.org/noon-bible-study

MBA Annual Celebration

Sunday, November 2 | 6:00 PM
Dalraida Baptist Church
mgmbaptists.org

Hooks for Hope

Friday, October 24 | 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Sponsored by Children's Hope
childrenshope.com/hooks-for-hope

Alabama Baptist State Convention

Tuesday, November 11 & Wednesday, November 12
Whitesburg Baptist Church (Huntsville, AL)
alsbom.org/convention

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, OCTOBER 5, 2025

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship: Enrollment 3224 | **Attendance** 1107

Weekly Attendance 1889 | **Discipleship Attendance** 924

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$140,519.23 | **Received Sunday** \$129,981.77

Required To Date \$5,620,769.20 | **Received To Date** \$4,523,552.67

Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering \$28,987.50

THIS WEEK AT FBC

Visit montgomeryfbc.org for the complete calendar of events.

Sunday, October 12

- 7:45 Prayer Time *(Welcome Center)*
- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship
- 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 13

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

Tuesday, October 14

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 Ladies Bible Study: Ruth
Helen Hancock WOM Group
- 11:00 Community Ministries WOM Group
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Wednesday, October 15

- 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, October 16

- 9:00 Conversational English
- 5:00 Deacons' Retreat
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Friday, October 17

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

Saturday, October 18

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

IN-HOME MINISTRY MEMBERS AL & SUSAN SMITH

100 Perry Hill Road, Room 313
Montgomery, AL 36109

305 South Perry Street
Montgomery, AL 36104



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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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