

BEACON

First Baptist Church Montgomery



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

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Advent
Worship Service
featuring
the JOY Singers & Handbells

Sunday,
November 30
6:15 PM
Stakely Sanctuary



NOEL
The LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE 2025

No offering will be taken during the presentation. \$5 per ticket suggested.

December 12
at 7:00 PM

December 13
at 4:00 PM

December 14
at 4:00 PM

For tickets: 334.241.5156 or
thelivingchristmastree.org



THE
JOY
OF
CHRISTMAS

AT
FIRST BAPTIST
MONTGOMERY

MONTGOMERYFBC.ORG/CHRISTMAS

WHOLLY COMMITTED INTO A NEW YEAR

I hope this stewardship season has been encouraging for you and has provided an opportunity to reflect on and respond to the Lord's call for a new year of being "Wholly Committed." This season is meant to give us the space and time to intentionally pray over every aspect of our lives, discerning how we can better utilize the gifts God has given us to further His kingdom.



As I write this, only 26% of commitment cards have been returned with any selections made regarding time, talents, or treasure. I mention this not to shame anyone but to encourage us to consider committing fully to the Lord Jesus in the coming year. Time, talent, treasure, and testimony are all integral parts of our lives that we should prayerfully assess and plan as we approach the new year.

In the upcoming weeks, we will have many opportunities to serve our community in meaningful ways. Programs like Angel Tree, Operation Christmas Child, the Mary Ruth Wolf Christmas Workshop, the Caring Center, the Nehemiah Christmas Celebration, and the Living Christmas Tree, among others, present open doors for gospel outreach through our church. We all need Jesus, and we want to share Jesus by serving alongside one another in our community. Please prayerfully consider how you will serve!

I am grateful for you and am praying alongside you. My heart is uplifted as I look ahead, believing that the Lord has great things in store for our family of faith in this new year. Let's continue to push forward, allowing the gospel to guide every aspect of our lives.

You are loved
and lifted up,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mark".

MARK BETHEA
Senior Pastor

On
MISSION
at First Baptist Church Montgomery

NEW YORK CITY (ongoing)
Wes & Ashley Costello and Alonza Lewis

UGANDA (ongoing)
Mary Conley Teel

Family ADVENT BAGS

Parents of preschoolers and children... remember to grab a Family Advent Bag with all supplies needed to lead your family in a weekly devotion and activity this Advent Season. Family Advent Bags will be available for pick up this Sunday at the Preschool and Children's Desks. *Please, only one bag per family.*

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preschool + Children's Ministries

The annual Mission Friends Art Show will be held Sunday, **November 30 at 5:00 PM in room B112**. Our Mission Friends have been hard at work this fall preparing crafts. Please stop by to pick up your child's crafts, eat and fellowship with others. All donations for the crafts will go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®. There will be no Mission Friends due to the auction. All children should come to room B112 at 5:00 PM with their parents.

Calling all Moms of preschoolers and children...Join us for the My Favorite Things Party on Tuesday, December 2 at 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Bring heavy hors' d'oeuvres (moms of children bring sweet/moms of preschoolers bring savory). Pick one thing



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

WHOLLY COMMITTED

Time. Talent. Treasure. Testimony.

All for His Name

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO MAKE A COMMITMENT!

At publication, the total pledge was \$3,683,824.
This is 50% of the 2026 Ministry Plan. Thank you
for your faithfulness to the Lord!

montgomeryfbc.org/stewardship



you love and bring 3 of that item to share (unwrapped). Please spend no more than \$10 for each item. Register by Sunday, November 30 at montgomeryfbc.org/events.

Parents, don't miss Parents Night Out on Friday, December 5, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. This is your time to have a date night or just sit at home in peace and quiet! Dinner will be provided while parents enjoy an evening out. Register your children (8 weeks to 6th grade) by Sunday, November 30 at montgomeryfbc.org/events.

Senior Adult Ministry

All senior adults are invited to join us for our Christmas Banquet Tuesday, December 9 at 5:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Dinner will consist of grilled steak or chicken. Our entertainment, Edd Brasher, is a handbell soloist and you can get your photo made with Santa Claus. Cost is \$15 per person. To make your reservation, visit montgomeryfbc.org/events.

Pack your bags and join us for a wonderful getaway to Florida's beautiful East Coast—including Amelia

Island, St. Augustine, and Jacksonville on April 13–17, 2026. Don't miss out on this fun-filled trip. We already have 58 people signed up and have reserved another bus. There is plenty of room for you, so sign up TODAY! The cost is \$650 per person (double occupancy) or \$850 (single occupancy). For more information or to register, visit montgomeryfbc.org/events.

Music Ministry

Don't miss our Preschool & Children's Choirs Christmas Service as our children lead worship and share the beautiful message of Christmas in song on Sunday, December 7 at 6:15 PM in the main sanctuary.

NEW MEMBERS

By Baptism

Gideon Lipscomb

9402 Manor Way
Pike Road, AL 36064

George Ann Jinright

1274 Gregory Avenue
Montgomery, AL 36111

By Letter/Statement of Faith

Miss Amelia Johnson

AUM Box 33 Suite 127
Montgomery, AL 36124

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

Rev. & Mrs. Ed Cleveland (Sharon) in the death of his stepmother Margaret Cleveland; Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Cleveland (Claire) in the death of his grandmother

Baptist South

Beverly Warren

Crowne Healthcare

Rachel Teel

John Knox Manor Rehab

Barbara Smith • Barbara Owen
Jeanette Martin • Sue Paulk

UAB Medical Center

James Blakeney

Santa Rosa Care Center (Tucson, AZ)

Robert Smith

Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Jake Semba (Amanda) in the birth of a daughter



Christmas Giving OPPORTUNITIES

ANGEL TREE

Pick an angel this Sunday in the Welcome Center or visit the online portal at montgomeryfbc.org/angel-tree. Gifts are due by Sunday, December 7.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoeboxes are due this Sunday, November 23. Drop off in the Welcome Center or at the Scott Street entrance.

MARY RUTH WOLF CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP

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).

NEHEMIAH KIDS CHRISTMAS

The Student Ministry has assigned a child to Bible Fellowship Groups. Check with your group to find out how to participate.

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FBC FAITHFULNESS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship: Enrollment 3211 | **Attendance** 1184

Weekly Attendance 1949 | **Discipleship Attendance** 858

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$140,519.23 | **Received Sunday** \$150,537.53

Required To Date \$6,463,884.58 | **Received To Date** \$5,440,503.24



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26
NO SERVICE OR ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28
HAPPY THANKSGIVING
FBC OFFICES CLOSED

THIS WEEK AT FBC

Visit montgomeryfbc.org for the complete calendar of events.

Sunday, November 23

7:45 Prayer Time (*Welcome Center*)
8:30 Worship Service
9:45 Bible Fellowship
11:00 Worship Service
4:45 Thanksgiving Meal
6:00 Thanksgiving Worship
6:30 LCT Choir + Orchestra Rehearsal
8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

Monday, November 24

10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal
5:30 Men's Bible Study
8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

Tuesday, November 25

8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

Wednesday, November 26

No PM Service or Activities

8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

Thursday, November 27

Happy Thanksgiving
FBC Offices Closed

8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

Friday, November 28

FBC Offices Closed

6:30 Kilby Correctional Facility Service

8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

Saturday, November 29

8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

IN-HOME MINISTRY MEMBER RACHEL TEEL

1837 Upper Wetumpka Rd, Room 29
Montgomery, AL 36107



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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montgomeryfbc.org/scripture

Broadcast Schedule

Greater Love TV Channels

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Local Antenna: 33.1

Direct TV & AT&T U-Verse: *Coming Soon*

Spectrum: *Coming Soon*

Full Hour: Sundays, 12:00 PM

WSFA-TV Channel 12

Half Hour: Sundays, 10:30 AM

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