



First Baptist Church Montgomery

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

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THE STORIES OF
Christmas
CELEBRATION

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17
5 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

DON'T MISS THIS SPECIAL CELEBRATION FEATURING:

- ★ PANCAKE SUPPER PREPARED BY OUR DEACONS
- ★ CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES + CAROLS
- ★ SPECIAL READING OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY
- ★ HOT COCOA BAR

REGISTER AT MONTGOMERYFBC.ORG/EVENTS

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TOGETHER

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING
FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

FBC GOAL: \$260,000
GIVEN TO DATE: \$76,378.40
MONTGOMERYFBC.ORG/GIVE



UPDATES

It's Living Christmas Tree week! I am excited to see the Lord accomplish great and mighty things through this powerful gospel presentation. Let's pray earnestly together that the Lord would do a great work in our midst!



I have a few quick updates to share:

- I'm excited to welcome Chuck Ashley back to our staff in a part-time role to help with the transition to our next Associate Pastor for Discipleship. Chuck has faithfully served on our staff for many years and will be a great help in keeping everything running smoothly until we find the right person for this important role. Chuck (cashley@montgomeryfbc.org) will be the main contact for Sunday School teachers and discipleship questions. I know you'll join me in welcoming him back to our staff!
- The job posting for our Associate Pastor for Discipleship has been shared and is available on our church website, SBC seminaries, State Board website, and SBC job site. Please pray that the Lord makes the call clear!
- We celebrated Caden Lockett's ordination on Sunday! Caden has shown a clear calling from the Lord, and it was our joy as a church to charge him and ordain him for gospel ministry. Alongside his ordination and graduation from seminary in 2026, Caden will take on more responsibilities related to visitors and guests, including our parking lot volunteers, golf cart drivers, and greeting volunteers. I'm thankful for his faithful service.
- As I previously shared, Eddie Stewart will start as our Director of Ministry Operations on January 5th. I'm excited to welcome Eddie to our team as he assists with leadership and ministry effectiveness.
- Mary Virginia Crum has announced her retirement on December 19th. She has served as an administrative assistant for nearly 30 years, and we are grateful for her servant-heartedness. Help me wish Mary Virginia (mvcrum@montgomeryfbc.org) a wonderful retirement!

Grateful for you and
praying with you!

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

MARK BETHEA
Senior Pastor

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preschool + Children's Ministries

Volunteers are needed to love our preschoolers (birth through 3-year-olds) for the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Wednesday, December 24 at 3:30 PM. If you are willing to help, contact Judy Bryant at jbryant@montgomeryfbc.org.

Mission Friends, GAs, and RAs will resume on Sunday, January 11 at 5:00 PM. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of these exciting missions groups.

Bible Drill (4th-6th grades) and Bible Buddies (1st-3rd grades) begins on Sunday, January 11 at 6:00 PM. Join us as we learn God's Word. For more information visit montgomeryfbc.org/childrens-bible-drill.

Student Ministry

Registration for Disciple Now 2026 is open! Make plans now to join us on Friday, January 16 through Sunday, January 18 for our annual discipleship event filled with worship, Bible Study, fellowship, and fun — all here in Montgomery. Register at fbmsm.com.

Senior Adult Ministry

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.

Missions Ministry

Team members are needed for the Hope Heals Mission Trips the weeks of June 21 and July 5. The cost is \$400. This is a life-

YEAR-END GIVING

The Church Business Office is here to serve you as we approach the end of the year. All gifts must be postmarked by Wednesday, December 31 in order to go toward your 2025 giving record. If you are gifting appreciated assets, please make the business office aware of those gifts and the designation of the gifts. Contact Patti Shoemaker at 241.5181 or Gwen Keene at 241.5185 for more information.



NEW MEMBERS

By Baptism

Alonna Bryant

3424 Woodhill Road
Montgomery, AL 36109

By Letter/Statement of Faith

Mr. Josh Henderson

Mrs. Josh Henderson (Lori)

Karli Henderson

1012 Gray Ridge Drive
Pike Road, AL 36064

Mr. Barry May

Mrs. Barry May (Allison)

Addison May • Emily May

68 Boykin Lakes Loop
Pike Road, AL 36064

Mr. Joseph Pan

Mrs. Joseph Pan (Jessey)

9130 Marston Way
Montgomery, AL 36117

Mr. Raymond Roton

Mrs. Raymond Roton (Jenna)

Louisa Roton

1739 Croom Drive
Montgomery, AL 36106

Ms. Kou Selmah

Grace Ziila Selmah

William Selmah, Jr.

59 Garden Street
Montgomery, AL 36110

Mr. Corbin Stewart

Mrs. Corbin Stewart (Laura)

10701 Lismore Circle
Montgomery, AL 36117

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. Topher Dudley (Mary) in the death of her mother Sallie Fleming Col. & Mrs. Ben Hulse (Connie) in the death of his mother

Baptist South

Johnny Holleman

Baptist East

James Whitehead

Encompass

Ralph Dewey

Crowne Healthcare

Rachel Teel

John Knox Manor Rehab

Barbara Smith • Barbara Owen
Jeanette Martin • Sue Paulk

Santa Rosa Care Center (Tucson, AZ)

Robert Smith

Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Dr. Ethan Albers (Beth) in the birth of a daughter; Mr. & Mrs. Andy Birchfield (Tanya) in the birth of a granddaughter

FBC Staff Birthdays

Sharon Windham (December 12)

changing opportunity to serve and experience God's love in action! Registration opens in January, and volunteer spots fill fast. For more information or to sign up, contact Britt Griggs at brittgriggs@charter.net or 207.7148.

Community Ministries

Join us at the Nehemiah Center (219 Broadway Street) on Tuesday, December 16, for the Nehemiah Live Nativity. From 5:00 to 6:30 PM, enjoy a hayride that will stop at key scenes from the Nativity story, concluding with the Holy Family in the stable. The Nehemiah Kids will perform a festive Christmas dance, and there will be Christmas music performed by Yorleny, a professional musician from Guatemala. Come celebrate with food, hot chocolate, and traditional Christmas treats. Everyone is welcome!

Churchwide News + Events

Join us for a special Week of Prayer on Monday, January 5 through Friday, January 9 from 7:00 to 7:30 AM in Stakely Sanctuary. Come start off the year right by joining in this important time of corporate prayer. For more information, contact Brian Gay at 220.4402.



FBC FAITHFULNESS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship: Enrollment 3212 | **Attendance** 1261

Weekly Attendance 1877 | **Discipleship Attendance** 573

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$140,519.23 | **Received Sunday** \$169,877.97

Required To Date \$6,885,442.27 | **Received To Date** \$6,011,567.03

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering \$76,378.40

WINTER DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

BEGIN SUNDAY, JANUARY 11
OR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

FIND YOUR CLASS TODAY
MONTGOMERYFBC.ORG/DISCIPLESHIP

THIS WEEK AT FBC

Visit montgomeryfbc.org for the complete calendar of events.

Sunday, December 14

- 7:45 Prayer Time *(Welcome Center)*
- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 4:00 LCT Presentation
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Monday, December 15

- 3:30 Nehemiah Christmas Party
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Tuesday, December 16

- 5:00 Nehemiah Live Nativity
- 6:00 Student Ministry Worker's Christmas Dinner
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Wednesday, December 17

- 5:00 The Stories of Christmas Family Event
Unreached People Group Prayer Time
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Thursday, December 18

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

Friday, December 19

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

Saturday, December 20

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

IN-HOME MINISTRY MEMBERS JAMES & LAWANDA WHITE

4160 Sherman Way
Montgomery, AL 36109

305 South Perry Street
Montgomery, AL 36104

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DECEMBER

In the beginning was the
Word, and the Word was
with God and the Word
was God. He was in the
beginning with God.

John 1:1-2

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download resources at
montgomeryfbc.org/scripture

Broadcast Schedule

Greater Love TV Channels

Online: greaterlove.tv

Local Antenna: 33.1

Direct TV & AT&T U-Verse: Channel 34

WOW Way: Channel 13

Spectrum: Coming Soon

Full Hour: Sundays, 12:00 PM

WSFA-TV Channel 12

Half Hour: Sundays, 10:30 AM

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