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Happy New Year!

"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness."
Lamentations 3:22-23 (ESV)

As we begin a new year, we do so trusting in God's faithfulness and mercy. May the year ahead be filled with renewed faith, joyful obedience, and confidence in all God will do among us.

Join us for a special week of prayer
to kickoff the new year!

PRAYER

MONDAY, JANUARY 5 —
FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

Corporate Prayer Time
7:00 to 7:30 AM | Stakely Sanctuary

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

Night of Prayer & Praise
6:15 PM | Main Sanctuary

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NINE NOTABLES FOR A GREAT NEW YEAR!

A new year is always a great chance to evaluate, change, and set a new course. If you want to end 2026 in a wiser and stronger spiritual place than you are now, here are a few notable encouragements to run towards!

1. **Be in the Word.** Don't neglect this most basic and foundational spiritual discipline. Set aside uninterrupted time to be in the Word each day. Find a reading plan or read through a particular book at a time.
2. **Set a course.** Where do you want to go in a new year? How do you want to grow spiritually? It's hard to end up at a destination if you don't know where you're going. Set a course for personal and spiritual growth and find ways to get there.
3. **Invest in Eternal Things.** Take control of your calendar and make sure you're investing in eternally valuable things. Make your calendar work for you rather than be mastered by a calendar that leaves you out of control.
4. **Be generous.** With time, talent, and your treasure, you'll find so much fruit on the other end of your generosity. Find ways to be gracious and generous with those the Lord puts on your pathway.
5. **Pray.** Let your days be seasoned with prayer. Be an intentional prayer warrior in the new year. If prayer has not been part of your daily walk, find ways to grow in the gift of prayer.
6. **Rest.** Find ways to rest well throughout the year. In the same way God rested on the seventh day, we forsake rest to our own detriment. Rest is good for our soul, body, and mind. Be intentional in your rest.
7. **Be on mission.** Find ways to serve using your gifts this year. Explore the ministries of Community Ministries, tutoring, teaching, etc. Look for the 2026 Missions Menu, participate in the GMC in February, and be on mission in your neighborhood and across the nation, to the nations.
8. **Put the phone down.** Our screen time can take us away from the reality of the people around us. Put the phone down more this year and invest in people and spiritual growth.
9. **Take the next step.** Whatever the Lord puts on your pathway in the year, take the next right step of obedience. Every day and in every way, just take the next wise and faithful step.

I can't wait to serve and follow Jesus
alongside you in this new year!



MARK BETHEA
Senior Pastor



MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preschool + Children's Ministries

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.

Music Ministry

It's a great time to jump into the Music Ministry! Join us on Sunday, January 11 for One Heart and One Voice Youth Choir rehearsals, and on Wednesday, January 14 for Sanctuary Orchestra rehearsal at 5:45 PM; Preschool and Children's Choirs at 6:00 PM and Sanctuary Choir rehearsal at 6:45 PM.

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-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.

FBC Foundation

Are you in need of some assistance with your will/estate plan? The FBC Foundation has a service to help you! One church member said this about our service: *"They guided us to cover all the bases, including our wills, setting up a trust for our grandchildren, powers of attorney, living wills, medical directives, and a charitable trust to make our final offering toward the work for the Kingdom of Christ."* If you want some coaching in this area, contact Alissa Parrish at 241.5127 or aparrish@montgomeryfbc.org.

Community Ministries

Prepare to do global missions right here at home through the teaching of English as a Second Language! God is bringing the world to us! Whether you want to join a mission team traveling overseas or help at home with a weekly English ministry, prepare with this 14-hour training and receive NAMB certification as an ESL teacher. Training dates are Friday, February 6 from 1:00 to 8:00 PM and Saturday, February 7 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at First Baptist Prattville. The cost is \$30 and covers materials and meals. To register, email your name, church, email address and cell phone to esl@fbcprattville.org by January 25.

NEW MEMBERS

By Letter/Statement of Faith

Mr. Ross Burkett

Mrs. Ross Burkett (Mary)

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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. Herb Cordle (Alice) in the death of his mother; Mr. & Mrs. Corey Johnson (Callie) in the death of her grandmother

Family and friends in the death of Susan Richardson

Mr. & Mrs. Ken Stephens (Leah) in the death of his mother

Mr. & Mrs. David Bunn (Virginia) in the death of her brother

Baptist South

Sharon Meehan • Martha Hughes

Baptist East

Jesse Carter • Beverly Warren

Crowne Healthcare

Rachel Teel

John Knox Manor Rehab

Barbara Smith • Barbara Owen
Jeanette Martin • Sue Paulk

Santa Rosa Care Center (Tucson, AZ)

Robert Smith

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Begin Sunday, January 11 and Wednesday, January 14

For a complete list with descriptions and to register, visit
montgomeryfbc.org/discipleship

SUNDAYS _____

End Times

5:00 PM // B402 // Steve Langer

Experiencing Prayer

5:00 PM // B403 // Donna McClinton & Prayer Team

Grandparenting Matters

4:45 PM // B415 // Jay & Cheri Love

GriefShare

4:45 PM // B408 // Ben Kelley, Barry Bledsoe, and Erin Wall

MoneyWise

5:00 PM // B412 // Mike Rowell

Return to Mayberry

5:00 PM // B405 // Doug & Lori Rogers

Evangelism Essentials (Begins February 8)

5:00 PM // B409 // Mark Bethea & Caden Lockett

WEDNESDAYS _____

Divorce Care

6:00 PM // B415 // Robert Gassman

SATURDAYS _____

Becoming His Vessel: The Habits

8:30 AM // His Vessel Ministries // Carolyn Bryan & Denise Holland

The Gospel of John

Knowing Jesus through the
I AM Statements

SAVE THE DATE
January Bible Study
January 26-28 | 10 AM to Noon
Fellowship Hall



THIS WEEK AT FBC

Visit montgomeryfbc.org for the complete calendar of events.

Sunday, January 4

NO PM SERVICE OR ACTIVITIES

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

Monday, January 5

- 7:00 FBC Week of Prayer
- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

Tuesday, January 6

- 7:00 FBC Week of Prayer
- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 7:00 Charlotte Cearley WOM
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

Wednesday, January 7

NO PM SERVICE OR ACTIVITIES

- 7:00 FBC Week of Prayer
- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

Thursday, January 8

- 7:00 FBC Week of Prayer
- 9:00 Conversational English
- 11:00 Jackie Swam WOM
- 7:00 Jane Burdeshaw WOM
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

Friday, January 9

- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 7:00 FBC Week of Prayer
- 11:30 GMC Leadership Meeting
- 6:30 Worship @ Kilby Correctional Facility
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

Saturday, January 10

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

IN-HOME MINISTRY MEMBER

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JANUARY

Set your minds on things
that are above, not on
things that are on earth.

Colossians 3:2

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download resources at
montgomeryfbc.org/scripture

Broadcast Schedule

Greater Love TV Channels

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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