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First Baptist Church Montgomery



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PURSUE EVERYONE

2026 GLOBAL MISSIONS CELEBRATION

FEBRUARY 18-22

Our Global Missions Celebration starts this Wednesday, and we want our entire church family to be part of it!

This is a week **for everyone**—families, students, adults, and guests. Invite someone to join you and come ready to be encouraged, challenged, and sent.

Wednesday, February 18

5:00 PM – First Family Dinner with Missionaries
6:15 PM – Kickoff Celebration with Kelly Zbinden

Friday, February 20

12:00 PM – Lunch with the Missionaries*
6:00 PM – Pursue Conference*

Saturday, February 21

8:00 AM – Pursue Conference*
6:00 PM – Wild West Dinner*

Sunday, February 22

8:30 & 11:00 AM – Life Commitment Services with Dr. Jeff Iorg
5:00 PM – What's Next Conference
6:15 PM – Closing Celebration with Dr. Gordon Fort

If you haven't signed up yet, check availability and register today.

*Registration Required



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CONNECTIONS

from your
Pastor's Heart

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE GMC!

I cannot urge you enough to participate in the fantastic events of the Global Missions Celebration! Every part of it will be mutually encouraging for our congregation and many of our missions partners. Do not miss it!

- **WEDNESDAY KICKOFF CELEBRATION** | At 6:15 PM in the main sanctuary, we'll hold a full-on pep rally and celebration for our missionaries. All ages in our church are invited to participate by making signs, ringing bells, and shaking shakers as our missions partners are introduced.
- **FRIDAY NOON LUNCH** | We'll gather in the fellowship hall for a fun time of breaking bread with our missionaries and hearing their stories. If you work downtown or can fit it into your schedule, register and join!
- **PURSUE CONFERENCE** | The Pursue Conference is held in conjunction with the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions. It's geared toward college students, but all are welcome to attend.
- **SATURDAY NIGHT FAMILY ACTIVITIES** | The Wild West Dinner is for adults and will feature missionaries and a great dinner! Students, children, and preschoolers will have their own special missions-centric evening! Please register for these events!
- **SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS** | Both Sunday morning and Sunday evening, we'll have fantastic sermons and worship focused on our gospel outreaches. Do not miss them! At 5:00 PM, we'll host a What's Next Conference to step into missions engagement.

You can see all these items in more detail at globalmissionscelebration.com. Register today, reach out if you need more information, and do not miss this!

Praying the Lord spurs your heart toward missions locally and abroad!

You are loved
and prayed for,



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

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preschool + Children's Ministries

There will be a Parent/Child Dedication on Sunday, March 1 in the 8:30 & 11:00 AM worship services. To register for this special dedication, visit montgomeryfbc.org/dedications or call Tiffany Alewine at (334) 241-5165. If you would like your baby's photo to be included in the Order of Worship that day, email a high resolution photo of your baby to asmith@montgomeryfbc.org by Sunday, February 15.

College Ministry

Join us as we unite with college students from across the state for a weekend of worship, discipleship, and fellowship at the Pursue Collegiate Conference on February 20 & 21. This year the conference is at First Baptist! To sign up, contact Ryan Gray at (334) 241-5162 or rgray@montgomeryfbc.org.

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 70 people signed up and have reserved another bus. There is plenty of room for you, so sign up

NEED TO TALK?

The First Baptist Foundation has partnered with five counseling organizations to help individuals and families seek solutions to their problems through professional, discounted counseling services for FBC members. While the Foundation is helping financially, it's important to know that your name is never shared with anyone at FBC, as we value the anonymity of this service. You can receive Christ-centered counseling for children, youth, adults, couples, and families by contacting and scheduling an appointment with one of the organizations listed below. All you have to do is mention your affiliation with FBC Montgomery.

Pathways Professional Counseling

866.991.6864

Samaritan's Counseling Center

262.7787

Hope City Counseling

721.3592

Deep Roots Counseling & Coaching

324.6588

Sanctuary Counseling & Wellness

603.2025

Wednesday Night Supper | February 18



Children: Mini Corn Dogs, 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)

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

The 2026 Missions Menu is now available! Pick up your copy in the welcome center or online at montgomeryfbc.org/mission-projects.

Supplies are needed for the upcoming Cuba Mission Project. Items include clothing, household goods, food, personal care items, basic medicines, vitamins (adult and children multivitamins), first aid supplies, topical ointments (nonprescription, over-the-counter), and hand tools. Bins will be placed at the Scott Street entrance and at the Information Desk. Please bring your supplies by Sunday, March 1.

FBC Foundation

The FBC Foundation is here to support you on your educational journey! We have scholarships available for those pursuing undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral degrees. The 2026-2027 scholarship applications are available now at montgomeryfbc.org/foundation. All completed applications must be returned by March 31.

Community Ministries

Help us prepare the Master's Garden for a beautiful new planting season! Join us on Saturday, February 28, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM for a morning of service and fellowship. We'll be trimming, spreading pine straw, and getting the grounds ready for spring. If time allows, we'll also spruce up the Peace Garden. Please bring loppers, weed eaters, or small trimming tools if you have them. This

NEW MEMBERS

By Baptism

Mr. Grosy Cooper, Jr.
1526 Edgar D. Nixon Ave
Montgomery, AL 36104

By Letter/Statement of Faith

Mr. Jaxon Hess
600 West Lily Street
Hartford, AL 36344

Ms. Shelby Hughes
804 Williams Avenue
Rainbow City, AL 35906

Mr. Jonathan Lynch
219 Eastwood Drive
Montgomery, AL 36109

Mr. Samuel Lynch
219 Eastwood Drive
Montgomery, AL 36109

Mr. William Poe
81 Post Oak Road
Tallassee, AL 36078

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
Phillip Pouncey

Baptist South
Kelly Snyder • Virginia Head

Crowne Healthcare
Rachel Teel • Jeanette Martin

John Knox Manor Rehab
Barbara Smith • Barbara Owen

St. Jude Children's Hospital
Charlie Jehle

is a wonderful service opportunity for Bible Fellowship Classes or anyone who enjoys working outdoors and serving together. To let us know you're coming or for more information, contact Charles at chamilton@fbc-cm.org.

The Children's Learning Center is looking for volunteers to read a children's book aloud on Monday, March 2. If you would like to sign up, email kherbert@fbc-cm.org. You can bring your own book to read or borrow one from the CLC. Read Across America is a nationwide event that encourages children to develop a lifelong love of reading. This annual celebration highlights the joy of books and the power of storytelling, bringing child care centers and families together to make reading an enjoyable and engaging part of everyday life.

Churchwide News + Events

Looking for a simple way to make a big impact on Sundays?

Join our hospitality team as a greeter, usher, or golf cart driver and help create a warm, welcoming experience for everyone who walks through our doors. To learn more or get involved, contact Caden Lockett at 322.4226 or clockett@montgomeryfbc.org.

MISSION TRIP INTEREST MEETINGS

► SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15 | 7:15 PM | 347

Mission Trip to Kolkata (Calcutta), India (February 15-22, 2027).
For more information, contact Terry Veazey (334) 221-0246.

► SUNDAY, MARCH 1 | 7:15 PM | 347

April Mexico Mixtec Mission and the May Mexico City Mission
For more information, contact Brian Gay at (334) 220-4402.

► SUNDAY, MARCH 29 | 7:15 PM | 347

July New Orleans Mission
For more information, contact Brian Gay at (334) 220-4402.

FBC FAITHFULNESS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship: Enrollment 3225 | **Attendance** 1236

Weekly Attendance 1948 | **Discipleship Attendance** 920

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$140,519.23 | **Received Sunday** \$111,663.15

Required To Date \$834,115.38 | **Received To Date** \$602,431.07

THIS WEEK AT FBC

Visit montgomeryfbc.org for the complete calendar of events.

Sunday, February 15

- 7:45 Prayer Time (Welcome Center)
- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 4:00 Reflections Ensemble
- 4:45 Grandparenting Matters
GriefShare
- 5:00 Discipleship Classes
Preschool + Children's Missions
One Heart + One Voice Choirs
- 6:00 Bible Drill + Bible Buddies
- 6:15 Worship Service
- 7:15 Kolkata Mission Trip Interest Meeting
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (virtual)

Monday, February 16

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

Tuesday, February 17

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 Ladies Bible Study: Esther
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (virtual)

Wednesday, February 18

GLOBAL MISSIONS CELEBRATION

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 2:15 Baldwin Bible Study
- 5:00 First Family Dinner
- 5:30 GMC Music Rehearsal
- 6:15 GMC Kickoff Service
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (virtual)

Thursday, February 19

GLOBAL MISSIONS CELEBRATION

- 9:00 Conversational English
- 12:00 GMC Lunch with Missionaries
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (virtual)

Friday, February 20

GLOBAL MISSIONS CELEBRATION

- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 6:00 PURSUE Conference
- 6:30 Worship at Kilby Correctional Facility
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (virtual)

Saturday, February 21

GLOBAL MISSIONS CELEBRATION

- 8:00 PURSUE Conference
- 6:00 GMC Family Events
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (virtual)

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FEBRUARY

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Psalm 46:1-3

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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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