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

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Annie Armstrong
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FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS
MARCH 1-8, 2026

FBC GOAL: \$130,000

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TODAY!



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PERU (March 4-7)

Brian Gay and Tommy McGregor

INDIA (March 1-12)

Douglas McElvy, Jay Wolf,
Goodson McLemore, and Ben Hulsey

NEW YORK CITY (ongoing)

Wes & Ashley Costello and Alonza Lewis

UGANDA (ongoing)

Mary Conley Teel

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THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

The State of the Church document is filled with beautiful reports on the ministry and mission of First Baptist Church of Montgomery. I hope it fills you with joy and excitement not only about what has been done but also about what we can all continue to do together. Yet, like any annual report, these pages are only a tiny fraction of the depth and breadth of ministry happening among the body of Christ here at FBC Montgomery.



There are many numbers on the document's pages, but behind each number are names, transformed lives, and servant-hearted friends who live out God's calling in incredible ways. As you read, let your heart be tuned to gratitude and thankfulness!

As awesome as these reports are, the work is far from over. There is still an urgent need all around us. As I've considered what has made our church in downtown Montgomery a healthy, unified body of believers for 196 years, I believe it boils down to a few things. We have maintained a strong commitment to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. Both are the driving forces behind our mission and purpose. We care deeply about our Montgomery community while sending people to the ends of the earth. The gospel needs are urgent, and we have a passion for mobilizing people to live out the mission God has for them.

That mission of bringing people in (evangelism), building them up (discipleship), and sending them out (missions) is our calling and remains at the heart of nearly everything we do as a church. That mission will continue into our future.

I'm thankful for Community Ministries and the opportunities we have to meet human needs in the name of Jesus. I'm thankful for our church plant partners and mission partners who are doing great Kingdom work in hard places. I'm thankful for the hundreds of volunteers who faithfully use the gifts God has given them to make these moments possible.

We have a unique calling where God has planted us. We are committed to advancing the gospel as individuals and as a church. I'm thankful to the Lord for a fantastic 2025, and I look forward with deep anticipation to a Christ-exalting 2026!

Let's push forward together!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

MARK BETHEA
Senior Pastor

The 2025 State of the Church will be available in the coming days. Pick up a copy or download it online at montgomeryfbc.org/publications.

Preschool + Children's Families
are invited to the

SPRING Celebration

Saturday, April 4
10:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Home of the
Newmans + the Steindorffs
2805 & 2717 Marler Road
Pike Road, AL 36064



Join us for inflatables,
yard games, egg hunts
for all ages, food, fun,
and fellowship!

Register today at
montgomeryfbc.org/events

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Ministry

SAVE THE DATE...The Blessed Banquet will be Thursday, May 7 at 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Our guest speaker for this annual Mother/Daughter Dinner is Maegan Schwindling. Registration begins Wednesday, April 8.

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. 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.

Wednesday Night Supper | March 4



Children: Mini corn dogs, Chips, Dessert

Adults: Hamburger with fixings, Chips, Broccoli Salad, Dessert

Adult Meal – \$5; Child's Meal (12 & under) – \$3

Family Amount – \$20 (2 adults & children under 12 living in the same household)

Please bring your supplies by Sunday, March 1.

Join us March 20–21 in Birmingham for Send Relief Serve Week! Volunteers will care for hurting communities by serving local churches, schools, and ministries through light construction, painting, landscaping, sports camps, and block parties. The cost is free—just bring a willing heart. For details, contact Tommy Schwindling at 334.669.2961 or tjtc4@aol.com. More opportunities at www.sendrelief.org/serve-tour.

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.

NEW MEMBERS

By Baptism

Riley Heartsill

7607 Steiner Store Road
Honoraville, AL 36042

By Letter/Statement of Faith

Mr. Tyler Anthony

5308 Big Wills Road NW
Fort Payne, AL 35967

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. William Filmore (Liz) in the death of her grandfather

Mrs. Frank McCollough (Carolyn) in the death of her husband

Mr. & Mrs. Jared Ford (Malory) in the death of his aunt

Baptist East

Tommy Jones

Prattville Baptist

Louise Calloway

Crowne Healthcare

Rachel Teel • Jeanette Martin

John Knox Manor Rehab

Barbara Smith • Barbara Owen

Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Jay Love (Cheri) in the birth of a granddaughter; Mr. & Mrs. Ken Love (Faye) in the birth of a great-granddaughter

MISSION TRIP INTEREST MEETINGS

➤ SUNDAY, MARCH 1 | 7:15 PM | 443

Romania Mission Trip (July 17-27). For more information, contact Ken & Katherine Webb at kjwebb8925@gmail.com.

➤ 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 Trip (July 10-12). For more information, contact Brian Gay at (334) 220-4402.

SUMMER EVENTS AT FIRST BAPTIST

MAY 22-24

Beach Adventure (7th-12th)

MAY 23-27

Family Mission to Savannah

JUNE 2-4

IncrediKids Camp (1st-3rd)

JUNE 6-13

One Voice Choir to Phoenix

JUNE 8-12

One Heart Choir to Chattanooga

JUNE 22-26

Vacation Bible School

JULY 10-12

Family Mission to New Orleans

JULY 13-17

Kids Kamp (4th-6th)

Youth Camp (7th-12th)

JULY 23-27

Family Mission to Cincinnati

WIDOW'S MINISTRY LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

11:30 AM @ THE TEA GARDEN

6450 ATLANTA HWY SUITE B
MONTGOMERY, AL 36117

RSVP by March 3 to
Sandra White at (334) 399-9919 or
swhite@flowersandwhite.com

Thank You, Rhonda!

for faithfully serving the Lord at the
Nehemiah Center in Chisholm.

Congratulations on 20 years of service
through FBC Community Ministries!



Rhonda Thompson
Nehemiah Center Director

FBC FAITHFULNESS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship: Enrollment 3234 | **Attendance** 1225

Weekly Attendance 1843 | **Discipleship Attendance** 512

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$140,519.23 | **Received Sunday** \$82,895.20

Required To Date \$1,124,153.84 | **Received To Date** \$802,412.61

THIS WEEK AT FBC

Visit montgomeryfbc.org for the complete calendar of events.

Sunday, March 1

- 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 Mexico Mission Interest Meeting
Romania Mission Interest Meeting
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

Monday, March 2

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

Tuesday, March 3

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

Wednesday, March 4

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 2:15 Baldwin Bible Study
- 5:00 First Family Dinner
Prayer Time for Unreached People
- 5:14 WMU Leadership Meeting
- 5:15 Tutoring
- 5:45 Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal
- 6:00 Winter Sessions
Preschool + Children's Choirs
Divorce Care
- 6:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Student Ministry: Powerhouse
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

Thursday, March 5

- 9:00 Conversational English
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

Friday, March 6

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

Saturday, March 7

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

IN-HOME MINISTRY MEMBERS JESSE & BERNICE CARTER

2554 Winchester Road
Montgomery, AL 36106

305 South Perry Street
Montgomery, AL 36104



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Montgomery

MARCH

With my whole heart I seek
you; let me not wander
from your commandments!
I have stored up your word
in my heart, that I might
not sin against you.

Psalm 119:10-11

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Broadcast Schedule

Greater Love TV Channels

Local Antenna: 33.7

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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