



First Baptist Church Montgomery

BEACON

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

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SPRING BREAK WEEK

Sunday March 15

8:30 • 11:00 AM Worship Service
9:45 AM Bible Fellowship

NO PM SERVICE OR ACTIVITIES

wednesday March 18

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YOUR GENEROSITY IS

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THE FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT FROM 1 CORINTHIANS

We finished going through the entire book of 1 Corinthians together on Sunday mornings. 33 sermons, 437 verses, and 16 chapters. The ending of chapter 16 provides a summary of Paul's first letter to the Corinthian church. They serve as good reminders and a fitting conclusion to the book.

- 1. BE WATCHFUL.** Wake up! As Peter says in 1 Peter 5, "Be sober-minded and watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour. Resist him firm in your faith." A spiritual battle is happening all around us. Wake up and be on guard!
- 2. STAND FIRM IN THE FAITH.** The Corinthians possessed doctrinal knowledge but were wavering on issues of sexual immorality, perversions, and divisions. To stand firm isn't about giving up when things get tough, but about standing firm in our faith and trusting in His strength rather than our own.
- 3. ACT LIKE MEN.** Although this phrase appears only once in the New Testament, it carries deep significance. It echoes Joshua's call to "be strong and courageous" as he leads the people to take the Promised Land. We are called to be courageous and strong as we stand firm against a culture that is distancing itself from the authority of the Word of God. The phrase, "act like men of courage," is connected to what Paul states next.
- 4. BE STRONG.** Following the will, Word, and way of God will take strength and courage. It takes courage, humility, and strength to go against the tide of cultural trends in order to trust and obey the Word of God as the highest authority in our lives.
- 5. EVERYTHING DONE IN LOVE.** Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 13 that without love, we are nothing. There are two pitfalls when it comes to how we love. We can be people of strong conviction and honesty but lack love in our hearts for people. Love and compassion motivate us to share the truth of the gospel—not to win arguments but to win souls. But we can also avoid speaking the truth because we want to appear loving. Somehow, our world has told us that sharing truth can be unloving. Yet, even Jesus, despite his deep love for his disciples, had to share truth when they strayed from the path.

Let's receive, repent, and respond when we read the Word so it can be the main authority in everything we do!

Love and appreciate you,



MARK BETHEA
Senior Pastor

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

Children's Ministry

Beginning this Sunday, March 15, stop by the Children's Desk in the 2nd floor hallway to pick up your Easter Family Devotional Bag. Each bag includes simple devotionals and activities to help your family reflect on the true meaning of Easter together.

Women's Ministry

Join us for the next Women's Ministry Book Club meeting on Tuesday, April 28, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at the home of Vicki Olszewski (9089 Black Cherry Trail, Pike Road). Amanda Lynch will lead the discussion on our



2026 CHILDREN'S HONOR CHOIR PARTICIPANTS

Shocco Springs and Parker Memorial Baptist Church in Anniston

First Row: Paul Leatherwood, Abigail Sponsler, Selma Kate Garrigan, Paisley Gassman, Emma Claire Mills, Ansley Johnson, Taylor Aday, Sarah Thomas Garrigan, Levi Barkhurst, Second Row: Townson Wills, Abby Wills, Avery Wyrosdick, Bonnie Galey, Emily Bledsoe, Emma Burns, Raegan Gassman, Avery Brand, Audrey Ensminger.

book, *How One Woman Revolutionized Modern Missions* by Katherine Barnwell. Order your book today and start reading! For more information or to RSVP, email Sharon Windham at swindham@montgomeryfbc.org.

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.

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.

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

Ms. Sara Myers in the death of her sister
Dr. & Mrs. Scott McDaniel (Ashley) in the death of his father; Drew and Caroline McDaniel in the death of their grandfather

Baptist South

LaVondra Dyess

Baptist East

Tommy Jones · Pouncey Babies
Daniel Dunaway

UAB Hospital

Ron Gilbert · Eve Golden
Ginny Renner

Encompass

Johnny Holleman

Prattville Heath + Rehab

LeVonne McGee

Crowne Healthcare

Rachel Teel · Jeanette Martin

John Knox Manor Rehab

Barbara Smith · Barbara Owen

Congratulations Extended to

Dr. & Mrs. Dave Pouncey (Addison) in the birth of twin daughters; Mr. & Mrs. Neal Kelley (Mala) in the birth of twin granddaughters Mr. & Mrs. Rick Pouncey (Connie) in the birth of twin granddaughters

Download the 2025 State of the Church at montgomeryfbc.org/publications or pick up a copy in the Welcome Center this Sunday!

MISSION TRIP INTEREST MEETINGS

➤ SUNDAY, MARCH 22 | 7:15 PM | 347

Montana Mission Trip (May 19-26). For more information, contact Jim Johnson at (334) 799-2978 or jvjgreenville@aol.com.

➤ SUNDAY, MARCH 29 | 7:15 PM | 347

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

➤ SUNDAY, APRIL 12 | 7:15 PM | 347

Peru Mission Trip (September) 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

KNOXVILLE (March 18-22)

Reflections Ensemble

LAS VEGAS (March 21-26)

Tommy McGregor, Conner Jones, Ericka Hall, Chance Walters, Will McLemore

BOSTON (March 14-20)

Ellen Bush, Chloe Helms, Shelby Hughes, Amelia Johnson,
Saryah Martin, Rebecca Bell, Javian Belcher, Jaxon Hess

CUBA (March 12-17)

Pickett Reese, Amy Reese, Charlie Reese, Keller Hincy, Stephen King,
Amye King, Watson King, Elizabeth Vaughn, Sullivan Gamble,
Margaret Anne McCrory, Elean Fajardo, Rissie Price, Robert Price,
Issie Leatherwood, Erin White, Mary White

NEW YORK CITY (ongoing)

Wes & Ashley Costello and Alonza Lewis

UGANDA (ongoing)

Mary Conley Teel



FBC FAITHFULNESS

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship: Enrollment 3239 | **Attendance** 1040

Weekly Attendance 1770 | **Discipleship Attendance** 896

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$140,519.23 | **Received Sunday** \$142,067.99

Required To Date \$1,405,192.30 | **Received To Date** \$1,057,777.15

Annie Armstrong Offering \$66,206.16

THIS WEEK AT FBC

Visit montgomeryfbc.org for the complete calendar of events.

Sunday, March 15

NO PM SERVICE OR ACTIVITIES

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

Monday, March 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, March 17

- 9:30 Ladies Bible Study: Esther
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

Wednesday, March 18

NO PM SERVICE OR ACTIVITIES

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

Thursday, March 19

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

Friday, March 20

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

Saturday, March 21

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

FBC Livestreams

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montgomeryfbc.org

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First Baptist Church Montgomery

Vimeo

vimeo.com/fbcmontgomery

YouTube

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IN-HOME MINISTRY MEMBERS NANCY EPTON

3152 Gatsby Lane
Montgomery, AL 36106

305 South Perry Street
Montgomery, AL 36104



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.

Psalms 119:10-11

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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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