



First Baptist Church Montgomery

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

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Congratulations to the **2026 Graduating Seniors**

The First Baptist Family extends our congratulations and intercession for God's blessings and guidance to our High School Graduating Seniors.

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| Rob Ashworth | Eden Gay | Jonathan Peterson |
| Lauren Babcock | Avery Griggs | Lottie Phelps |
| Luke Barkhurst | Marlo Harris | Macy Potts |
| Hope Birchfield | Anna Beth Haynes | William Selmah |
| Alonna Bryant | Marley Helmer | Marley Sharpless |
| Anderson Burns | Parker Henry | Lillian Smith |
| Emily Kathryn Casey | Jack Holley | Audrey Stone |
| Tillman Clements | Samuel Hutchinson | Ruby Tidwell |
| Pearson Colee | Hunter Ingram | Kirsten Thomas |
| Reed Daniel | Kaitlynn Keller | Max Vaughn |
| Davis Denney | Rebekah Lucas | Camilla Vice |
| Jimmy Dickens | Jonathan Lynch | Ann Louise Weeks |
| Cole Dozier | Jackson McBee | Reese Whitley |
| Sarah Faulkner | Mallory McGraw | Ann Wilber |
| Ann-Stallings Gardner | Blake Moses | Jemison Willis |

PRESCHOOL + CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Spring Program

SUNDAY, MAY 3 | 6:15 PM

montgomeryfbc.org | info@montgomeryfbc.org | 334.834.6310

CONNECTIONS

from your
Pastor's Heart

THE GIFT OF REST

"Sleep is like the broken record that comes around with the same message every day: Man is not sovereign." – John Piper

In the sequence of creation, God rests on the seventh day. He rests not because he lacked, was tired, or had exhausted any of his essence or resource. In the New Testament, Jesus says, the Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.

Rest is good for our physical bodies as it is good for our souls. Amid tremendously busy ministry endeavors, Jesus withdrew to desolate places to rest and pray. After drawing his disciples back together, Jesus encouraged them to go away to eat and rest.

If Jesus went away to rest and encouraged his disciples to do the same, surely rest is not a burden but a blessing to each of us.

Are you too busy to rest? What takes priority over rest? How does rest solidify your trust in the God of all things? How does your rest connect your heart and soul to God?

Rest is good. Sometimes it's critical for us to intentionally take rest.

Be careful to take time to rest. It's not only good for your physical health, but also for your spiritual health and well-being.

You are deeply loved, prayed for, and appreciated.



MARK BETHEA
Senior Pastor



MISSION TRIP INTEREST MEETINGS

► **SUNDAY, MAY 17**
7:15 PM | 347

France Mission Trip
(November 2026). For more
information, contact Brian
Gay at 334.220.4402.

**FBC NIGHT
@ DABOS PARK**

**MONTGOMERY
Biscuits**

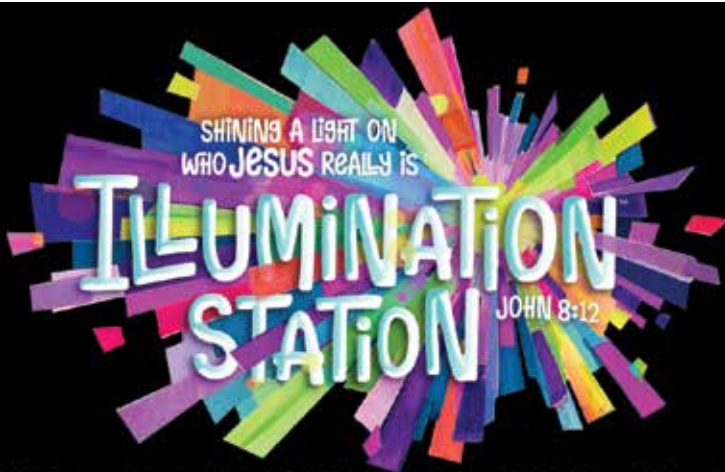
**FRIDAY, MAY 29
5:30 PM**

**\$10 PER PERSON 4 AND OLDER
(3 AND UNDER ARE FREE)**

REGISTER BY MAY 13

MONTGOMERYFBC.ORG/EVENTS





SENIOR ADULT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

MONDAY, MAY 18 — WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

10AM TO NOON | FELLOWSHIP HALL

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Ministry

Parents — join us on Sunday, May 17 in A209 right after Sunday School to get your family summer-ready! In one stop, you can complete forms, get notarizations, and make payments — everything you need for a great summer, all in one place. For more information, contact Carol Roberts at croberts@montgomeryfbc.org.

Vacation Bible School | June 22-26

At Illumination Station™, kids will explore all the ways light brightens, illuminates, reflects, and reveals — and discover that Jesus is the light who brings hope to a dark world! Participant and volunteer registration are both open at montgomeryfbc.org/vbs, and you can pre-order VBS t-shirts online while you're there. We can't wait for a week of bright, joy-filled discovery — bring your kids, bring a friend, and come ready to shine!

Missions Ministry

The Amy Cooper WOM Group will meet on Monday, May 11 at 11:30 AM in the fellowship hall. The speaker will be Pastor Emeritus Jay Wolf. Bring a sack lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. For more information contact Sheree Powell at 549.6435.

Wednesday, May 6

Children + Adults:

Eggs, Grits, Bacon, Biscuit, Gravy, Fruit

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

Family Amount – \$20

(2 adults & children under 12 living in the same household)



Supplies are needed for the Ranchuelo Cuba Mission Project on June 20 through June 27. Items include over the counter pain relievers (aspirin, ibuprofen, acetaminophen, naproxen, etc); GI remedies (for nausea, upset stomach, etc.); first aid ointments (hydrocortisone, Neosporin, Polysporin, etc); band-aids (all sizes); multivitamins for adults and children; razors; shaving cream; regular sized deodorants, shampoos and soap; toothbrushes; and toothpaste. Eyeglasses and colored pencils are also needed. Drop your donations in the bins at Scott Street or the main sanctuary by June 1.

Community Ministries

Do you have a heart for reaching people from around the world right here in Montgomery? Join us on Friday, June 12 and Saturday, June 13 at FBC Community Ministries for an ESL Teacher Training that will equip you to share God's love with international neighbors in our own community or across the globe! Cost is \$30. Register by June 5 at alsbom.org or contact Kristy Kennedy at kkennedy@alsbom.org or 334.613.2311.

Churchwide News

Save the Date for the Joy Singers Worship Concert on Sunday, May 17 at 6:15 PM in the main sanctuary. The service will feature a military recognition of all active, retired, and reserved military personnel and their family members. Don't miss this annual tradition at First Baptist Montgomery.

Would you like to serve as a messenger at the Southern Baptist Convention on June 7-10 in Orlando, Florida? If so, call Carolyn Bryan at 241.5120. We will confirm all messengers at the Wednesday evening prayer service before the convention.

NEW MEMBERS

By Letter/Statement of Faith

Rev. Jay Spivey
Mrs. Jay Spivey (Ashley)
2845 Montrose Ave
Montgomery, AL 36109

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. Beau Daniel (Brittany) in the death of his father; Reed & Gaines Daniel in the death of their grandfather

Mr. & Mrs. Lee Parks (Alexandrea) in the death of his father, Skip Parks; Mr. & Mrs. Stuart Phelan (Lee Chapman) in the death of her grandfather, Phoebe & Lore Parks in the death of their

grandfather; Mr. & Mrs. Wiley Parks (Hilary) in the death of his father; Wylie & Priscilla Parks in the death of their grandfather; Mr. & Mrs. Clay Cook (Blair) in the death of her father; Torbert & Parks Cook in the death of their grandfather; Mr. & Mrs. Haygood Poundstone (Beth) in the death of his brother-in-law; Mr. & Mrs. Will Akins (Elizabeth) in the death of her uncle

Mr. & Mrs. Chris Rhodes (Eve) in the death of her mother

Family and friends in the death of Madeline Williams

Baptist South

Franklin Buzbee

Crowne Healthcare

Rachel Teel · Jeanette Martin

John Knox Manor Rehab

Barbara Smith · Barbara Owen

THIS SUMMER AT FBC

SUNDAYS

MAY 24 THROUGH AUGUST 3

Morning Schedule

Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 AM
Bible Fellowship at 9:45 AM

Evening Schedule

Jun 14 & 28, Jul 19, Aug 2
Worship at 5:15 PM

NO EVENING SERVICE ON

MAY 24 & 31, JUN 7 & 21, JUL 5, 12, & 26

WEDNESDAYS

MAY 6 THROUGH AUGUST 5

5:00 PM | DINNER

6:00 PM | SUMMER SESSIONS

KLUB KID

FINDING JESUS UNDER THE SEA

SUMMER Sessions TOPICS

NO WEDNESDAY
ACTIVITIES ON
JUN 24 & JUL 1

May 6 On Gambling

May 13 On Mormonism

May 20 On Rap Music and Violence
(Dewayne Rembert)

May 27 On Cohabitation Before Marriage

MONTGOMERYFBC.ORG/SUMMER

FBC FAITHFULNESS

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship: Enrollment 3243 | Attendance 1075

Weekly Attendance 1811 | Discipleship Attendance 749

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$140,519.23 | Received Sunday \$143,195.11

Required To Date \$2,388,826.91 | Received To Date \$1,935,517.71

Annie Armstrong Offering \$145,061.68

THIS WEEK AT FBC

Visit montgomeryfbc.org for the complete calendar of events.

Sunday, May 3

- 7:45 Prayer Time *(Welcome Center)*
- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 12:15 Graduate Luncheon
- 5:00 Cincinnati Mission Team Meeting
One Heart + One Voice Choirs
- 6:15 Preschool + Children's Choirs Program
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Monday, May 4

- 10:00 JOY Singers Concert @ The Haven
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Tuesday, May 5

- 6:30 Charlotte Cearley Women On Mission
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Wednesday, May 6

- 5:00 Wednesday Night Supper
Prayer Time for Unreached People
- 5:15 WMU Leadership Team
- 5:45 Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal
- 6:00 Spring Sessions
Klub Kid
Finding Jesus Under the Sea
- 6:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Student Ministry: Powerhouse
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Thursday, May 7

- 11:00 Senior Adult Leadership Team
- 6:00 The Blessed Banquet
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Friday, May 8

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

Saturday, May 9

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

IN-HOME MINISTRY MEMBER PATSY HUDSON

2551 Eastchase Lane, Room 3033
Montgomery, AL 36117

305 South Perry Street
Montgomery, AL 36104



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Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

Ephesians 6:10-11

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Broadcast Schedule

WSFA-TV Channel 12 Sundays, 10:30 AM

Watch Online

WEBSITE

montgomeryfbc.org

VIMEO

vimeo.com/fbcmontgomery

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