



Joy Journal



WHAT IN THE WORD?

OUR QUEST FOR THE TRUTH:

John 14:6 (ESV)

Jesus said to him, *"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*

Proverbs 12:22 (ESV)

Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who act faithfully are his delight.

John 8:31-32 (ESV)

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, *"If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*

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SENIOR ADULT

**OCT 12-14, 2026
SHOCCO SPRINGS**

Retreat

Come away and rest a while.

Join us at Shocco for our Senior Adult Retreat — a few days to slow down, laugh together, and let your soul catch up with your body.

Frank Jones will lead us in music that stirs the heart, **Dennis Swanberg** will have you laughing till it hurts, and **Pastor Mark** and **Ed** will bring words that encourage and challenge us right where we are.

Check-in begins at 4 PM on Monday, October 12. \$200 per person (double occupancy) covers your lodging, meals, and snacks. Just get yourself there — we'll take care of the rest.



Register today at
montgomeryfbc.org/events.
We'd love to have you with us.



Member Spotlight



Jan Wilkerson was born in Biloxi, Mississippi, where she accepted Christ and was baptized at First Baptist Church Biloxi at the age of seven. Her father served as a deacon and church planter. During her high school years, her family moved to Huntsville, where they became members of Whitesburg Baptist Church while it was still a mission church. Jan faithfully played the piano and organ before leaving to attend the University of Alabama's College of Business.

While at Alabama, Jan met her husband, John, through the Baptist Student Union. After marrying, they returned to Tuscaloosa while John completed law school and Jan pursued graduate studies. They moved to Montgomery on January 1, 1972, when John accepted a position with the Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court. Together they have three children—Wendy, John, and Lee—and are blessed with five grandchildren.

Jan's career was in real estate, a path she credits to the Sylvest family. Since joining First Baptist Montgomery more than 50 years ago, she has faithfully served through the Sanctuary Choir, Living Christmas Tree, Finance Committee, FBC Foundation Board, disaster relief ministry, and the planning and construction committees for the new sanctuary. Jan says these opportunities have been precious gifts that allowed her to serve Christ, and she and John consider First Baptist Montgomery their second home.

SENIOR ADULT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Chair: Christine Philley

Vice Chair: Sandra White

Event Assistants: Joe Davis & Richard Pierce

SMART TEAM: Jim Johnson

Flowers for In-Home: Ginger McMichael &
Lou Ann Darby

In-Home Ministry: Scott and Debby McLaughlin

Widows Ministry: Betty Davis & Sandra White



Would you please consider writing an encouraging note or sending a sweet card to one of our In-Home Ministry church members? This would be a wonderful way to minister to some of our church members who are unable to attend Sunday School or Worship Services.

Here's one:

Pat Harrison

9537 Heathrow Dr.
Montgomery, AL 36117



**If you would like to serve as an
In-Home Ministry visitor, contact
Debby McLaughlin at (334) 312-7406.**



**For more information, contact:
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, August 20

Senior Adult Leadership Training
FBC Andalusia | 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM
Free lunch is included!

Tuesday, September 15

The **BIG** Meeting - All senior adults welcome from 10:30 AM until 1:00 PM. A free lunch is included.

Friday, October 9

Restoration Car/Truck Show in the Perry Street lot from 10:30 AM until 1:00 PM. Free cookout for lunch!

April 12-16, 2027 | New Orleans, Louisiana

Join us for a 5-day, 4-night trip by bus to the "Big Easy." The cost is \$650 for two to a room and \$850 for a single room. The price includes four nights' lodging, a charter bus, all tickets, and most meals. Lunches are not included in the price. I have arranged for us to spend all of Tuesday at the National World War II Museum. Registration will open soon, and we will be limited to 50 participants.



JOY SINGERS

After the summer break, we will resume our regular rehearsal schedule on **Monday, August 10**, from 10:00 to 11:00 AM in Room 347. We've got some GREAT new anthems to learn.

We would love for you to join us as we sing unto the Lord! Being part of the Joy Singers carries deep spiritual rewards — singing nurtures the body, mind, and spirit; fellowship with fellow believers strengthens our walk with Christ; and this ministry offers a unique and meaningful opportunity to share the Gospel with others.

Come sing with us!