

BEACON

First Baptist Church Montgomery



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

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Global Hunger Sunday

AUGUST 23, 2026



Magnify

a night of worship with
Christy Nockels

Thursday, August 27
6:30 PM | Stakely Sanctuary

Tickets: \$10 per person
Register at montgomeryfbc.org/magnify



SERVE Sites

- Caring Center
- Children's Learning Center
- Café Americana
- Conversational English
- Prison Ministry
- Nehemiah Center
- Master's Garden
- Medical Outreach Ministries
- First Choice

SERVE September!

Tuesday, September 22

CHURCH WIDE DAY OF SERVICE

The Women's Ministry is hosting a day of service for all church members! Choose your SERVE site & sign up at montgomeryfbc.org/serve-september



REGISTER TODAY

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Children's Ministry

It's been an amazing summer of camps and adventures, but it's time to turn our attention to what's ahead. The beginning of a new school year, football, a more structured schedule for most homes, and the approach of fall. There's change happening at church, too! Promotion Sunday has just passed, and with it comes a new Sunday School class for each child, children's choirs kick back off, and it won't be long until the first-grade Big Church Tour.

Changes are happening everywhere, offering a great opportunity to adjust your priorities at home. Is your family prioritizing worship each Sunday? Are you helping your children engage in all the opportunities available to them? Can they tell that your family emphasizes learning God's word and living it out? If not, now is the perfect time to make some changes at home! Proverbs 22:6 states, *"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it."* This well-known verse holds immense truth and calls on parents to establish spiritual habits early in their children's lives. If your family doesn't prioritize spiritual pursuits, it's never too late to start!

Make a commitment to faithfully be here on Sunday mornings for Sunday School and worship. Bring them back for RAs and GAs on Sunday evening and for children's choirs on Wednesday evenings. What you prioritize and teach them now will stick with them forever!

Yes, it's difficult, but so is fitting in all the other activities they are involved in. Decide which is most important for your family and which will make the biggest impact on your children's lives as they grow and develop into who God wants them to be. I've never heard anyone regret prioritizing bringing their children to church and ensuring they are part of all the opportunities the church provides. That's an investment in their future that yields eternal rewards! Don't miss out on the blessings this type of change holds for your family, especially your children.

Watch the Beacon for upcoming activities in our children's department or pick up a list of upcoming activities at the 2nd-floor children's desk and get your children plugged in! They will grow in their faith, and you will be glad you prioritized the time and made the change!

Carol Roberts
Minister to Children and Parents





UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 30

INDIANA MISSION TRIP INTEREST MEETING

Interested in serving on our upcoming mission trip to Huntington, Indiana? Join us for an information meeting on Sunday, August 30 at 11:00 AM in the fellowship hall to learn more. The trip will take place October 18–23, and the cost is \$50 per person. For more information, contact Jim Johnson at 334.799.2978.

Monday, October 12 through Wednesday, October 14

SENIOR ADULT RETREAT

Join us at Shocco for worship, encouragement, and rest. Special guests include Frank Jones, Dennis Swanberg, and Pastor Mark. Check-in begins at 4 PM Monday, October 12. Cost is \$200 per person (double occupancy) and includes lodging, meals, and snacks — just get yourself there and we'll handle the rest. Register online at montgomeryfbc.org/events. For more information, contact Ed Cleveland at ecleveland@montgomeryfbc.org or 205.223.6418.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

ANGEL TREE

Angel Tree season is right around the corner, and we're looking for a lead volunteer. It's an amazing opportunity to show

Wednesday, August 26

Children: Buttered Noodles, Broccoli, Dessert

Adults: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Broccoli, Garlic Toast, Salad, Dessert

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

Family Amount – \$20

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



families they're loved, even in their hardest times — our church ministers to more than 50 families and 130 to 150 children through this outreach. For more information, contact Charles Hamilton at 334.241.5141 or chamilton@fbc-cm.org.

CHURCH NEWS

AUGUST IS NATIONAL MAKE-A-WILL MONTH!

Did you know the FBC Foundation has a service in place to help you create, review, and update your will? We can connect you to Christian experts to help you walk through the process with ease. For more information, contact Alissa Parrish at aparrish@montgomeryfbc.org.

YOU'RE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS **CHURCH-WIDE MISSION PROJECT** THAT WILL
SHARE A GIFT OF LOVE AND THE GOSPEL WITH A CHILD IN NEED THIS CHRISTMAS.



CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS
FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

FBC COLLECTION WEEK:
SEPTEMBER 13-20, 2026

MONTGOMERYFBC.ORG/BACKPACKS

NEW MEMBERS

By Letter/Statement of Faith

Mr. & Mrs. Alex Whitley (Heather)

Reese Whitley, Colin Whitley, Lane Whitley

1859 Ridge Avenue / Montgomery, AL 36106

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. Steve Street (Reba) in the
death of her great-uncle

Baptist South

Rachel Spoon

Baptist East

John Fleming • Don Collins

Capitol Hill Healthcare

Louise Calloway

Crowne Healthcare

Rachel Teel • Jeanette Martin

John Knox Manor Rehab

Barbara Smith

Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Carey Shoemaker (Patti) in
the birth of a grandson

Mr. & Mrs. Wesley Ashmore (Mary
Katherine) in the birth of a son; Mr.
& Mrs. Will Ashmore (Jennie) in
the birth of a grandson; Mr. & Mrs. Tim
Bartgis (Patti) in the birth of a grandson

Mr. & Mrs. Tim Gourlay (Billie Rae) in the
birth of a grandson; Ms. Shirley Gourlay
in the birth of a great-grandson

Mr. & Mrs. Spencer Adams (Hannah) in
the birth of a son; Mr. & Mrs. Tim Adams
(Stephanie) in the birth of a grandson

Mr. & Mrs. Ray Burdeshaw (Jane) in the
birth of a great-grandson



Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra

Christmas Retreat

Friday, September 11

6:00 to 9:00 PM

Saturday, September 12

8:30 AM to 1:00 PM



Join us for food, fun,
and fellowship as we kick
off the Christmas Season!

Register

montgomeryfbc.org/events

Equip
FIRST MONTGOMERY



It's not too late to join our Fall 2026 Equip Classes at 5:00 PM on Sundays. Scan the QR code to pick your class.

For more information, contact Jay Spivey at 334.306.5417 or jspivey@montgomeryfbc.org.

montgomeryfbc.org/equip

On
MISSION
at First Baptist Church Montgomery

PERU (July 19-September 30)

Cary McMillan

NEW YORK CITY (ongoing)

Alonza Lewis

UGANDA (ongoing)

Mary Conley Teel

FBC FAITHFULNESS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 3211 | **Attendance** 1237

Weekly Attendance 1564 | **Discipleship Attendance** 830

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$140,519.23 | **Received Sunday** \$70,647.67

Required To Date \$4,637,134.59 | **Received To Date** \$3,680,044.09

THIS WEEK AT FBC

Visit montgomeryfbc.org for the complete calendar of events.

Sunday, August 23

- 7:45 Prayer Time (*Welcome Center*)
- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Groups
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 12:15 College Ministry Welcome Lunch
- 5:00 Equip Classes
 - Preschool + Children's Missions
 - One Heart + One Voice Choirs
- 6:15 Worship Service
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

Monday, August 24

- 9:00 ESL Registration
- 10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 7:00 College Ministry: The Gathering
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

Tuesday, August 25

- 9:30 ESL Registration
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

Wednesday, August 26

- 9:00 ESL Registration
- 5:00 Wednesday Night Supper
 - Prayer for Unreached People Group
- 5:45 Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal
 - ESL Registration
- 6:00 Fall Sessions
 - Preschool + Children's Choirs
 - Divorce Care
- 6:45 Student Ministry: Powerhouse
 - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

Thursday, August 27

- 9:00 CE Registration
- 5:00 Night of Worship with Christy Nockels
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

Friday, August 28

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

Saturday, August 29

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

IN-HOME MINISTRY MEMBER LINDA WEBB

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Montgomery, AL 36116

305 South Perry Street
Montgomery, AL 36104



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AUGUST

For freedom Christ has
set us free; stand firm
therefore, and do not
submit again to a yoke
of slavery.

Galatians 5:1

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montgomeryfbc.org/scripture

Broadcast Schedule

WSFA-TV Channel 12 Sundays, 10:30 AM

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montgomeryfbc.org

VIMEO

vimeo.com/fbcmontgomery

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