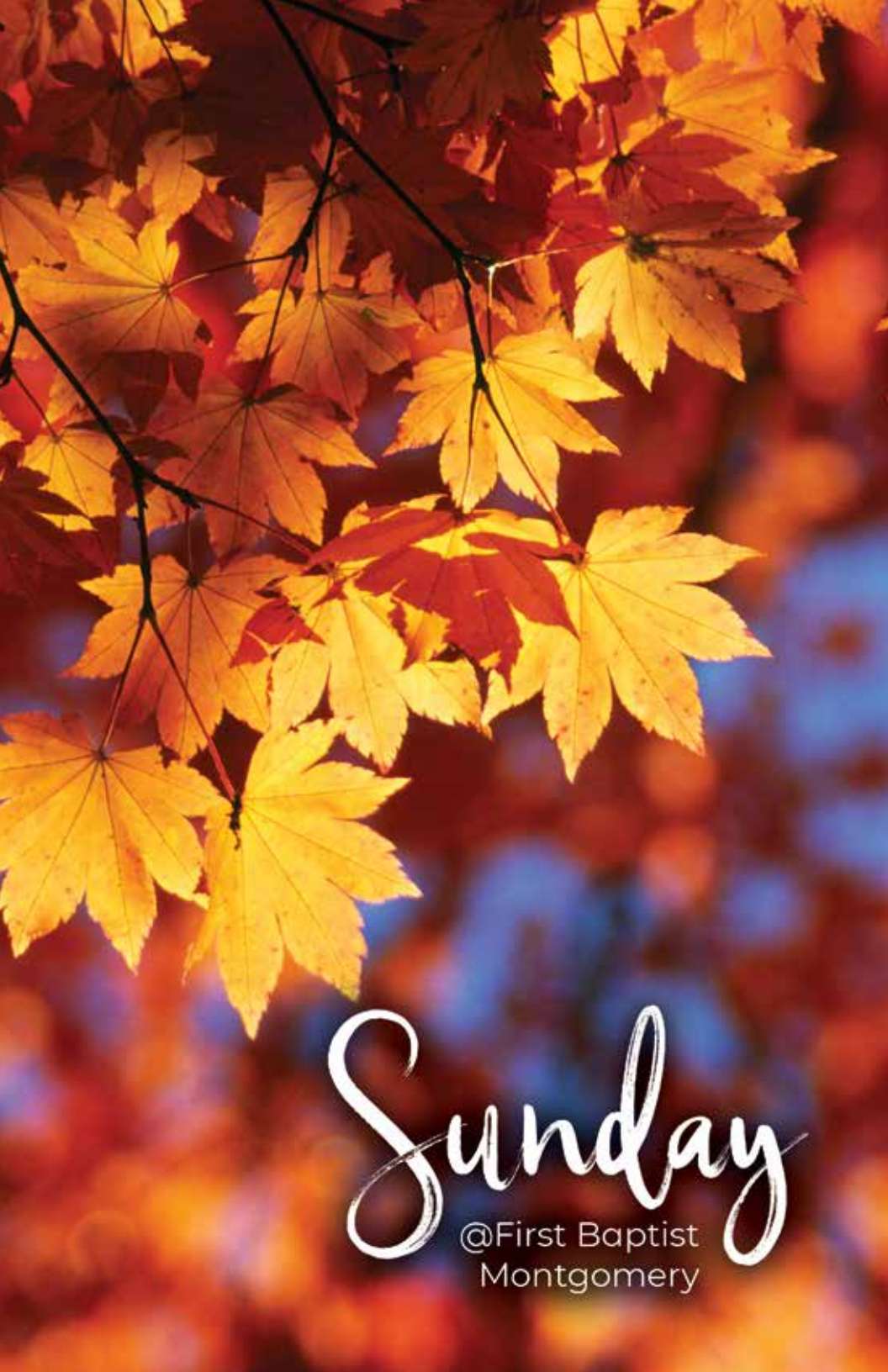




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# BECAUSE: THE WHY BEHIND EVERYTHING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026 | 8:30 & 11:00 AM

**Prelude** | *Sanctuary Orchestra*

"Crown Him with Endless Praise"

**Celebration of Baptism**

**Congregational Worship**

"Revive Us Again"

"O, How I Love Jesus"

**Welcome to Worship**

**2026 Scripture Memory** | *1 John 4:4*

**2027 Stewardship Emphasis** | *Doug & Lori Rogers*

**Congregational Worship**

"At the Cross (Love Ran Red)"

"The Power of The Cross"

**Offertory Prayer** | *Bill McCrary*

**Testimony in Song** | *Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra*

"Because of Jesus"

*Brittney Gardner, soloist*

**Message** | *Mark Bethea*

"Because: The Why Behind Everything"

*1 John 4:19*

**Invitation Hymn**

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

**Closing Word + New Members**

**Phoenix Mission Commissioning** | *Ed Cleveland*

**Benediction & Doxology**

**Postlude** | *Joy Brown*

"The Master Hath Come/Ash Grove"



We love... We serve... We give...  
*because*  
He did.

Don't forget to do good and to share what you have with others,  
*because* sacrifices like these are very pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:16 (ERV)

First Baptist Stewardship Emphasis  
2027 Goal: \$7,460,000

October 25 | Kick-off Sunday

November 1 | Giving Sunday

November 8 | Commitment Sunday

November 15 | Celebration Sunday



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# WELCOME!

FROM PASTOR MARK BETHEA

Welcome to First Baptist Montgomery! If you are a guest, please fill out the Connect Card inside and leave it in your pew or put it in the offering plate so we can pass along a gift. We are glad that you are here!

## OCTOBER

Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

1 John 4:4

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# WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

### PHOENIX (November 1-8)

Ed & Sharon Cleveland, Ellen Bush,  
Joe & Mabel Davis, Johnny & Summer  
Hartzog, Cindy LaPorte, Tim & Sheree  
Powell, Mike & Kathy Talley, Pat Watkins,  
Bettie Welden, Mike & Becca Wilson

**NEW YORK CITY** (ongoing)  
Alonza Lewis



**UGANDA** (ongoing)  
Mary Conley Teel



## CONNECT WITH US!

☐ GUEST ☐ MEMBER

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Your Age Group:

☐ Under 20 ☐ 20s ☐ 30s ☐ 40s ☐ 50+

☐ Married ☐ Single

**I'M INTERESTED IN:**

☐ Following Jesus

☐ Being Baptized

☐ Joining a Bible Fellowship Group

☐ Church Membership

Please complete this form and lay it on the pew or give to an usher as you leave.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## INTERNATIONAL MISSION STUDEY: HORN OF AFRICA

Calling all ladies of FBC! The First Baptist Montgomery WMU invites you to join us for this year's International Mission Study on the Horn of Africa on Tuesday, November 17 from 9:30 to 11:30 AM in room 347. Come learn about a region full of history, diversity, and gospel opportunity. We'll spend the morning learning together, praying together, and finding ways to be part of what God is doing among the nations.

## ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

If you would like to serve as a messenger at the Alabama Baptist State Convention at First Baptist Church (Trussville, Alabama) on Tuesday, November 17 & Wednesday, November 18, contact Carolyn Bryan at 241.5120 or [cbryan@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:cbryan@montgomeryfbc.org).

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to hurting children worldwide through gift-filled shoeboxes and the Good News of God's love. Drop off your shoeboxes at the Welcome Center table or Scott Street entrance table through Sunday, November 22. For more info, contact Ben Hulsey at 399.9876.

## ANGEL TREE

Angel Tree Season is here! Volunteer and pick your angel online at [montgomeryfbc.org/angel-tree](http://montgomeryfbc.org/angel-tree). Angels will also be available in the Welcome Center on November 22 & 29.

## TOYS & GIFTS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP

The Caring Center is collecting gifts for the Christmas Workshop, which helps families in the Nehemiah Program. Children can "shop" for toys and gifts for siblings and parents. We welcome donations of new toys for children aged 0 to 17, as well as new gifts for older siblings (18+) and parents. Drop off your donations at the Caring Center. For more information, contact Kara Bruce at 334.264.6416 or [communityministries@fbc-cm.org](mailto:communityministries@fbc-cm.org).



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