First Baptist Church Montgomery

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

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Ways to Give:

- online at montgomeryfbc.org/give
- on the First Baptist App
- through Your Bank's Bill Pay System
- in the Worship Services on Sunday

montgomeryfbc.org/stewardship

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## 2027 FBC Stewardship Emphasis

*Everything is Stewarship!.*

I'm praying that across our family of faith, we are taking seriously the season of stewardship. I'm praying that we're laying everything on the table and prayerfully considering how to be found faithful in a new year with our time, talent, treasure, and our everything.

I'm thankful we can do this together. In this season, hundreds of families are doing the same thing. We're taking the time to intentionally pray and seek the Lord over every area of our lives.

I wholehearteldy believe that as we do that, the Lord orders our steps accordingly.

Don't miss this season and the opportunity that is in front of us!

There is no domain of our lives that is detached from being wisely stewarded.

Our jobs, families, time, experiences, gifts, money, abilities, season, and possessions are all meant to be stewarded with faithfulness and unto the Lord.

Grateful to walk alongside you in this sacred season of stewardship! Love and appreciate you!

**MARK BETHEA**
Senior Pastor

** Please do not forget to vote on Tuesday, November 3rd. Our citizenship and calling to be salt and light in our community, state, and nation is a stewardship we want to walk wisely and faithfully in. Pray intently. Follow the biblical convictions of the Word to guide your steps. Vote wisely.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, November 16 | 6:00 PM

### LADIES WHO BAKE

Get ready for the holidays with Ladies Who Bake! We'll learn how to make three holiday classics completely from scratch: White Coconut Cake, Bûche de Noël, and Bread Pudding. There's no cost to attend, but space is limited, so reserve your spot soon by calling or texting Cheri Love at 334.202.8303.

Tuesday, November 17 | 9:30 to 11:30 AM | Room 347

### INTERNATIONAL MISSION STUDY: THE 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. Come learn about a region full of history, diversity, and gospel opportunity. We'll spend the morning

**FRANCE** (November 5-12)
Brian Gay, Larry & Susan Gay, Jean Brown, Barbara Sanford, Betty Armstrong

**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

On MISSION
at First Baptist Church Montgomery

## Wednesday, November 4

**Children:** Mini Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Dessert
**Adults:** Hamburger with fixings, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Dessert

**Adult Meal – $5; Child's Meal** *(12 & under)* **– $3**
**Family Amount – $20**
*(2 adults & children under 12 living in the same household)*

Wednesday Night SUPPER
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

learning together, praying together, and finding ways to be part of what God is doing among the nations.

Tuesday, November 17 & Wednesday, November 18

### ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION MESSENGERS

If you would like to serve as a messenger at the Alabama Baptist State Convention at First Baptist Church (Trussville, Alabama), contact Carolyn Bryan at 241.5120 or cbryan@montgomeryfbc.org.

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

### GIFTS FOR THE CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP

The Caring Center is collecting gifts for the Mary Ruth Wolf 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, 380 Arba Street, Montgomery, AL 36104, Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. For more information, contact Kara Bruce at 334.264.6416 or communityministries@fbc-cm.org.

### ANGEL TREE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to volunteer to gather Angel Tree intake information, bake cookies, pray for children and their families, register Angel Tree gift givers, help with gift receiving, or assist with gift delivery we need your help. Contact Wendy Hamilton at 662.425.7725 or weh130@msn.com for additional information.

## NEW MEMBERS

### By Letter/Statement of Faith

**Ms. Cynthia Youngblood**
550 S. McDonough Street | Montgomery, AL 36104

## 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. Walt Hollon (Am) in the death of his brother

Mr. & Mrs. Brian Gulsby (Cindy) in the death of his brother Bob; Will, Sarah Cate, and Charlie Gulsby in the death of their uncle

### Baptist South

Alice Lott

### Capitol Hill Healthcare

Louise Calloway

### Crowne Healthcare

Rachel Teel

### John Knox Manor Rehab

Barbara Smith • Jim Frankum

### New York Presbyterian Hospital

Whitney Hill • Roger Teel

# The Living Christmas Tree
# 2026 Ticket Request

Ticket reservations begin on Sunday, November 1. Remember, the purpose of this beautiful Christmas gift is to reach the lost. PLEASE invite friends, family, and neighbors to join you and use this as a purposeful opportunity to share Christ. To help us be as efficient as possible, remember:

- **The best way to reserve tickets is online.** You can also return the ticket request form in the offering plate on Sunday or drop it in the LCT boxes at the information desk, the 4th-floor foyer, or the Scott Street entrance.
- **Tickets may be picked up beginning Sunday, November 22,** from 9:30 AM to 12:15 PM in the Welcome Center.

**Name**_____ **Cell Phone**_____

**Address**_____

**City**_____ **State**_____ **Zip**_____

| PRESENTATIONS | # OF TICKETS NEEDED |
|---|---|
| Friday, December 11 · 7:00 PM | |
| Saturday, December 12 · 4:00 PM | |
| Sunday, December 13 · 4:00 PM | |

**Since no offering will be taken during the presentations, a $5 per ticket donation is suggested.**

Detach the form and leave in one of the LCT boxes at First Baptist or mail to: The Living Christmas Tree, First Baptist Church, 305 South Perry Street | Montgomery, AL 36104

**For more information or to order tickets visit thelivingchristmastree.org**.

# FBC FAITHFULNESS

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

### ATTENDANCE

**Bible Fellowship Enrollment** 3205 | **Attendance** 1051
**Weekly Attendance** 1898 | **Discipleship Attendance** 628

### OFFERING

**Required Weekly** $140,519.23 | **Received Sunday** $223,889.35
**Required To Date** $6,042,326.89 | **Received To Date** $4,906,603.15

# THIS WEEK AT FBC

Visit montgomeryfbc.org for the complete calendar of events.

## Sunday, November 1

7:45 Prayer Time *(Welcome Center)*
8:30 Worship Service
9:45 Bible Fellowship Groups
11:00 Worship Service
4:00 Reflections
4:45 GriefShare
5:00 Equip Classes
One Heart + One Voice Choirs
Preschool + Children's Missions
6:15 Worship Service
8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

## Monday, November 2

9:30 English as a Second Language
5:30 Men's Bible Study
7:00 College Ministry: The Gathering
8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

## Tuesday, November 3

9:30 English as a Second Language
9:30 Ladies Bible Study
6:30 Charlotte Cearley Women on Mission
8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

## Wednesday, November 4

9:30 English as a Second Language
2:00 Baldwin Bible Study
5:00 Wednesday Night Supper
Prayer for Unreached People Group
5:15 Tutoring Program
5:18 WMU Leadership Meeting
5:45 Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal
English as a Second Language
6:00 Fall Sessions
Preschool + Children's Choirs
Divorce Care
6:45 Church Leadership Council
Student Ministry: Powerhouse
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

## Thursday, November 5

9:00 Conversational English
8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

## Friday, November 6

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

## Saturday, November 7

8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

## IN-HOME MINISTRY MEMBERS

**JESSE & BERNICE CARTER**
2554 Winchester Road
Montgomery, AL 36106

305 South Perry Street
Montgomery, AL 36104
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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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