First Baptist Church Montgomery

Joy Journal

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WHAT IN THE WORD?

WE NEED JOY!

Nehemiah 8:10 (ESV)

"And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

John 16:24 (ESV)

"Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full."

Romans 15:13 (ESV)

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."

SENIOR ADULT Adventure

APRIL 12-16, 2027
NEW ORLEANS, LA

Get Ready for Our Next Big Adventure! Spend the week exploring the National WWII Museum, taking a guided tour of the historic Destrehan Plantation, enjoying free time in the French Quarter, visiting Mardi Gras World (with a slice of King Cake!), strolling the Riverwalk, and taking a relaxing riverboat cruise on the Mississippi. The cost is $660 per person (double) or $860 (single), and it includes transportation, lodging, four breakfasts, four dinners, and admission to all the main stops. Don't miss out on this fun-filled trip with great friends and unforgettable sights. Spaces are limited and will go fast!

Register today at montgomeryfbc.org/events or contact Ed Cleveland at 205.223.6418 or ecleveland@montgomeryfbc.org.
We'd love to have you with us!



WHAT A RETREAT!

Our Senior Adult Retreat was phenomenal, and I hope you'll make it part of your plans next year! Pastor Mark started us off with a beautiful challenge about the kind of Christian example we're called to be as senior adults. Frank Jones led us in hymn medleys that were both meaningful and masterful. And Dennis "The Swan" Swanberg had us laughing until my face cramped! The best news? All three have already put us on their calendars for next year, so you'll get to be blessed all over again. Don't miss it! Dates coming soon.

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:

Jerry Hinson
1155 Dalraida Road
Montgomery, AL 36109

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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Thank You for a Great Car Show!

Our second annual Restoration Car Show was a big hit, and the vehicles were amazing! Special thanks to Mike Talley for grilling the hot dogs and hamburgers; Tim Powell for helping with setup; Andra and Ron Phillips for providing tables, chairs, and trash cans; and Christine Philley, Molly Pierce, and their teammates for serving the food. We couldn't have done it without you! Make plans now to join us next year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 29 - Advent Worship Concert
Mark your calendar for our annual Advent Worship Concert with the Handbell Ensemble on Sunday, November 29, at 6:15 PM in the Stakely Sanctuary. It falls on the first Sunday of Advent, so it's a lovely way to begin the Christmas season as we worship together through the beautiful sound of the bells. Invite a friend and plan to join us!

Tuesday, December 8 - Christmas Banquet
Join us for a festive evening at our Senior Adult Christmas Banquet on Tuesday, December 8, at 5:00 PM in the fellowship hall! Enjoy a delicious dinner of grilled steak or chicken, followed by plenty of laughter with Christian comedian Jonathan W. Cost: $20 per person. Come celebrate the season with us!

Sunday, December 27 – Celebrating 50 Years!
You're invited to celebrate Terry and Georgia Veazey's 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, December 27, at 4:00 pm in the reception hall at Eastern Hills Baptist Church. Join us in celebrating this special milestone and help us honor 50 years of love and faithfulness!