First Baptist Church Montgomery

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

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Thank you for participating in Giving Sunday! Now join us this Sunday in making a commitment to the Lord through First Baptist by returning your Commitment Card and bringing canned goods for the Caring Center. Leave your bags behind your car, and our students will pick them up.

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MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT *Discipleship*

The longer I have been going to the gym, the more I realize there are two types of strong people. The first knows the proper form and the right exercises but uses that knowledge solely for personal gain. The second has the same knowledge and strength but uses it to help others grow stronger. We call them trainers, and that's the kind of disciple the Lord calls all of us to become.

In the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14–30), Jesus tells of a master who entrusts his wealth to three servants before leaving on a journey. While he is away, each is responsible for stewarding what he has received. Jesus makes clear that faithful stewardship is not passive preservation but active multiplication. The master returns expecting a return, yet the goal is not sameness but faithfulness.

While this parable certainly applies to how we steward everything in life, Matthew's wording in 25:29 echoes Matthew 13:12, where Jesus uses nearly identical language to describe the "secrets of the kingdom of heaven" entrusted to his disciples. Matthew invites us to see that the knowledge of Jesus and his kingdom is not simply something his followers are to possess, but something they are responsible for multiplying by making disciples themselves.

In other words, knowing Jesus and his teachings is not simply something we receive; it is something we are called to share. As we proclaim the gospel, make disciples, and invest God's Word in the lives of others, we faithfully steward what the Lord has entrusted to us.

Today, we have extraordinary access to biblical resources, but with that privilege comes responsibility. The question for all of us is not simply how much we know about Jesus, but how we help others know him.

JAY SPIVEY
Associate Pastor for Discipleship

Our MISSION
at First Baptist Church Montgomery

FRANCE (November 5-12)
Brian Gay, Larry & Susan Gay, 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



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.

Thursday, November 12 | 11:30 AM | Room 413

JACKIE SWAN WOMEN ON MISSION

Our guest speaker will be a chaplain from Baptist South. For more information, contact Sharon Cleveland at 205.223.6419.

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

Sunday, December 6 | 5:00 PM | Room 347

MEXICO MISSION TRIP INTEREST MEETING

Interested in joining the February mission trip to Mexico? Come find out more. For more information, contact Brian Gay at 334.220.4402 or briang@montgomeryfbc.org.

Wednesday, November 11

Children: Chicken Nuggets, Chips, Dessert

Adults: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Black-Eyed Peas, Roll, 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



Thanksgiving Meal Boxes

Share Thanksgiving Hope!

Join the Caring Center in serving our Montgomery neighbors this Thanksgiving! Sign up today to deliver a meal kit and share the love of Jesus with a family in our community.

Sunday, November 22 | 3:15 PM

Scan here for more info and to sign up!

FBC COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

THE LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE 2026

BEHOLD *the King*

No offering will be taken during the presentation. $5 per ticket suggested.

December 11 *at* **7:00 PM**

December 12 *at* **4:00 PM**

December 13 *at* **4:00 PM**

For tickets: 334.241.5156 or thelivingchristmastree.org

NEW MEMBERS

By Baptism

Ms. Rita Thomas
Ka'niyah Cooley
4046 Saint Louis Road | Montgomery, AL 36116

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. Derek Frost (Allison) in the death of her mother
Mrs. Al Smith (Susan) in the death of her husband
Mr. & Mrs. Basil Manly (Jill) in the death of her sister
Ms. Princess Norris in the death of her mother
Ms. Doris Wade in the death of her mother

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

Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Tony Singleton (Edith) in the birth of a grandson; Ms. Evelyn Robinson in the birth of a great grandson

FBC Staff Birthdays

Dana Lightsey (November 8)

Christmas
OPPORTUNITIES

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
Drop off your shoeboxes at the Welcome Center table or the Scott Street entrance table through Sunday, November 22.

ANGEL TREE
Choose your angel online at montgomeryfbc.org/angel-tree or on Sunday, November 22 & 29 in the Welcome Center. Gift deadline is Sunday, December 6.

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP
The Caring Center is collecting gifts for the Christmas Workshop. For more information, contact Kara Bruce at 334.264.6416.

ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE
Join us on Sunday, November 29 at 6:15 PM in Stakely Sanctuary as the JOY Singers and Handbell Ensemble lead us in worship.

FBC FAITHFULNESS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026

ATTENDANCE
Bible Fellowship Enrollment 3208 | **Attendance** 1086
Weekly Attendance 1844 | **Discipleship Attendance** 802

OFFERING
Required Weekly $140,519.23 | **Received Sunday** $256,326.49
Required To Date $6,182,846.12 | **Received To Date** $5,162,929.64

THIS WEEK AT FBC

Visit montgomeryfbc.org for the complete calendar of events.

Sunday, November 8

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 9

9:30 English as a Second Language
10:00 JOY Singers
5:30 Men's Bible Study
7:00 College Ministry: The Gathering
8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Tuesday, November 10

9:30 English as a Second Language
9:30 Ladies Bible Study
7:00 Helen Hancock Women on Mission
8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Wednesday, November 11

5:00 Wednesday Night Supper
Prayer for Unreached People Group
5:45 Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal
6:00 Fall Sessions
Preschool + Children's Choirs
Divorce Care
6:40 Finance Committee
6:45 Student Ministry: Powerhouse
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Thursday, November 12

9:00 Conversational English
10:45 Jackie Swan Women on Mission
8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Friday, November 13

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

Saturday, November 14

8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

IN-HOME MINISTRY MEMBER
BETTY DICKEY

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