First Baptist Church Montgomery

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

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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

NOVEMBER 29 THROUGH DECEMBER 6, 2026

FBC GOAL: $260,000

GIVE TODAY!

MONTGOMERYFBC.ORG/GIVE

100% OF YOUR GIFTS SEND AND SUSTAIN MISSIONARIES!

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT *Communications*

STAY CONNECTED

As I step into my 20th year as your Communications Director, I've come to see that the true joy of this role isn't found in the graphics or the website. It's found in you. Every flyer, social post, letter, and email we send is crafted to help you feel seen, valued, and woven into our church family. Our greatest hope is that you always feel invited to join in the incredible things God is doing at First Baptist.

I don't do it alone. Barret Rush, our digital media specialist, captures the photos and videos and keeps our social media going. Rita Tidwell, our audio/technical assistant, handles the sound, lighting and broadcast that bring Sunday worship to your screen. I'm deeply grateful for both of them. And we'd love more hands! If you like running a camera, working a soundboard, snapping photos, or writing, there's a place for you on our broadcast and communications team. No experience is needed—just let me know if you'd like to jump in.

HERE ARE SOME WAYS YOU CAN STAY CONNECTED:

The **Beacon** arrives in your inbox every Thursday with news, events, and ministry updates.

Our **website**, montgomeryfbc.org, is the main place for the calendar, registrations, sermons, and online giving.

Our **church app** puts everything you need right in your pocket, along with our **online member directory**. These tools help you stay connected with our church family. If you ever have trouble with the apps or need help getting started, please reach out. I'm always happy to help.

Facebook and Instagram show photos, reminders, and moments from church life throughout the week.

If you can't join us on Sunday, you can watch at 10:30 AM on WSFA-TV Channel 12. You can also watch online at montgomeryfbc.org, on Vimeo (vimeo.com/fbcmontgomery), or on YouTube (First Baptist Church Montgomery).

I have a small request: choose one or two of these ways to connect that fit your life, and get involved. Forward the Beacon to a friend, share a post, or invite a neighbor to watch online.

Please reach out anytime. If you find something confusing or missing, or if you have an idea, my door is always open. Your feedback and suggestions help us share our story better. Many changes and new ideas come straight from what you share. You can email me at asmith@montgomeryfbc.org, call (334) 241-5122, or stop by for a chat. This is your church, and I'm truly grateful for the chance to help tell its story.

With gratitude,

AMANDA SMITH
Communications Director



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesdays, December 1–22 | 9:30–11:00 AM | Home of Ann Amster

ADVENT ENCOUNTER LADIES STUDY

Take time to focus your heart on Christ in the middle of the season's chaos. Over four weeks, we'll study Hope and the fulfillment of prophecy, Peace and the role of angels, Joy and the life of Mary, and Light, because Jesus is truly the Light of the world. Together we'll explore the beauty, wonder and truth of the Christ child and learn to order our lives to reflect Him. For more information, contact Ann Amster at 334.202.2714.

Tuesday, December 1 | 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

MY FAVORITE THINGS PARTY

Moms of preschoolers and children, join us for a fun night together! Bring heavy hors d'oeuvres to share. Moms of children, bring something savory, and moms of preschoolers, bring something sweet. Choose one thing you love and bring three of it, unwrapped, to share. Please spend no more than $10 per item. Register by Sunday, November 29 at montgomeryfbc.org/events.

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.

Sunday, December 6 | 5:00 PM | Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, December 9 | 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

STRATEGIC PLAN TOWN HALL

Join Mark for a Town Hall presentation of our Strategic Plan for 2027 and Beyond. Our Deacons and Church Leadership Council approved the plan unanimously. Come hear about the initiatives and opportunities ahead for our church.

Wednesday, December 2

Children: Buttered Noodles, Fruit, Dessert
Adults: Poppyseed Chicken, Rice, Green Beans, 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

Tuesday, December 8
5:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

SENIOR ADULT CHRISTMAS BANQUET

All senior adults are invited to join us for our Christmas Banquet. Dinner will consist of grilled steak or chicken. Our entertainment, Jonnie W, is a Christian comedian, and you can get your photo made with Santa Claus. Cost is $20 per person. To make your reservation, visit montgomeryfbc.org/events.

Wednesday, December 9
5:00 PM | Caring Center

DEADLINE FOR TOYS & GIFTS 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.

December 11–13 | Prior to LCT performance | Welcome Center

SHARE YOUR FBC STORY

As we look ahead to FBC's 200th anniversary, our history team is gathering photos, memorabilia and stories of how this church has shaped your life, your faith and your family. Come early to the LCT and bring along any photos from your life at FBC, or any old pictures of the church and its events. We'll scan them on the spot and hand them right back to you. You can also sign up that weekend to record your own FBC story. If you have questions, or you'd like to reserve a time to record, contact Chris Anderson at sassybread20@gmail.com.

Wednesday, December 16 | 5 PM | Fellowship Hall

THE STORIES OF CHRISTMAS

Join us for a special Christmas night together! Our deacons are cooking up a pancake supper, and we'll have Christmas activities, carols, a special Christmas skit and a hot cocoa bar. It's a fun evening for the whole family. Register online at montgomeryfbc.org/events by Sunday, December 13.

NEW MEMBERS

By Statement/Letter of Faith

Miss Chloe Helms
352 Woodlawn Drive
Eufaula, AL 36027

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. Ed Haase (Shirley) in the death of her sister-in-law

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Palmer (Katie) in the death of her sister

Baptist East

Eugene Price

Capitol Hill Healthcare

Louise Calloway

Crowne Healthcare

Rachel Teel

John Knox Manor Rehab

Barbara Smith • Jim Frankum

FBC Staff Birthdays

Mike Talley (November 30)



For a complete list of events visit
MONTGOMERYFBC.ORG/CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:30 & 11:00 AM | Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Emphasis
6:15 PM | Preschool & Children's Choirs Christmas Program
7:15 PM | Preschool & Children's Family Fellowship

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

5:00 PM | Senior Adult Christmas Banquet

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:00 PM | Living Christmas Tree

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

4:00 PM | Living Christmas Tree

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:45 AM | Discover First Baptist
4:00 PM | Living Christmas Tree

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

5:00 PM | The Stories of Christmas

FBC FAITHFULNESS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2026

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 3209 | **Attendance** 1059
Weekly Attendance 2110 | **Discipleship Attendance** 588

OFFERING

Required Weekly $140,519.23 | **Received Sunday** $125,438.13
Required To Date $6,604,403.81 | **Received To Date** $5,562,981.17

THIS WEEK AT FBC

Visit montgomeryfbc.org for the complete calendar of events.

Sunday, November 29

7:45 Prayer Time *(Welcome Center)*
8:30 Worship Service
9:45 Bible Fellowship Groups
11:00 Worship Service
12:30 Handbell Rehearsal
4:00 Reflections Rehearsal
5:00 Preschool + Children's Missions
One Heart Choir Rehearsal
One Voice Choir Rehearsal
6:15 Advent Worship Service
8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Monday, November 30

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

Tuesday, December 1

9:30 English as a Second Language
Ladies Bible Study: Jesus in Me
Ladies Bible Study: Advent
6:00 My Favorite Things Party
8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Wednesday, December 2

9:30 English as a Second Language
2:15 Baldwin Bible Study
5:00 Wednesday Night Supper
Unreached People Prayer Time
5:15 Tutoring
5:45 Orchestra Rehearsal
English as a Second Language
6:00 Sessions
Preschool + Children's Choirs
6:45 Student Ministry: Powerhouse
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Thursday, December 3

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

Friday, December 4

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

Saturday, December 5

8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

IN-HOME MINISTRY MEMBER

NANCY EPTON
3152 Gatsby Lane
Montgomery, AL 36106

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305 South Perry Street
Montgomery, AL 36104



Broadcast Schedule

WSFA-TV Channel 12 Sundays, 10:30 AM

Watch Online

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montgomeryfbc.org

VIMEO
vimeo.com/fbcmontgomery

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