

First Baptist Church Montgomery

# BEACON

*bring them in...build them up...send them out*



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## the gospel resounds

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®

Week of Prayer for International Missions | December 4 through 11

On **Sunday, December 6**, we will hear from **Mark Edworthy**, Affinity Group Strategy Leader for European Peoples for the IMB. Mark holds doctorates from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is the author of *The Wall That Remains*. Mark and his wife Susie have served in Missions in Europe since 1990. They are the proud parents of four children.



2016 FBC Goal: \$220,000

## Children's Choirs Christmas Program

**Sunday, December 4**  
**6:15 PM :: Main Sanctuary**





# CONNECTIONS

from your Pastor's Heart

## *The Living Christmas Tree REVIVAL!*

Have you put up your Christmas tree?

THE FBC FAMILY TREE IS ARISING! Our amazing team has been laboring diligently to reassemble our treasured tree. Excitement mixes with perspiration. Months of creative planning and practice will soon culminate in the 2016 presentation of the *Living Christmas Tree*.

Over the years, God has blessed our efforts to share Christ at Christmas in a phenomenal fashion. Multiplied thousands have heard the transforming truth of the Gospel because of the magnetism of our *Living Tree*.

Let me urge you to utilize the excellence and notoriety of our *Living Christmas Tree* worship services to invite unchurched friends to join you and experience the extraordinary fellowship of our church family. God will use your efforts to plant the Gospel seeds in a friend's heart. God's Word never returns void and will yield an eternal harvest. So, take advantage of this marvelous season and the worship opportunities of the *Living Christmas Tree* to provide an intentional witness for our singular Savior.

Furthermore, you can utilize the television tool for sharing the Gospel by encouraging friends to watch the *Living Christmas Tree* broadcast which will be aired several times.

Lastly, pray for Ed, the musicians, the broadcast band, our technical team, the ushers, our parking elves, childcare workers, and the host of Christ-honoring volunteers who function as a tangible illustration of God's love as they offer the gift of their service through the presentation of our *Living Christmas Tree*. Pray that God will be glorified, the church will be edified, and the seekers will be saved!

Advancing God's Kingdom TOGETHER,

## Living Christmas Tree :: December 9-11

Order your LCT Tickets online at [www.thelivingchristmastree.org](http://www.thelivingchristmastree.org)

Tickets may be picked up **THIS SUNDAY** in the sanctuary foyer from 9:15 AM to 12:30 PM and 5:00 to 6:00 PM. The LCT Ticket Office will be open on **Monday, December 5 through Friday, December 9** from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Stakely Music Suite at the Scott Street entrance.

## FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, November 27, 2016

### ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5136 | Bible Fellowship Attendance 1571  
Weekly Attendance 1811 | Discipleship Attendance 496

### OFFERING

Required Weekly \$125,480.77 | Received Sunday \$51,152.97  
Required To Date \$6,023,076.92 | Received To Date \$5,533,909.35  
Building Fund Sunday \$50.50 | Building Fund to Date \$30,886.13  
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® \$16,796.65

Under Budget | \$489,167.57



## Angel Tree 2016

Please bring your Angel Tree gifts unwrapped, in a bag with the child's name securely on each gift, to the reception area at the Scott Street entrance on or before **Sunday, December 4**. Thank you for providing a happier Christmas for a prisoner's child.

# Ministry Announcements

## Preschool Ministry

Join us for **Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)** on **Tuesday, December 15** from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. For more information, visit [www.montgomeryfbc.org/mops](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/mops).

All preschool children are asked to **Help Decorate the Christmas Tree** that will be at the preschool registration desk. We want to fill it with socks, so please bring a **new** pair (or bag) of socks to cover our tree. The socks will be donated to the Caring Center to help children keep their feet warm this winter. Please bring your present to your SS Class on or before **Sunday, December 11**.

## Student Ministry

Students, join us for the **Youth Christmas Parties** on **Sunday, December 4** from 7:30 to 9:00 PM. Junior High students will meet at the Kreitz's Home (8706 Marsh Ridge Drive) and Senior High students will meet at the Willis' Home (8431 Marsh Pointe Drive). All girls need to bring a dessert. The 7th, 9th & 11th grade guys need to bring a 2-liter drink and the 8th, 10th & 12th grade guys need to bring chips and dip. All students need to bring a \$10 wrapped Dirty Santa gift. For more information, contact Russell McCrory at 241.5163 or Spencer Jones at 241.5187.

FBMSM Students and Parents: Join us for the **Nehemiah Center Christmas Party** on **Thursday, December 15** from 3:30 to 4:45 PM at 213 Broadway Street.

Save the Date for **Disciple Now** on **Friday, January 13 through Sunday, January 15**. Register online at [www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration).

## Adult Ministry

Join Jay as he continues a new round of his **Pastor's Class** on **Sunday, December 4** at 10:00 AM in the main sanctuary. The 13-week class, open to everyone, will be an overview of the Bible.

## Senior Adult Ministry

The **Senior Adult Christmas Banquet** is **Tuesday, December 13** at 5:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Cost is \$8. Our entertainment will be State Missionary Keith Hibbs, director of the Office of Worship Leadership and Church Music at the State Board of Missions. Purchase your tickets in your Bible Fellowship class or call Mary Virginia Crum at 241.5180. The deadline to purchase tickets is Sunday, December 4.



THANK YOU to all who supported **Operation Christmas Child** this year! Our church drop-off site collected 930 shoeboxes! Your gifts and prayers fulfill Romans 15:13 by giving hope to needy boys and girls. To see what happens next, go to: [www.samaritanspurse.org/article/what-happens-to-your-shoebox/](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/article/what-happens-to-your-shoebox/)



## First Family Dinner | Wednesday, December 7

*No reservations required!*

**Adult & Children's Meal:** Spaghetti, Bread, Salad, Dessert

**Adult Family Meal – \$5; Child's Meal (12 & under) – \$3**

**Maximum Family Amount – \$20** (immediate family only)

## Missions Ministry

Save the Date for the **Global Impact Celebration (GIC)** on **Wednesday, February 15 through Sunday, February 19**. For more information, visit [www.gic2017.com](http://www.gic2017.com). In preparation for Global Impact Celebration (GIC 2017), we're producing **The Purpose Podcast**. In this audio podcast you will hear inspiring conversations with guests that will be coming to the GIC from the US and all around the world. Visit [www.thepurposepodcast.com](http://www.thepurposepodcast.com) to learn more or listen today.

## FBC Foundation

As you review your financial plans at year end, it is a great time to review your estate plans, as well. You may want to consider **leaving a lasting legacy to the First Baptist Foundation** through your will, trust, or life insurance policies. You can also make a meaningful future gift while generating income, immediate tax savings, and other benefits today. For more details, contact Alissa Parrish at [airvin@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:airvin@montgomeryfbc.org) or visit [www.montgomeryfbc.org/leaving-a-legacy](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/leaving-a-legacy).

## Children's Hope

Become a part of the new **Hope Through Education** student sponsorship initiative. For \$25/month, you can cover the education costs of one of the 930 students in Children's Hope schools in Haiti. Visit [childrens-hope.com/givehope](http://childrens-hope.com/givehope) to learn more and become a partner, or contact Jared McCrory at [jared@childrens-hope.com](mailto:jared@childrens-hope.com) for more info.

## Community Ministries

If your family or your Sunday School Class would like to adopt a family for Christmas, please contact Jane Ferguson at 241.5141.

## Churchwide News & Events

Travel with First Baptist Church on the **Ark Encounter Tour, May 29 through June 4, 2017**. See the full-size replica of Noah's Ark located in Williamstown, Kentucky. This agenda is packed with touring/sightseeing in Chattanooga, Lexington and Nashville. For more information, visit [www.montgomeryfbc.org/ark](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/ark).



## Year-End Giving

The Church Business Office is here to serve you as we approach the end of the year. All gifts must be postmarked by Saturday, December 31 in order to go toward your 2016 giving record. If you are gifting appreciated assets, please make the business office aware of those gifts and the designation of the gifts. Please contact Patti Shoemaker at 241.5181 or Gwen Keene at 241.5185 for more information.

## New Members

### By Letter/Statement of Faith

**Mr. Todd Bradford**  
**Mrs. Todd Bradford (Lauren)**  
1340 Bon Terre Blvd | Pike Road, AL 36064

**Miss Brittany Grantham**  
3620 Princess Ann Street | Montgomery, AL 36109

**Mr. Larry Layne**  
**Mrs. Larry Layne (Royce)**  
8625 Fallow Field Road | Montgomery, AL 36119

**Mrs. Lottie Monroe**  
1212 Pond Cypress Drive | Montgomery, AL 36117

## Our Church Family

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, contact Carolyn Bryan at 241.5120.

### Sympathy Extended to

Mrs. Hal Choyce (Diane) in the death of her husband; Dr. & Mrs. Chip Colee (Christy) in the death of her father; Christopher & Caroline Colee in the death of their grandfather Family & Friends in the death of Nell White Dodd Ms. Alleen Jones in the death of her son-in-law, Joe; Mr. & Mrs. Pat Hendrix (Eunice) in the death of her brother-in-law

### Baptist South

Linda Norsworthy

### Baptist East

Sally Corley

### Jackson

John Hendrix

### Capitol Hill Healthcare

Kathleen Stitt

### Diversicare

Lil Wilkinson

### Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Niko Corley (Sally) in the birth of a daughter; Mr. & Mrs. Donnie Robinson (Nancy) in the birth of a granddaughter; Mrs. Dot Robinson in the birth of a great-granddaughter; Dr. Barbara Manning in the birth of a great-granddaughter

### Ministerial Staff Birthdays

Kathy Cooper (December 5)



## Week of Prayer for International Missions December 4 through 11

Christmas is about giving!

Because God generously gave to us, consider giving generously to our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® for World Missions. In giving, we help advance God's ultimate goal "That All Peoples May Know Him." Your gift will fuel our global missions work. As givers, you become partners with Southern Baptist missionaries in 160 countries who are effectively sharing the Good News of King Jesus with a vast array of people.

WMU invites you to join us in praying for International Missions during the Week of Prayer on December 4–11. For more information, contact Brian Gay at 241.5131.

### Schedule of Events: *(all events begin at 9:30 AM)*

**Monday, December 5** \ \ Home of Sherry Gilpin (3701 Jesse Court)  
Speaker: Richard Alford (Zaza People Group)  
Prayer Calendar: Lisa Powell

**Tuesday, December 6** \ \ Huff Building Hospitality Room  
Christmas Brunch for ESL Students

**Thursday, December 8** \ \ Oak Grove Inn (3801 Oak Grove Drive)  
Hostesses: Betty Bridgman & Maureen Parks  
Speaker: Reggie Quimby (Acts 1:8 Connections)  
Prayer Calendar: Sara Jane Lyon

**Friday, December 9** \ \ Home of Sally Frazier (7736 Wynlakes Blvd)  
Speakers: Charlotte & Tim Cearley (Retired IMB Missionaries)  
Prayer Calendar: Elaine Walton



**FBC Offering Envelopes** are now sent quarterly. The first quarter of 2017 will be mailed in December. Please contact Jill Johnson at 241.5183 or Patti Shoemaker at 241.5181 if you requested envelopes and do not receive them.

# FBC Stewardship Goal: \$6,642,000

Pledged to Date :: \$5,923,928.00 (89.19%)

Remember, it's never too late to make your commitment!

## This week at FBC Montgomery

For the complete calendar, visit [www.montgomeryfbc.org](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org).

### Sunday, December 4

- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 3:30 Missions Committee Meeting
- 4:00 GIC Committee Meeting
- Reflections Ensemble
- 5:00 Visitation
- Discipleship Classes
- One Heart/One Voice Choirs
- 6:15 Children's Choirs Christmas Program
- 7:30 Student Ministry Christmas Parties

### Monday, December 5

- 7:30 R.O.M.E.O.
- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- Deacon's Meeting
- 6:30 Freedom in Christ Recovery

### Tuesday, December 6

- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 11:30 Children's Hope Prayer Time
- 5:30 Women's Support Group
- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous

### Wednesday, December 7

- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 12:10 War Room Prayer Time
- 4:45 Wednesday Night Supper
- 5:30 Tutoring
- Orchestra Rehearsal
- 6:00 First Family Prayer Time
- 6:30 Student Ministry: Powerhouse
- 6:35 LCT Choir/Orchestra Rehearsal
- 6:45 Ejamat Prayer Time

### Thursday, December 8

- 9:00 Conversational English Christmas Program
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group
- 6:00 English as a Second Language
- 6:35 LCT Choir/Orchestra Rehearsal

### Friday, December 9

- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 7:00 Living Christmas Tree

### Saturday, December 10

- Santa's Workshop
- 4:00 Living Christmas Tree
- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous
- 7:00 Living Christmas Tree

**In Home Ministry Member :: Mary Ann Johnson**

2516 Darrington Road | Montgomery, Alabama 36111-1527

## Morning Worship (8:30 & 11:00 AM)

**Call to Worship** | Marcus Davis

**All Night, All Day** | Reflections Ensemble

**How Many Kings?** | Rachel Love

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Message**

Mark Edworthy, IMB

## Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

**Graded Children's Choirs**  
**Christmas Worship**

## CrossRoads Broadcast Schedule

Watch the sermon at the time below or online at [www.montgomeryfbc.org](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org).



**Frazer Channel 13** (Montgomery & Prattville)

**BrightHouse Channel 122** (Elmore County)

Sunday, 1:30 PM (full hour) & 6:00 PM

Tuesday, 7:30 PM Thursday, 9:30 AM & 6:00 PM

**WSFA-TV Channel 12** | Sunday, 10:30 AM

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