

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®

100% of your gift helps send and sustain IMB missionaries.



2016 FBC Goal: \$220,000  
Given to Date: \$56,838.65

## Cookies, Cocoa & Carols

Wednesday, December 14  
6:00 PM \* Fellowship Hall



**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.

# CONNECTIONS

— from your Pastor's Heart



## God's Early Christmas Present for His FBC Family!

As **Jane Ferguson** completes her amazing work at Community Ministries, we will transfer her vital ministry tasks to **Ben Hulseley** and **Tim Cearley**. Community Ministries represents the heart of FBC so we must maintain the highest level of effectiveness. We are confident that Ben and Tim will achieve that Christ-directed goal by providing excellent leadership.

**Ben** is a retired Air Force Colonel. He is an Eagle Scout from Gainesville, Ga. who earned a Congressional appointment to the Air Force Academy. While faithfully serving our Nation, Ben accumulated a tremendous array of accomplishments and skills. The Lord brought Ben to Maxwell Air Force Base to assume a strategic leadership role and the Hulseys joined our Church family. God gave Ben a deep desire to stay in Montgomery following his retirement to remain at FBC. Ben is an ordained deacon and leader in the Wren Bible Fellowship Class. For the last year, Ben has worked with Jane to learn the inner dynamics of our Community Ministries. Ben is married to Connie and she is a fabulous ministry teammate.



**Mike Talley, Ben Hulseley and Tim Cearley**

Ben's partner in leading the work of Community Ministries will be **Tim Cearley**. Tim served with the International Mission Board for 35 years rising to the position of Affinity Leader for Sub-Saharan Africa. Tim orchestrated the work of over 600 missionaries in 46 countries. Additionally, Tim has helped mobilize and manage thousands of volunteers along with handling very large financial budgets. Tim and his remarkable wife Charlotte, who is currently working with our ESL program, possess a vast set of ministry skills. Since Charlotte's parents are Harrell and Ann Cushing, the Cearleys have been coming to Montgomery for their furloughs for 25 years, which gives them a great deal of knowledge about our church family plus we know and love these mission heroes!

## FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, December 4, 2016

### ATTENDANCE

**Bible Fellowship Enrollment** 5151 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1777  
**Weekly Attendance** 2312 | **Discipleship Attendance** 1085

### OFFERING

**Required Weekly** \$125,480.77 | **Received Sunday** \$170,213.67  
**Required To Date** \$6,148,557.69 | **Received To Date** \$5,704,123.02  
**Building Fund Sunday** \$2,445.00 | **Building Fund to Date** \$33,331.13  
**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®** \$56,838.65

**Under Budget | \$444,434.67**

# FBC Holiday Schedule

Wednesday, December 14

6:00 PM \ \ Cookies, Cocoa & Carols

Sunday, December 18

Regular Morning Schedule

5:30 PM \ \ Vesper Service & Lord's Supper

Wednesday, December 21

No Evening Services or Activities

Friday, December 23

FBC Offices Closed

Saturday, December 24

3:30 & 5:00 PM \ \ Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Sunday, December 25

Merry Christmas!

10:30 AM \ \ Christmas Worship Service

Monday, December 26

FBC Offices Closed

Wednesday, December 28

No Evening Services or Activities

Sunday, January 1

Happy New Year!

Regular Morning Schedule

No Evening Services or Activities

Monday, January 2

FBC Offices Closed

## 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 18**.

### Children's Ministry

Christmas is all about Jesus and on Sunday, December 18, the first through third graders will have a **Happy Birthday Jesus Party!** Also, this is the day we give presents to families in need at the Caring Center. For more information, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164 or [gleathers@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:gleathers@montgomeryfbc.org).



### First Family Dinner | Wednesday, December 14

*No reservations required!*

**Adult & Children's Meal:** Chicken Fingers, French Fries, Salad, Dessert

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

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

**GAs and RAs** will begin again on **Sunday, January 8** at 5:00 PM. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of these exciting groups.

**Bible Drill** begins on **Sunday, January 8** for all 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students. Join us at 6:00 PM in room A311 as we learn the books of the Bible, the location of key scripture passages, and memorize scripture.

## Student Ministry

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 11** 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. A few tickets remain, call Mary Virginia Crum at 241.5180.

## Missions Ministry

The **2017 Missions Menu** is now available! You can pick up your copy in the main sanctuary foyer or visit [www.montgomeryfbc.org](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org).

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**

## New Members

### By Letter/Statement of Faith

**Mr. David Britton**  
**Mrs. David Britton (Brookie)**  
9166 Carters Grove Way | Montgomery, AL 36116

**Mr. Drew Granthum**  
1712 Woodcrest Road S, Apt B | Birmingham, AL 35205

**Mrs. Hettie Harrington**  
1742 Caimbrook Drive | Montgomery, AL 36106

**Mr. Robert Jones**  
**Mrs. Robert Jones (Becky)**  
6249 Monticello Cove | Montgomery, AL 36117

**Mr. Ben Wilkinson**  
7 Clayton Street, Apt 7B | Montgomery, AL 36104

## Our Church Family

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

**Baptist South**  
Kristy Wendel

**Jackson**  
John Hendrix • Louise Blake • Curtis Pace  
Marley Ezelle • Eugene Price

**Capitol Hill Healthcare**  
Kathleen Stitt

**Brookwood Baptist Medical Center**  
Holli Strickland

**Congratulations Extended to**  
Mr. & Mrs. Drew Arnberg (Lyn) in the birth of a grandson; Mr. & Mrs. Burt Martin (Carolyn) in the birth of a great-grandson  
Mr. & Mrs. Scott Lee (Mary Louise) in the birth of a daughter; Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Lee (Elaine) in the birth of a granddaughter



**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.

## Churchwide News & Events

There will be no **Churchwide Visitation** on **Sundays, December 11, 18 or 25.**

Join us for a night of fun, celebrating Christmas on **Wednesday, December 14** in the fellowship hall. At 5:00 PM, we will have our First Family Dinner, then at 6:00 PM, we will kick-off **Cookies, Cocoa & Carols**. Be sure to bring your favorite baked cookies to enjoy with cocoa as Ed leads us in singing our favorite Christmas Carols. There will be activities for the children to enjoy as well.

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.

## Connections from Your Pastor's Heart (continued from page 2)

Ben will focus on the operational systems and Tim will concentrate on the ministry programs. We are very blessed to combine the talents, wisdom, commitment and compassion of Ben and Tim to lead our Community Ministries Programs.

Another blessing God has provided is the addition of **Mike Talley** to our FBC staff team. Mike will assist Patti Shoemaker in the important area of taking care of our church facilities which totals 372,000 square feet (that's over 8 acres under roof). Mike and Kathy Talley are two of our finest and most committed FBC members. Mike will greatly enhance our essential task of being a good steward of our facility resources.

The Lord has given us a special team of servant-leaders who love Christ and His Body. Let's keep working together to build God's kingdom during this season of harvest.

You are loved and appreciated,

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Jay".

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

Pledged to Date :: \$5,991,564.00 (90.21%)

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 11

- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 4:00 Living Christmas Tree
- 7:00 Living Christmas Tree

### Monday, December 12

- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 Freedom in Christ Recovery

### Tuesday, December 13

- 9:30 MOPS
- 11:00 JOY Singers to Archibald Center
- 5:00 Senior Adult Christmas Banquet
- 5:30 Women's Support Group
- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous

### Wednesday, December 14

- 4:45 Wednesday Night Supper
- 5:30 Tutoring Christmas Party

- 6:00 Cookies, Cocoa and Carols
- 6:40 Finance Committee
- 6:45 Ejamat Prayer Time

### Thursday, December 15

- 9:00 Conversational English
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group
- 3:45 Student Ministry: Nehemiah Center Christmas Party
- 6:30 Ashley Class Christmas Party

### Friday, December 16

- Mission Project: Haiti (College)
- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 9:00 Alabama Behavioral Health Division Christmas Party

### Saturday, December 17

- Mission Project: Haiti (College)
- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous

## In Home Ministry Member :: Becky Lewis

505 Birch Street | Millbrook, Alabama 36054-2734

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

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®**

**Mary, Did You Know?** | Chris Adams

**Were It Not For Grace** | Chris Adams

**Message** | Jay Wolf

## Evening Worship (4:00 & 7:00 PM)

**Living Christmas Tree**

## 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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