



First Baptist Church Montgomery

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

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Victory Day Report To God Be The Glory!

At publication, the total pledge was **\$5,627,832.00**. This is **84.73%** of the 2017 Budget. We express heartfelt thanks to our faithful stewardship campaign workers and to ALL who participated. Remember, it's never too late to give!

"He who is faithful in little is also faithful in much..." – Luke 16:10



presented by the JOY Singers
Sunday, November 27 \ \ 6:15 PM \ \ Stakely Sanctuary



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

Jane Ferguson Announces Her Retirement

God sent Jane Ferguson to His FBC family in 1988. With great skill and compassion she started and guided our Community Ministries. Dr. Dale Huff has said on many occasions that one of the finest accomplishments of his tenure as pastor at FBC Montgomery was inviting Jane Ferguson to join our team.

Jane began her work by doing an assessment of our community needs and opportunities. Then, like a wise gardener, she started planting a host of ministries that have flourished and produced an abundance of Christ honoring fruits. Jane moved from a small office adjacent to the music suite eventually into the entire facility that housed the First Presbyterian Church. The heart of our Community Ministries programming is meeting people's needs in Jesus' name. We have effective systems for providing friends in need with food, clothing, and financial assistance through the Caring Center. Jane added to our ministry garden the tutoring program, the Children's Learning Center, the GED program, an enormous ministry to our International Friends, the Nehemiah Project in Chisholm, Addiction Recovery Programs, Prison Ministry, the Master's Community Garden, Angel Tree, the Counseling Care Ministry and the list keeps growing!



Jane Ferguson
Minister of Community Ministries

With a profound sense of gratitude to God for the last 28 years of service, Jane senses it is the right time to complete her tenure as the leader of Community Ministries. Our Community Ministries board, excellently led by Sheri McKean, has invited **Ben Hulsey** along with **Tim Cearley**, to lead Community Ministries. Ben is an Air Force Academy graduate who is a retired Colonel. Tim spent the last 35 years as an IMB Missionary in Africa. They will be a strong team that God will use to advance this vital ministry.

Jane's retirement is set for December 31, but she will continue to reside in Montgomery and assist in the ministries she raised up. We will plan a big celebration of her ministry among us in January.

Join me in praying for Jane and our Christ-exalting work in Community Ministries during these days of transition

Serving Christ TOGETHER,

FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, November 20, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5128 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1615
Weekly Attendance 2150 | **Discipleship Attendance** 969

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$125,480.77 | **Received Sunday** \$273,163.08
Required To Date \$5,897,596.15 | **Received To Date** \$5,482,756.38
Building Fund Sunday \$95.00 | **Building Fund to Date** \$30,835.63

Under Budget | \$414,839.77

Sign up for the 2016 Advent eDevotional



Hope Peace Love Joy

Sign up today for the 2016 advent eDevotional. Send your email address to Amanda Smith at asmith@montgomeryfbc.org or visit www.montgomeryfbc.org/adventdevotional.

The devotions begin on Sunday, November 27.



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.



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.

Ministry Announcements

Preschool Ministry

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 6** 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.



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, November 30

No reservations required!

Adult & Children's Meal: Mexican, Salad, Dessert

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

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

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.

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. 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 to learn more or listen today.

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 to learn more and become a partner, or contact Jared McCrory at jared@childrens-hope.com for more info.

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

New Members

By Baptism

**Mr. Phillip Mitchell
Patton Mitchell**
2516 Jasmine Road | Montgomery, AL 36111

Ms. Destiny Anne Noll
370 Woodley East Road | Ramer, AL 36069

By Letter/Statement of Faith

**Mr. Phillip Mitchell (Jamie)
Erin Mitchell**
2516 Jasmine Road | Montgomery, AL 36111

Our Church Family

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

Sympathy Extended to

Family and Friends in the death of Jean Summer
Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Vaughn (Joyce) in the death of
her mother

Mr. & Mrs. Jason Walker (Ronda) in the death of
her father

Baptist South

Hal Choyce • Peggy Lanier

Baptist East

Lanie Brazell

Jackson

John Hendrix

Capitol Hill Healthcare

Kathleen Stitt

Divers-A-Care

Lil Wilkinson

Congratulations Extended to

Mr. Bob Ivey in the birth of a great-grandchild
Mr. & Mrs. Craig Brazell (Lanie) in the birth of
a son

Children's Choirs Christmas Program

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



Living Christmas Tree :: December 9-11

Order your LCT Tickets online at www.thelivingchristmastree.org

Ticket requests may also be returned in the offering plate on Sunday, or one of the LCT boxes located in the sanctuary foyers, near the receptionist desk, or in the fellowship hall. Tickets may be picked up on **Sunday, November 27** in the main sanctuary foyer from 9:15 AM to 12:30 PM. The LCT Ticket Office will be open on **Monday, November 28 through Friday, December 2** from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Stakely Music Suite at the Scott Street entrance.



For more information, visit www.thelivingchristmastree.org or call the LCT ticket office at 241.5156.



airvin@montgomeryfbc.org or visit www.montgomeryfbc.org/leaving-a-legacy.

Churchwide News & Events

Travel with First Baptist Church on the **Ark Encounter Tour, May 29 through June 4, 2017**. See this full-size replica of Noah's Ark located in Williamstown, Kentucky, built according to the dimensions given in the Bible. This agenda is packed with touring/sightseeing in Chattanooga, Lexington and Nashville. For more information, visit www.montgomeryfbc.org/ark.

Download the **DEVOHUB Devotional App Today!** We have purchased this great devotional tool for our entire congregation. Next time you are on campus, take the time to download to your smart phone, this new app that will deliver seven updated devotionals (including Journey, Stand Firm and Open Windows) to your phone. **Just follow these simple steps:** First, go to the Apple, Kindle Fire, or Google Play app stores search for Devohub and download the app. Next, the App will discover where you are (location services must be turned on). When prompted, select Activate (You must be on the FBC campus and may need to have WIFI turned on to activate.) Then, you will have full access anywhere to these devotionals which are updated each day. If you like a particular devotional, you can copy and share it with a friend by e-mail or message. For more information, contact Chuck Ashley at 241.5161 or cashley@montgomeryfbc.org. We are hopeful that by making this great tool available, we can reduce the expensive hard copies of these devotionals that we buy. But don't worry, if you still prefer the hard copy we will get it for you!

the gospel resounds

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

OUR CHURCH GOAL

\$220,000

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



WAR ROOM

PRAYER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON

12.07.16 :: MAIN SANCTUARY :: 12:10 TO 12:50 PM

This week at FBC Montgomery

For the complete calendar, visit www.montgomeryfbc.org.

Sunday, November 27

- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 5:00 Visitation
- Discipleship Classes
- One Heart/One Voice Choirs
- 6:15 JOY Singers Christmas Program

Monday, November 28

- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 5:15 Sanctuary Handbells
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 Freedom in Christ Recovery

Tuesday, November 29

- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 5:30 Women's Support Group
- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous
- 8:00 College Ministry: Elevate

Wednesday, November 30

- 9:00 English as a Second Language

- 2:15 Baldwin Bible Study
- 4:45 Wednesday Night Supper
- 5:30 Tutoring
- Orchestra Rehearsal
- 5:45 Preschool & Children's Choirs
- 6:00 First Family Prayer Time
- 6:30 Student Ministry: Powerhouse
- 6:35 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 6:45 LCT Orchestra Rehearsal
- Ejamat Prayer Time

Thursday, December 1

- 9:00 Conversational English
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group
- 12:00 Baptist Foundation Eldercare Luncheon
- 6:00 English as a Second Language

Friday, December 2

- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group

Saturday, December 3

- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member :: Betty Hollon

1142 E Main Street | Prattville, Alabama 36066-5639

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

Jazz Introit | Ichthus Ensemble

Praise the Father, Praise the Son | Sanctuary Choir

Welcome Child of Light | Ichthus Ensemble

Message | Jay Wolf

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

JOY Singers Christmas Program
Stakely Sanctuary

CrossRoads Broadcast Schedule

Watch the sermon at the time below or online at 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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