

First Baptist Church Montgomery

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



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

NOVEMBER 6 • Prove the Tithe Sunday

Every person is asked to prayerfully consider giving a tithe of one week's income. This demonstrates our church's giving capacity. Plus, giving shows our love, loyalty, and obedience to the Lord, which positions us to receive His blessings.

Grocery bags will be placed on the windshield of your car for you to return filled with food items for the Caring Center on Commitment Sunday, November 13.

Stewardship Ministry Visitors

If you have not been contacted and would like to serve as a ministry visitor on Victory Sunday, November 20, call Carolyn Bryan at 241.5120.

FBC GOAL: \$6,642,000

www.montgomeryfbc.org/stewardship

**The Living Christmas Tree
Ticket Request Form Inside**



www.montgomeryfbc.org | Office: 334.834.6310 | Prayer Line: 334.834.4585



CONNECTIONS

from your Pastor's Heart

Casting Your Ballot!

On November 8th we will exercise our sacred responsibility to vote for our leaders. I agree with Franklin Graham who encouraged the Body of Christ as he held rallies in all 50 state capitols "to **pray, vote and engage** our communities for Jesus Christ."

In addition to casting a ballot for our **leaders**, let's cast a ballot for our **LORD!**

The first part of this sacred voting opportunity is our **PROVE THE TITHE** Offering. Talk is cheap. Walk the talk by giving generously, systematically, faithfully and sacrificially to support the Lord's work through His FBC family. As an act of love and obedience to acknowledge Christ's Lordship and your discipleship, give back to the Lord this Sunday from the resources He has loaned to you. Be like the faithful widow in the temple that Jesus commended for her gifts and tangibly demonstrate your commitment to Christ.

Additionally, join me in casting the ballot of your **PLEDGE CARD**. Make a faith promise to our 2017 ministry projections that boldly declares you trust the Lord and want to utilize your earthly resources to build His eternal Kingdom!

Faithful
GIVING

First Baptist Church
2017 General Fund Budget
\$6,642,000

Understanding that all I possess is a gift from God, and knowing that our campaign calls for "not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice." I choose to give as God leads and prospers. As an expression of my love for Christ and my desire to serve Him through the ministries of First Baptist Church, I make the following commitment of myself and my possessions.

____ I/We will tithe/pledge annually \$ _____
toward the General Fund Budget.
____ We give as a couple with one envelope number.
____ We do not require tithing envelopes.
Signed _____

Family Member Participating
Amount
Name

Casting our ballots TOGETHER,

Faithful
GIVING

• 2017 FBC Stewardship Campaign •

There are several ways to make a commitment to the budget. You can...

1. Return your pledge card by mail or drop off at the church.
2. Visit www.montgomeryfbc.org/stewardship and fill out the epledge form. (It is a secure form that goes directly to Patti Shoemaker, Church Administrator.) The QR code on the left will take you directly to the stewardship page online.
3. Text in your pledge to 754.444.8332. Please be sure to include your full name and pledge amount when using this option.



FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, October 30, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5130 | Bible Fellowship Attendance 1762
Weekly Attendance 2297 | Discipleship Attendance 1477

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$125,480.77 | Received Sunday \$89,317.89
Required To Date \$5,521,153.85 | Received To Date \$4,876,842.17
Building Fund Sunday \$1,052.00 | Building Fund to Date \$24,414.63
Global Hunger Relief Offering \$13,893.56

Under Budget | \$644,311.68



Fall Back

for FBC Bible Fellowship

Prove the Tithe High Attendance
Sunday, November 6 🍁 Goal: 2100

Join us on Prove the Tithe Sunday
and help make a difference for
His Kingdom...

- 🍃 Invite friends & neighbors to join you for worship and bible fellowship class.
- 🍊 Bring your joyful offering to the Lord and help us "prove the tithe."
- 🍁 Give your time change hour back to the Lord.

First Family Thanksgiving Meal

Sunday, November 20 | Fellowship Hall

Turkey, dressing and all the trimmings
Serving lines open at 4:45 PM
Adults: \$7 | Children (12 & under): \$4

*Reservations required by Sunday,
November 13 to Pat Thurman at 241.5130
or pthurman@montgomeryfbc.org.*



M.I.C. (Membership Information Class)

Sunday, November 13 | 12:15 PM | Fellowship Hall

Thinking of joining First Baptist? The Membership Information Class explains what is involved in becoming effective members of FBC. The class is led by our pastor, Jay, and is an excellent opportunity to ask questions and make new friends. Be our guest for lunch and discover how to become a part of the First Family. For more information or to register, call Will Spivey at 320.0332 or Pat Thurman at 241.5130.

Ministry Announcements

Preschool Ministry

The annual **Mission Friends Art Auction** will be held **Sunday, November 13** at 5:00 PM in room B112. Our Mission Friends have been hard at work this fall preparing crafts. Please stop by to pick up your child's crafts, eat and fellowship with others. All donations for the crafts will go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®. There will be no Mission Friends due to the auction. All children should come to room B112 at 5:00 PM with their parents.

Missions Ministry

Join us on **Monday, November 7** in the fellowship hall for the **2016 Baptist**



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, November 9

No reservations required!

Adult & Children's Meal: Lasagna, Salad, Roll, Dessert

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

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

Women's World Day of Prayer and Her Way: The Unbelievable Faith and Courage of a Missions Trailblazer. Coffee and fellowship at 9:30 AM; a Time of Prayer at 10:00 AM; and our guest speaker, Rosalie Hunt at 10:30 AM. The event is free, but reservations are appreciated. For more information or to RSVP, contact Barbara Barrow at 272.7767 or bbbarrow@charter.net. This event is brought to you by FBC and the WMU Foundation.

The **Amy Cooper Women on Mission Group** will meet on **Monday, November 14** at 11:30 AM in the Huff Building Fellowship Hall. Beau Cooper will share about his many mission adventures. Everyone is invited to attend! Bring a sack lunch and join us for a time of fellowship and inspiration. Call Karen Quimby at 281.6955 for more information.

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.

We have openings for the **Cuba Mission Project** on **March 16-25**. Cost is \$1450. Work in Cuba will be construction, VBS, and Bible Studies. Must have current passport. Application deadline is November 22. For more information, contact Beau Cooper at prc@cooperandcooperlaw.com or Kathy Cooper at 241.5125.

Music Ministry

The **Fall Preschool Choirs Program** will be **Wednesday, November 16** at 6:00 PM in Stakely Sanctuary.

Join the **JOY Singers** as we prepare for our **Annual Christmas Service** on **Sunday, November 27** at 6:15 PM in Stakely Sanctuary. Rehearsals will be on Mondays, November 7, 14 & 21 at 10:00 AM.

Churchwide News & Events

Operation Christmas Child is underway! Please bring a shoebox filled with toys, hygiene items, and school supplies, for children in desperate situations worldwide. Drop off boxes at the main sanctuary foyer or bring them to the Scott Street entrance during **National Collection Week, November 14-21**. For details, visit samaritanspurse.org or contact Ben Hulsey at bhulsey@fbc-cm.org.

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.

New Members

By Baptism

Baylor Cox
1118 Stafford Drive | Montgomery, AL 36117

Mr. Taylor Hughes
137 Frederick Avenue | Montgomery, AL 36104

By Letter or Statement of Faith

Mrs. Sjhona Hughes
137 Frederick Avenue | Montgomery, AL 36104

**Ms. Jenny McClellan
Caitlyn McClellan**
561 Forest Park Drive | Montgomery, AL 36109

Our Church Family

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

Sympathy Extended to

Ms. Kathryn Josey in the death of her father;
Peter Guarisco

Mr. & Mrs. Justin Law (Anslee) in the death of
her grandmother

Jackson

Louise Blake

Prattville Health & Rehab

Louise Calloway

HealthSouth

Kathleen Stitt

Children's Hospital (Birmingham)

Josh Hallford

Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Tindal (Jill) in the birth of a
grandson

Ministerial Staff Birthdays

Nancie McQueen (November 11)

The Living Christmas Tree 2016 Ticket Request

Tickets are distributed to give our church members first priority. Therefore, request your tickets EARLY as our ticket office opens to the public on Monday, November 28. Remember that the Living Christmas Tree began to reach the lost. This remains our core purpose for this wonderful Christmas gift. PLEASE invite friends, family and neighbors to join you and use this as a purposeful opportunity to share Christ.

To help us be as efficient as possible, please remember:

- **Request no more than 10 tickets.** Ticket requests may be returned in the offering plate on Sunday, or one of the large LCT boxes located in the sanctuary foyers, near the receptionist desk, or in the fellowship hall. Ticket request forms are also available on the tables in the main sanctuary foyers.
- Tickets may be picked up beginning **Sunday, November 20.**

Name _____ Daytime/Cell Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Member of First Baptist Church

PRESENTATIONS	# OF TICKETS NEEDED
Friday, December 9 • 7:00 PM	
Saturday, December 10 • 4:00 PM	
Saturday, December 10 • 7:00 PM	
Sunday, December 11 • 4:00 PM	
Sunday, December 11 • 7:00 PM	

- Please mail my tickets.** No tickets mailed after December 2. (You must provide a self-addressed envelope.)
- I will pick up my tickets.** Beginning pick up date for FBC members is **Sunday, November 20** from 9:15 AM to 12:15 PM in the main sanctuary foyer.

**You are encouraged to order tickets online
at www.thelivingchristmastree.org**

Final pick-up date for tickets being held is Friday, December 2.

Since no offering will be taken during the presentations, a
\$5 per ticket donation is suggested.

Detach the form and leave in one of the marked boxes at First Baptist or mail to:
The Living Christmas Tree | First Baptist Church | 305 South Perry Street |
Montgomery, AL 36104

**For more information, visit www.thelivingchristmastree.org
or call the Living Christmas Tree ticket office at 241.5156.**

This week at FBC Montgomery

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

Sunday, November 6

- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
Nearly/Newlywed Class
New Christian Class for Children
- 11:00 Worship Service
Children's Ministry Teacher Training
International Worship Service
- 4:00 Reflections Ensemble
- 5:00 Visitation
Children's Missions
Discipleship Classes
One Heart & One Voice Choirs
- 6:15 Worship Service
- 7:00 Youth Ministry Fellowship

Monday, November 7

- 7:30 R.O.M.E.O.
- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 9:00 WMU Event
- 10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal
- 12:00 FBC Foundation Board
- 5:15 Sanctuary Handbells
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 Freedom in Christ Recovery

Tuesday, November 8

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 MOPS
Ladies Bible Study: The Armor of God
- 5:30 Women's Support Group
- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous
- 6:30 Charlotte Cearley WOM Group

- 8:00 College Ministry: Elevate

Wednesday, November 9

- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 Sarah McCrory WOM Group
- 2:15 Baldwin Bible Study
- 4:45 First Family Dinner
- 5:30 Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal
Tutoring
- 5:45 Preschool & Children's Choirs
Disciple-Maker Mentor Training
- 6:00 First Family Prayer Time
- 6:30 Powerhouse
- 6:35 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 6:40 Finance Committee
DivorceCare
- 6:45 LCT Orchestra Rehearsal
Ejamat Prayer Time
Disciple-Maker Mentor Training

Thursday, November 10

- 9:00 Conversational English
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group
- 6:00 English as a Second Language

Friday, November 11

- Mission Project: Zaza Alliance Conference
- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 6:00 Parents Night Out

Saturday, November 12

- Mission Projects: Senegal (Ejamat) & Zaza Alliance Conference
- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member :: Dot Gassett

1555 Taylor Road, Apt C6 | Montgomery, Alabama 36117-3489

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

- Call to Worship** | Sanctuary Orchestra
- Serve the Lord with Joy** | Sanctuary Choir
- Offertory Solo** | Lottie Veazey Monroe
- Message** | Jay Wolf

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

- I Will Call Upon the Lord** | One Voice Choir
- I Will Rise** | Praise Team
- Message** | Will Spivey

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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