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

First Baptist Church Montgomery



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

NOVEMBER 13 • Commitment Sunday

Remember to turn in your pledge card if you have not already done so. Also, bring your grocery bag filled with canned goods for the Caring Center. Leave your bags at the back of your car and our youth will pick them up.

FBC GOAL: \$6,642,000

www.montgomeryfbc.org/stewardship

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.

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



CONNECTIONS

from your Pastor's Heart

Be Like Jesus by GIVING!

The core value of following King Jesus is GIVING. Jesus vividly demonstrated a lifestyle of loving, purity, serving and GIVING.

Authentic Christians embrace God's truth that everything is a gift from God and we are temporary STEWARDS of loaned resources. In Matthew 25 Jesus clearly explains that we will be ACCOUNTABLE for how we manage God's gifts.

Furthermore, Jesus taught in John 9:4 that we must "work for the night is coming and then no man can work." Time marches rapidly and our opportunities to give will soon expire.

As a committed follower of King Jesus I have chosen to be a giver. ***I want to give as much as I can, for as long as I can, to as many as I can.*** Specifically, I give to the Lord Jesus through our First Baptist Family out of OBEDIENCE and CONFIDENCE.

I choose to trust God's word and faithfully obey His call to give which breaks the ugly yoke of selfishness and positions me for God's blessing.

First Baptist has proven to be an extremely reliable administrator of my giving because of the focus on Christ-honoring disciple-making, evangelism, ministry and mission endeavors.

So I invite you to honor King Jesus by GIVING. Codify your obedience by prayerfully offering a **COMMITMENT CARD** that tangibly reflects your love for Christ.

Giving to King Jesus
as we Serve TOGETHER,

Faithful
GIVING
• 2017 FBC Stewardship Campaign •

For more information on how you can make a commitment to the budget visit www.montgomeryfbc.org/stewardship

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 Faithfulness | Sunday, November 6, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5130 | Bible Fellowship Attendance 2005
Weekly Attendance 2540 | Discipleship Attendance 1352

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$125,480.77 | Received Sunday \$202,117.09
Required To Date \$5,646,634.62 | Received To Date \$5,078,959.26
Building Fund Sunday \$6,140.00 | Building Fund to Date \$30,554.63
Global Hunger Relief Offering \$14,203.56

Under Budget | \$567,675.36

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.



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.

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

Missions Ministry

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 14 & 21 at 10:00 AM.



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, November 16

No reservations required!

Adult & Children's Meal: Hot Dogs, Soup, Salad, Dessert

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

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

Don't miss our **Children's Choirs Christmas Presentation** as our first through sixth graders lead worship and share the beautiful message of Christmas in song on **Sunday, December 4** at 6:15 PM in the main sanctuary.

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

Churchwide News & Events

Join Katherine & Jay Wolf on **Sunday, November 20** at 4:00 PM in room B112 as they share how you can join in their newest ministry development, **Hope Heals Camp**: a week-long camp experience for individuals and families with disabilities that marks the beginning of a lasting community grown from the disabilities in us all (coming to Alabama in Summer 2017). The meeting will consist of a short presentation, Q&A, and thank you gifts for all participants! For more information visit www.hopehealscamp.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.

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.

New Members

By Baptism

JaChristian Dauda

1311 Devonshire Drive | Montgomery, AL 36116

Tory Johnson

916 Carter Hill Road | Montgomery, AL 36106

Mrs. Laura McClendon

Mac McClendon

334 Doe Run Court | Pike Road, AL 36064

Decoriyon Taylor

314 National Street | Montgomery, AL 36105

Our Church Family

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

Sympathy Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Watkins (Pat) in the death of her mother, Mary Liner

Judge & Mrs. Tommy Bryan (Pam) in the death of his mother, Margie; Thomason & Tucker Bryan in the death of their grandmother

Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Pouncey (Rebecca) in the death of his grandmother

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Shepard (Kathy) in the death of her mother

Baptist South

Sarah Alford

Baptist East

Walker Parsons • Anslee Law

Jackson

John Hendrix

Prattville Health & Rehab

Louise Calloway

Capitol Hill Healthcare

Louise Blake

HealthSouth

Kathleen Stitt

UAB Medical Center

Gil Barrow

Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Hall (Kathy) in the birth of a granddaughter; Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Sartwell (Joni) in the birth of a granddaughter

Mr. & Mrs. Ken Causey (Brenda) in the birth of a granddaughter

Mr. & Mrs. Justin Law (Ansee) in the birth of a son

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. Ticket request forms are available on the tables in the main sanctuary foyers. Tickets may be picked up on **Sunday, November 20** in the main sanctuary foyer from 9:15 AM to 12:30 PM and in the fellowship hall from 5:00 to 6:00 PM.



Promotional Materials are also available in the main sanctuary foyer. Please help us get the word out by taking posters or cards to businesses you frequent in Montgomery and the surrounding areas. If you would like a large quantity of posters or cards, please contact Donna Haney at 241.5150 or dhaney@montgomeryfbc.org.

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



Angel Tree 2016

Angel Tree 2016 begins **Sunday, November 20!** The angels will be on the Christmas tree located in the main sanctuary foyer. Simply choose an angel and provide the requested information on the sign out sheet. 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 so much for providing a happier Christmas for a prisoner's child.



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](mailto:asmith@montgomeryfbc.org) or visit www.montgomeryfbc.org/adventdevotional.



Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week November 14 - 21

Brochures are available in the main sanctuary foyer or the reception desk at Scott Street. For more information, visit samaritanspurse.org or contact Ben Hulsey at bhulsey@fbc-cm.org.

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 then 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!

This week at FBC Montgomery

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

Sunday, November 13

- Mission Projects: Senegal & Central Asia
- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- Nearly/Newlywed Class
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 12:15 Membership Information Class
- 4:00 Reflections Ensemble
- 5:00 Visitation
- Children's Missions
- Discipleship Classes
- One Heart & One Voice Choirs
- Prayer Time for South Asia
- 6:15 Worship Service

Monday, November 14

- Mission Projects: Senegal & Central Asia
- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal
- 11:00 Senior Adult Ministry Council
- 11:30 Amy Cooper Women on Mission
- 5:15 Sanctuary Handbells
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 Freedom in Christ Recovery

Tuesday, November 15

- Mission Projects: Senegal & Central Asia
- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 MOPS
- Ladies Bible Study: The Armor of God
- 10:00 Senior Adult Game Day
- 5:30 Women's Support Group
- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous
- 7:00 Helen Hancock Women on Mission

- 8:00 College Ministry: Elevate

Wednesday, November 16

- Mission Projects: Senegal & Central Asia
- 8:30 English as a Second Language
- 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 Preschool Choir Program and 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 17

- Mission Projects: Senegal & Central Asia
- 9:00 Conversational English
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group
- 6:00 English as a Second Language

Friday, November 18

- Mission Projects: Senegal & Central Asia
- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 11:00 Children's Hope Board Meeting

Saturday, November 19

- Mission Projects: Senegal & Central Asia
- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member :: Ann Hall

3179 Fernway Drive | Montgomery, Alabama 36111-1814

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

Let There Be Peace On Earth | Sanctuary Handbells

Jesus, What a Mighty Name | Sanctuary Choir

I'll Tell It Wherever I Go | Karen Mullins

Message | Jay Wolf

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

I See the Lord | One Heart Choir

Ever Be | Hudson Cornett, Lily Windham & Will Spivey

Message | Chuck Kelley, President
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

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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