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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 20 • Victory Sunday

We are praying for 100% participation and an oversubscription of the **2017 budget of \$6,642,000**. If you have not already turned in your pledge card, be sure to do so this Sunday morning. Even if you are unable to make a financial pledge at this time, please consider returning your signed card as an expression of participation and commitment to the cause of Christ. Ministry Visitors will be going out Sunday afternoon to deliver cookies, visit and pray with families.

At publication, the total pledge was **\$3,673,607.00**. This is **55.31%** of the 2017 Budget. We need everyone's commitment to put us over the top. Thank you for your faithfulness to the Lord!



Stewardship Campaign Team

First Row: Jay Wolf, Troy & Celia Teel, Brian & Amy Castleberry, Kenny Hoomes; Second Row: Ed Cleveland, Eddie Stewart, Jim Edwards, Patti Shoemaker, Billy Irvin, Amanda Smith; Not Pictured: Chuck Ashley, Carolyn Bryan, Bobo Gilpin, Skip Parks and James Whitehead.

Thank you to all who have volunteered to be the hands and feet of Jesus on Victory Sunday. This is truly a churchwide effort.



CONNECTIONS

— from your Pastor's Heart

*Your Commitment Card says,
"LORD, YOU CAN COUNT ON ME!"*

We all know that talk is cheap. We invite the Christ-followers of FBC to make their commitment to God's work tangible by turning in a **commitment card**. Join me in being part of expanding God's kingdom as we work together to **bring** more people to know Christ, **build** more people into Christ's image as dynamic disciples and **send** more people out to serve God's purpose of sharing His love and light from our neighborhoods to the nations. All of these tasks require financial fuel. The true joy of the Christian life comes when you translate your love for the Lord into tangible forms of commitment and service. Don't sit on the sidelines as passive spectators; instead come down on the playing field as COMMITTED participators!

To God's glory and for your blessing, help us achieve a great victory this Sunday and in eternity by turning in your commitment card. Then live committed by "denying yourself, taking up your cross daily and following Jesus." (Luke 9:23)

Committed to do His Work 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, November 13, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5131 | Bible Fellowship Attendance 1752
Weekly Attendance 2287 | Discipleship Attendance 1316

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$125,480.77 | Received Sunday \$145,634.04
Required To Date \$5,772,115.38 | Received To Date \$5,209,593.30
Building Fund Sunday \$186.00 | Building Fund to Date \$30,740.63
Global Hunger Relief Offering \$14,453.56

Under Budget | \$562,522.08



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 Hulseley at bhulseley@fbc-cm.org.

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**.

College Ministry

College students and high school seniors are invited to join us for the **2017 Passion Conference** on **Monday, January 2 through Wednesday, January 4** in Atlanta, GA. Register and pay (\$140) online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration. For more information, contact Justin Law at 241.5162 or jlaw@montgomeryfbc.org.

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.

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. You 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

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 Monday, November 21 at 10:00 AM.

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.



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.



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 Baptism

Luke Hyte
2674 Canal Court | Auburn, AL 36830

By Letter/Statement of Faith

Mr. Brady Crowe
2125 Ramer Grady Road | Ramer, AL 36069

Miss Janyth Grimes
503 Mt. Airy Drive | Prattville, AL 36067

Ms. Gwen McGriff
1555 Taylor Road #D11 | Montgomery, AL 36117

Mr. Ken Naugher
Mrs. Ken Naugher (Michelle)
Elisah Naugher
Noah Naugher
Keenan Naugher
102 Emma Court | Prattville, AL 36067

Mr. Joseph Norris
Mrs. Joseph Norris (Cameron)
3436 Pike Road | Pike Road, AL 36064

Ms. Myrtie Payne
1555 Taylor Road, Room B9 | 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

Mr. & Mrs. Matt Ellis (Stacey) in the death of his grandfather
Ms. Allyson Hildreth in the death of her mother
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Mullins (Karen) in the death of her brother
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Pope (Deborah) in the death of her sister, Joyce
Family and Friends in the death of Robert Smith
Mr. Mickey Rushing in the death of his wife, Madge

Baptist South

Richard Engle • Hal Choyce

Jackson

John Hendrix • Lil Wilkinson
Dana McQueen

Capitol Hill Healthcare

Kathleen Stitt

Brookwood Medical Center

Buck Grinter

Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Mayton (Regina) in the birth of a great-granddaughter
Mr. & Mrs. Hunter McQueen (Dana) in the birth of a son; Mr. & Mrs. Mark McQueen (Nancie) in the birth of a grandson

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!



Thank You!

The Caring Center wishes to thank all who participated in the Commitment Sunday Food Drive. Because of your generous contributions of food many folks will now have food on their tables. Thank you for helping us feed hungry people in the name of Jesus.

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.

The devotions begin on Sunday, November 27.

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.



Volunteer Opportunity: Living Christmas Tree

The Living Christmas Tree is a wonderful opportunity to share Christ with others in a beautiful and powerful way. Join us in this church-wide effort and don't miss God's blessing of helping on the LCT team! Opportunities include tree construction, wire and greenery, tree lighting, decorating, ushers, greeters, parking, prayer and decision follow-up, and ticket office. For more information, contact Donna Haney at 241.5150 or dhaney@montgomeryfbc.org.

This week at FBC Montgomery

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

Sunday, November 20

- Mission Project: Senegal
- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 12:00 Ministry Visitor Lunch
- 4:00 Hope Heals Camp Information Meeting
- 4:45 Thanksgiving Meal & Worship Service
- 6:35 LCT Choir/Orchestra Rehearsals

Monday, November 21

- Mission Project: Senegal
- 10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal
- 11:00 Children's Hope Board Meeting
- 5:15 Sanctuary Handbells
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 Freedom in Christ Recovery

Tuesday, November 22

- 5:30 Women's Support Group
- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, November 23

No Evening Service or Activities

Thursday, November 24

- Happy Thanksgiving!
- FBC Offices Closed

Friday, November 25

- Happy Thanksgiving!
- FBC Offices Closed

Saturday, November 26

- 6:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member :: Bobbie Higgins

297 Sylvest Drive, Apt 207 | Montgomery, Alabama 36117-5305

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

- Give Thanks** | Sanctuary Orchestra
- Give Thanks to the Lord** | Sanctuary Choir
- Thankful** | Missy Morgan
- Message** | Jay Wolf

Evening Worship

First Family Thanksgiving Meal & Worship in the fellowship hall. Serving lines open at 4:45 PM.

CrossRoads Broadcast Schedule

Watch the sermon at the time below or online at www.montgomeryfbc.org.



Frazer Channel 13 (Montgomery & Prattville)
Briighthouse 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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