

First Baptist Church Montgomery

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



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Celebrating the Joy of Christmas Together



Merry!
Christmas!

from the First Baptist Staff



"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord." — Luke 2:11

FBC Stewardship Goal: \$6,675,000

Pledged to Date: \$6,061,267 (90.81%)

Remember, it's never too late to make your commitment!

www.montgomeryfbc.org/stewardship



CONNECTIONS

— *from your Pastor's Heart*

WELCOME TO CHRISTMAS!

Christmas means that *THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN WALKING IN DARKNESS HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT*. The birth of Jesus Christ brings God's guiding light into our dark and perishing world. The Lord shared the living Light of our Savior to liberate, illuminate, and facilitate growing His children into His image.

Darkness represents the enemy. God does not want you to languish in the darkness of ignorance, pollution, deceit and death. Your Creator invites you to leave the seductive darkness and step into His life-giving light. Jesus came to shine a revealing light on the face of God. Through His incarnation, Jesus put on a robe of flesh so we can relate to Him. The Savior issues to you a personal invitation to believe and receive His revelation by explaining, *"I am the light of the world. He who follows Me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."* (John 8:12)

My friend, here is your assignment: This Christmas Day, let every light that shines from the Christmas tree decorations to the noonday sun, remind you that Jesus is the light of the world and He wants you to closely *FOLLOW HIM*. Jesus then defines your permanent purpose when He instructs, ***"You are the light of the world. Let your light so shine among men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in Heaven."*** (Matthew 5:16) Let the warm and inviting light of your life explode the shadows around you and provide a magnetic witness for those who want to step out of their darkness and into God's life-giving light.

May God's love and light flow over you and through you on Christmas day and every day,

FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, December 17, 2017

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5194 | Bible Fellowship Attendance 1624
Weekly Attendance 2044 | Discipleship Attendance 565

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$127,730.77 | Received Sunday \$201,069.72
Required To Date \$6,514,269.23 | Received To Date \$6,323,306.40
Building Fund Sunday \$245.00 | Building Fund to Date \$16,326.35
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering \$148,195.37

Under Budget | \$190,962.83



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 Sunday, December 31 in order to go toward your 2017 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

Join us as we celebrate our Savior's Birth at a **Happy Birthday Jesus Party** on **Sunday, December 24** at 9:45 AM in room B112. All 3, 4 and 5 year olds will be in B112 during the Sunday School hour. For more information, contact Nancie McQueen at 241.5166 or nmcqueen@montgomeryfbc.org.

Mission Friends will begin again on **Sunday, January 7** at 5:00 PM. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of this exciting group.

Children's Ministry

GAs and RAs will begin again on **Sunday, January 7** at 5:00 PM. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of these exciting groups.

Bible Drill begins on **Sunday, January 7** 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. Register your child online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/childrens-bible-drill.

There will be an **RA Mission Trip to Huntsville** on **Saturday, February 24 and Sunday, February 25**. In addition to doing missions, they will spend the night in the Space and Rocket Center. Cost is \$75 per person. Please RSVP by January 14 to Shawn Peterson (sap6510@yahoo.com) or Lee Bozeman (patrickleebozeman@gmail.com).

Student Ministry

Save the Date for **Disciple Now** on **Friday, January 12 through Sunday, January 14**. Register online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration.

Adult Ministry

Join Jay as he continues a new round of his **Pastor's Class** on **Sunday, December 24** at 10:00 AM in the main sanctuary. The 13-week class, open to everyone, will be an overview of the Bible.

Join us in the new year for a brand new **Bible Fellowship Class for Young Professionals**. The class will start on **Sunday, January 14** in room 501 and will be led by Mark Bethea. If you have any questions, contact Mark at 334.462.3724 or mbethea@montgomeryfbc.org.



The First Baptist Montgomery App

Available in App Stores



Join us for the **January Bible Study** on **Monday, January 22 through Wednesday, January 24** from 10:00 AM to noon in Stakely Sanctuary. This year's study is taken from 1 Peter.

Senior Adult Ministry

JOY Singers will resume on Monday, January 8 at 10:00 AM in the Stakely Choir Suite. Everyone is welcome!

Music Ministry

It's a great time to jump into the Music Ministry Opportunities. Join us on **Wednesday, January 10** for Sanctuary Orchestra rehearsal at 5:30 PM; Preschool and Children's Choirs at 5:45 PM and Sanctuary Choir rehearsal at 6:35 PM and on **Sunday, January 14** for One Heart and One Voice Youth Choir rehearsals.

Missions Ministry

The **2018 Missions Menu** is now available! You can pick up your copy in the main sanctuary foyer or visit www.montgomeryfbc.org.

Come take a **Journey of Prayer** for missions on **Sunday, January 7** at 5:00 PM in the main sanctuary. As you enter the Journey of Prayer, you will prepare your heart for this special time of intercession and then have the opportunity to pray specifically for some of our mission projects highlighted through the prayer stations. This is a beautiful time of prayer you do not want to miss. For more information, contact Brian Gay at 241.5131 or briang@montgomeryfbc.org.

Community Ministries

Share the love and light of Jesus with a year-end contribution to FBC Community Ministries. Your gift will make an eternal difference through support to adults and children in need in downtown Montgomery. Designate your gift to Community Ministries, Nehemiah Project, or Caring Center to honor Christ and build His Kingdom. Contribute online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/give or on the FBC App. Mail your contribution to: FBC Community Ministries, 305 South Perry Street, Montgomery, AL 36104. For gifts of appreciated assets, call Patti Shoemaker at 241.5181. May God richly bless you!

Churchwide News & Events

There will be **NO Churchwide Visitation** on **Sundays, December 24 or 31.**

Team Impact is returning on **Sunday, January 28 through Wednesday, January 31.** Volunteers are needed to serve in many areas from stage crew to counselors. Contact Kenny Hoomes at khoomes@montgomeryfbc.org if you are available to help.

Will you be away from FBC on Sunday? Then join us **Sunday** at 11:00 AM as we broadcast our entire service live on our main **Facebook page, First Baptist Church Montgomery** (@montgomeryfirstbaptist). Remember to share the feed with your friends!

New Members

By Baptism

Bella Dennison
26 Oak Forest Drive | Montgomery, AL 36109

Molly Kate Garrett
872 Meriwether Road | Pike Road, AL 36064

By Letter/Statement of Faith

Mrs. Lisa Cook
620 Little Farm Road | Prattville, AL 36066

Lilly Dennison
26 Oak Forest Drive | Montgomery, AL 36109

Miss Jennifer Ferry
811 Legends Drive | Montgomery, AL 36116

Mr. Dustin Sandley
26 Oak Forest Drive | Montgomery, AL 36109

Miss Summer Smith
26 Oak Forest 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

Mr. & Mrs. Monty Bell (Pam) in the death of his mother

Ms. Maxine Baker in the death of her son, Andy
Rev. & Mrs. Reggie Quimby (Karen) in the death of their nephew

Baptist East

Shepherd Mills

HealthSouth

Haywood Sport

Winter 2018 FBC Discipleship Classes

For a complete list visit www.montgomeryfbc.org/discipleshipclasses

Ladies Bible Study: Covenant, God's Enduring Promises

Tuesdays, January 9 through January 30 | 9:30 AM | Bell Chapel

Heart of Family with Kirk & Chelsea Cameron

Wednesdays, January 10 through April 25 | 5:45 PM | B402

DivorceCare

Wednesdays, January 10 through April 25 | 6:40 PM | B405

ABC'S of Evangelism

Sundays, January 14 through March 18 | 4:30 PM | 413

Ladies Bible Study: Discerning the Voice of God

Sundays, January 14 through February 25 | 5:00 PM | 443

GriefShare

Sundays, January 14 through March 18 | 5:00 PM | B412

DiscipleMaker Mentor Training

Sundays, January 14 through April 29 | 5:00 PM | B416

Return to Mayberry

Sundays, January 14 through April 29 | 5:00 PM | B405

End Times

Sundays, January 14 through March 18 | 5:00 PM | B415



LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING®
FBC GOAL: \$230,000 // GIVEN TO DATE: \$148,195.37



WAR ROOM

PRAYER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON

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

There will be NO *Beacon* printed the week of December 31.

This week at FBC

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

Sunday, December 24

- 8:30 Worship Service
Prayer Room in Media Center
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 11:00 Worship Service
Prayer Room in Media Center
- 3:30 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- 5:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Monday, December 25

Merry Christmas! | FBC Offices Closed

Tuesday, December 26

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Wednesday, December 27

No PM Service or Activities

Thursday, December 28

Mission Project: Madrid, Spain

- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group

Friday, December 29

Mission Project: Madrid, Spain

- 7:00 Friday Morning Men's Group

Saturday, December 30

Mission Project: Madrid, Spain

- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, December 31

Mission Project: Madrid, Spain

- 8:30 Worship Service
Prayer Room in Media Center
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 11:00 Worship Service
Prayer Room in Media Center

Monday, January 1

Mission Project: Madrid, Spain
Happy New Year's | FBC Offices Closed

Tuesday, January 2

Mission Project: Madrid, Spain

- 5:30 Women with Emotional Pain
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, January 3

Mission Project: Madrid, Spain
No PM Service or Activities

Thursday, January 4

Mission Project: Madrid, Spain

- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group

Friday, January 5

Mission Project: Madrid, Spain

- 7:00 Friday Morning Men's Group

Saturday, January 6

Mission Project: Madrid, Spain

- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member Gwen Sadler

3801 Oak Grove Drive, Apt 210
Montgomery, AL 36116-1170



305 South Perry Street
Montgomery, AL 36104

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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Morning Worship (8:30 & 11:00 AM)

Antiphonal Noel | Handbells & Ensemble

Bethlehem Morning | Bonnie Trulove

Message | Jay Wolf

Prayer Room

Eddie Stewart (Stewart/Manly Class)

Evening Worship (3:30 & 5:00 PM)

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



CrossRoads Broadcast Schedule for the Living Christmas Tree

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

Frazer Channel 13 (Montgomery & Prattville)

BrightHouse Channel 122 (Elmore County)

Sunday, December 24 | 1:30 PM* & 6:00 PM

Tuesday, 8:00 PM; Thursday, 1:30 PM & 6:00 PM

Sunday, 1:30 PM (full hour) & 6:00 PM

WSFA-TV Channel 12

Sunday, December 24 | 10:30 AM

Monday, December 25 | 6:00 AM*

Sunday, 10:30 AM

*full hour

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