

First Baptist Church Montgomery

# BEACON

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



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He Gave  

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We Give

“For God so loved the world He gave...” — John 3:16

## NOVEMBER 5 • 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 12.*

## Stewardship Ministry Visitors

*If you have not been contacted and would like to serve as a ministry visitor on Victory Sunday, November 19, call Carolyn Bryan at 241.5120.*

# FBC GOAL: \$6,675,000

[www.montgomeryfbc.org/stewardship](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/stewardship)

The Living Christmas Tree  
Ticket Request Form Inside



[www.montgomeryfbc.org](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org) | Office: 334.834.6310 | Prayer Line: 334.834.4585



# CONNECTIONS

from your Pastor's Heart

## Stewardship and Discipleship

Jesus did not sugarcoat His invitation and the cost of discipleship: "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself, TAKE UP HIS CROSS DAILY, and follow Me." The requirements have not changed. The call to authentically follow Christ involves **discipline**,

**commitment** and **sacrificial giving**.

Our annual stewardship campaign is not so much about **raising budgets** as it is about **RAISING COMMITTED BELIEVERS**. I urge you to **use our ministry budget commitment system as a tangible way to express your love and commitment to Jesus Christ**. Re-declare His sovereign lordship over your life as you choose to demonstrate your discipleship through being a faithful and generous giver to God's work.

Excuses abound. But one day, when we stand before the Lord and He reviews our commitment to Him, we will fully understand the eternal value and joy of expending our temporary resources for His eternal cause!

As your spiritual coach, I urge you to grow your discipleship by becoming a faithful manager of your God-loaned resources.

# He Gave We Give

• 2018 FBC Stewardship Campaign •

Cheering for your **discipleship** development through **STEWARDSHIP**,

**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](http://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 29, 2017

### ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5193 | Bible Fellowship Attendance 1815  
Weekly Attendance 2365 | Discipleship Attendance 818

### OFFERING

Required Weekly \$127,730.77 | Received Sunday \$158,142.39  
Required To Date \$5,620,153.85 | Received To Date \$5,193,476.50  
Building Fund Sunday \$135.00 | Building Fund to Date \$14,951.35  
World Hunger Offering \$15,752.85

**Under Budget | \$426,677.35**



# Fall Back for FBC Bible Fellowship

Prove the Tithe High Attendance  
Sunday, November 5 🍁 Goal: 2200

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.

## M.I.C. (Membership Information Class)

**Sunday, November 12 | 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 Mark Bethea at 241.5133 or Pat Thurman at 241.5130.

## First Family Thanksgiving Meal

**Sunday, November 19 | 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 12 to Pat Thurman at 241.5130  
or [pthurman@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:pthurman@montgomeryfbc.org).**



## Ministry Announcements

### Preschool Ministry

Join us for **Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)** on **Tuesday, November 7** from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. For more information, visit [www.montgomeryfbc.org/mops](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/mops).

### College Ministry

College students and high school seniors are invited to join us for the **2018 Passion Conference** on **Monday, January 1 through Wednesday, January 3** in Atlanta, GA.



### First Family Dinner | Wednesday, November 8

*No reservations required!*

**Adult & Children's Meal:** Catfish, French Fries, Slaw, Salad, Dessert

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

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

Register and pay (\$160) online at [www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration). For more information, contact Justin Law at 241.5162 or [jlaw@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:jlaw@montgomeryfbc.org).

## Churchwide News & Events

Join us on **Monday, November 6** at 7:00 PM for the **Montgomery Baptist Association's Annual Celebration** at Gateway Baptist Church. There will also be a Business Meeting at 5:15 PM and a Mission Fair at 6:00 PM. For more information, contact the MBA Office at 271.6227.

**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 13-20**. For details, visit [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org) or contact Ben Hulsey at [bhulsey@fbc-cm.org](mailto:bhulsey@fbc-cm.org).

There will be a **WorldCrafts Christmas Gift Market** on **Sunday, November 19** from 3:30 to 5:30 PM in room B112. The First Baptist WMU invites you to learn about WorldCrafts and purchase unique gifts made by artisans from all across the world. All items will be sold at 10% off during this special event. For more information, contact Kathy Cooper at 241.5125.

## New Members

### By Baptism

#### **Khristian Crawford**

3225 Brooktree Drive | Montgomery, AL 36110

#### **Mr. Esmaeil "Essy" Saberi**

3537 Reserve Circle, Apt A | Montgomery, AL 36116

## Our Church Family

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

### Sympathy Extended to

Mrs. Henry Hewlett (Margaret) in the death of her husband

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Silva (Lynell) in the death of his father

### Baptist South

Rebecca Lewis • Bob Cleland • Ron Gilbert

### Baptist East

Mike Kelley • Janyth Grimes

### Capitol Hill Healthcare

Rachel Hunter

### HealthSouth

Kathleen Stitt

### John Knox Rehab

Anne Smart

### Grandview Medical Center

Jim Frankum

### Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Todd Hicks (Jill) in the birth of a daughter

Mr. & Mrs. Reome Hendricks (Johnette) in the birth of a daughter; Mr. & Mrs. John Gonleh (Bessie) in the birth of a granddaughter

Dr. & Mrs. Jeff Barksdale (Alva) in the birth of a granddaughter

### Ministerial Staff Birthdays

Nancie McQueen (November 11)

## Alabama Baptist State Convention

**Tuesday, November 14 & Wednesday, November 15**

**Whitesburg Baptist Church | Huntsville**

If you would like to serve as a messenger at the Alabama Baptist State Convention, contact Carolyn Bryan at 241.5120 or [cbryan@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:cbryan@montgomeryfbc.org). Messengers will be confirmed on Wednesday, November 8 during Prayer Time in the fellowship hall.



*Terrence Jones*, Pastor of Strong Tower at Washington Park, will speak in the evening service this Sunday. Don't miss it!

*Sunday, November 5*  
*6:15 pm :: Main Sanctuary*

# The Living Christmas Tree 2017 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 27. 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 19.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime/Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Member of First Baptist Church

PRESENTATIONS	# OF TICKETS NEEDED
Friday, December 8 • 7:00 PM	
Saturday, December 9 • 4:00 PM	
Saturday, December 9 • 7:00 PM	
Sunday, December 10 • 4:00 PM	
Sunday, December 10 • 7:00 PM	

- Please mail my tickets.** No tickets mailed after December 1. (You must provide a self-addressed envelope.)
- I will pick up my tickets.** Beginning pick up date for FBC members is **Sunday, November 19** from 9:15 AM to 12:15 PM in the main sanctuary foyer.

**You are encouraged to order tickets online  
at [www.thelivingchristmastree.org](http://www.thelivingchristmastree.org)**

**Final pick-up date for tickets being held is Friday, December 1.**

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](http://www.thelivingchristmastree.org)  
or call the Living Christmas Tree ticket office at 241.5156.**

## This week at FBC

For the complete calendar,  
visit [www.montgomeryfbc.org](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org).

### Sunday, November 5

- 8:30 Worship Service  
Prayer Room in Media Center
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes  
Nearly/Newlywed Class
- 11:00 Worship Service  
Prayer Room in Media Center
- 4:00 Reflections Ensemble
- 5:00 Children's Missions  
Discipleship Classes  
Visitation  
One Heart/One Voice Choirs
- 6:15 Worship Service

### Monday, November 6

- 7:30 R.O.M.E.O.
- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal
- 12:00 First Baptist Foundation Board Meeting
- 5:15 MBA Annual Meeting
- 5:15 Sanctuary Handbell Rehearsal
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 Freedom in Christ Recovery

### Tuesday, November 7

- 9:00 English as a Second Language  
MOPS  
Ladies Bible Study: Covenant
- 5:30 Women with Emotional Pain
- 6:00 TIPS Foster Care Training
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous
- 8:00 College Ministry: Elevate

### Wednesday, November 8

- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 2:15 Student Ministry: Baldwin Bible Study
- 4:45 First Family Dinner
- 5:22 WMU Leadership Meeting
- 5:30 Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal  
Tutoring
- 5:45 Preschool & Children's Choirs
- 6:00 First Family Prayer Time
- 6:30 Student Ministry: Powerhouse
- 6:35 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 6:40 Finance Committee
- 6:45 Ejamat Prayer Time

### Thursday, November 9

- 8:00 Bridging the Gap Conference
- 9:00 Conversational English
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group
- 10:30 Jackie Swan Women on Mission

### Friday, November 10

- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 6:00 Parents Night Out

### Saturday, November 11

- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

## In Home Ministry Member Betty Hollon

1142 East Main Street  
Prattville, AL 36066-5639



305 South Perry Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

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

- Call to Worship** | Sanctuary Orchestra
- You Are My All in All** | Sanctuary Choir
- Haven of Rest** | Karen Mullins
- Message** | Jay Wolf
- Prayer Room**  
Charles Hamilton (Freedom Class)

## Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

- Call to Worship** | One Heart & One Voice Choirs
- Family Bible** | Pat Hendrix
- Message** | Terrence Jones



## CrossRoads Broadcast Schedule

Watch the sermon at the time below or  
online at [www.montgomeryfbc.org](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org).

**Frazer Channel 13** (Montgomery & Prattville)  
**BrightHouse Channel 122** (Elmore County)  
Sunday, 1:30 PM (full hour) & 6:00 PM  
Tuesday, 8:00 PM; Thursday, 1:30 PM & 6:00 PM

**WSFA-TV Channel 12** | Sunday, 10:30 AM

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