

First Baptist Church Montgomery

# BEACON

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



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

## NOVEMBER 12 • 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.*

## 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)



## 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.

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# CONNECTIONS

— *from your Pastor's Heart*

## ***From Las Vegas to North Korea, Jesus is the Answer!***

*"The thief comes to steal, kill and destroy, but I have come that you may have life and have it abundantly. I am the Good Shepherd who lays down My life for the sheep."*

— John 10:10-11

Recently, the devil's destructive deeds have been on dark display. Devin Kelley walked into a Texas church and killed 26 people. Satan's evil filled the heart of Sayfullo Saipov in New York who turned a rental truck into a weapon and killed 8 people. The evil one twisted the thinking of Stephen Paddock in Las Vegas who translated his darkness into killing 58 people along with wounding 500 others. A few days ago, in downtown Montgomery, Kelvin Cooley testified at the courthouse against a man who shot his brother. In retaliation for the testimony, Josephus Boone shot Kelvin. Similar to Cain killing Abel, Satan grew hate into homicide. What is the answer?

In this fallen world filled with hurt and homicide, do we run and hide? No. God calls us to abide in Jesus and follow our Savior into the risky business of sharing His love and light with perishing people from our neighborhoods to the nations. In opposition to the devil's lies and destruction, Jesus brings truth and salvation. Jesus suffered terrible wounds in the battle but hell did not prevail. Jesus WINS!

We cannot run from the problems, we must run to the captives and share the real answer: JESUS! The love of Jesus in a person displaces evil. So the answer is obvious—RELENTLESSLY SHARE JESUS. Jesus is the cure for the sickness of our fallen world. All of our ministries are designed to connect people to Jesus: our Worship Services, Bible Fellowship Classes, English Classes, The Caring Center, Judgment House, the Fall Festival, Team Night, our Tutoring Program, the Nehemiah Project, the Children's Learning Center, our Mission Partnerships, VBS, Prison Ministry, the Lanier Partnership, Powerhouse, Baldwin Bible Study, Elevate, and our Broadcast Ministries. ***By your prayers, attendance and financial gifts support these ministries that transform Satan's slaves into God's Children.***

Let the Warrior Spirit arise in us and propel us to courageously share the cure of Christ with perishing people because JESUS sets the captives free!

Sharing Jesus TOGETHER,

**FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, November 5, 2017**

### **ATTENDANCE**

**Bible Fellowship Enrollment** 5191 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 2003  
**Weekly Attendance** 2553 | **Discipleship Attendance** 1202

### **OFFERING**

**Required Weekly** \$127,730.77 | **Received Sunday** \$246,249.89  
**Required To Date** \$5,747,884.62 | **Received To Date** \$5,439,726.39  
**Building Fund Sunday** \$225.00 | **Building Fund to Date** \$15,176.35  
**World Hunger Offering** \$17,077.85

**Under Budget | \$308,158.23**

# 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).*



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## Ministry Announcements

### Preschool Ministry

Join us for **Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)** on **Tuesday, November 14** from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. For more information, visit [www.montgomeryfbc.org/mops](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/mops).

The annual **Mission Friends Art Auction** will be held **Sunday, November 26** 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.

### 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. 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).

### Senior Adult Ministry

The **Senior Adult Christmas Banquet** will be **Tuesday, December 12** at 5:00 PM in the fellowship hall. This year's banquet features our very own Michele Lott. Tickets are \$8.00 and will be available in your Bible Fellowship Class beginning Sunday, November 19. Deadline to purchase tickets is Sunday, December 3. For more information, contact Kenny Hoomes at 241.5182 or [khoomes@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:khoomes@montgomeryfbc.org).



The First Baptist Montgomery App

Available in App Stores



## First Family Dinner | Wednesday, November 15

*No reservations required!*

**Adult & Children's Meal:** Roast Beef, Rice & Gravy, Green Beans, Salad, Dessert

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

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

## Music Ministry

The **Fall Preschool Choirs Program** will be **Wednesday, November 15** at 6:00 PM in Stakely Sanctuary.

Join the **JOY Singers** as we prepare for our **Annual Christmas Service** on **Sunday, November 26** at 6:15 PM in Stakely Sanctuary. Rehearsals are held each Monday at 10:00 AM in the Stakely Choir Suite.

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 3** at 6:15 PM in the main sanctuary.

## Missions Ministry

The **Amy Cooper Women on Mission Group** will meet on Monday, November 13 at 11:30 AM in the Huff Building Fellowship Hall. Douglas McElvy will speak on the First Baptist mission efforts in India. He has led many mission trips to India, which focuses on building churches. All are invited. Bring a sack lunch and join us for a time of fellowship and inspiration. Drinks and dessert are provided. Call Lanelle Huff at 365.9397 for more information.

## Churchwide News & Events

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.

**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).

## New Members

### By Baptism

**Mr. Blake Bussey**  
713 Buena Vista Loop | Prattville, AL 36067

**Maren Diefenderfer**  
419 Ashton Park | Millbrook, AL 36054

**Adeline Lipscomb**  
9402 Manor Way | Pike Road, AL 36064

### By Letter/Statement of Faith

**Miss Carly Smart**  
4829 Turnberry Lane | Columbus, GA 31909

**Dr. Dan Hudson**  
**Mrs. Dan Hudson (Tammy)**  
**Bethany Hudson**  
**Mikayla Zimmerman**  
1111 Foggy Hollow Trail | Fitzpatrick, AL 36029

## 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. Mark Mills (Kim) in the death of her father; Hunter Mills in the death of his grandfather

Mr. & Mrs. Butch Speed (Tonya) in the death of his mother, Mary

Mr. & Mrs. Keith Pettus (Teresa) in the death of his mother

### Jackson

Macon Brock

### Baptist East

Mike Kelley

### HealthSouth

Kathleen Stitt



# Thanksgiving Week Schedule @ FBC

Wednesday, November 22  
No Evening Activities

Thursday, November 23 & Friday, November 24  
Offices Closed



## Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week November 13-20

Brochures are available in the main sanctuary foyer or the reception desk at Scott Street. For more information, visit [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org) or contact Ben Hulseley at [bhulseley@fbc-cm.org](mailto:bhulseley@fbc-cm.org).



### ANGEL TREE

*A Program of Prison Fellowship*

## Angel Tree 2017

Angel Tree 2017 begins **Sunday, November 19!** 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 wrapped Angel Tree gifts to the reception area at the Scott Street entrance on or before **Sunday, December 3**. If you purchase a bike, securely tie the Angel sticker to the bike. Thank you so much for providing a happier Christmas for a prisoner's child.

## Living Christmas Tree :: December 8-10

Order your LCT Tickets online at [www.thelivingchristmastree.org](http://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 19** in the main sanctuary foyer from 9:15 AM to 12:30 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, contact Donna Haney at 241.5150 or [dhaney@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:dhaney@montgomeryfbc.org).

For more information, visit [www.thelivingchristmastree.org](http://www.thelivingchristmastree.org) or call the LCT ticket office at 241.5156.



## 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.



## This week at FBC

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

### Sunday, November 12

- 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  
International Worship Service
- 12:15 Membership Information Class
- 4:00 Reflections Ensemble  
Youth Choir Parents Meeting
- 5:00 Children's Missions  
Discipleship Classes  
Visitation  
One Heart/One Voice Choirs  
Prayer Time for South Asia
- 6:15 Worship Service

### Monday, November 13

- 9:00 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 Handbell Rehearsal
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 Freedom in Christ Recovery

### Tuesday, November 14

- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 MOPS  
Ladies Bible Study: Covenant  
Sarah McCrory Women on Mission
- 10:00 Senior Adult Game Day
- 5:30 Women with Emotional Pain
- 6:00 TIPS Foster Care Training
- 6:30 Charlotte Cearley Women on Mission
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous  
Helen Hancock Women on Mission
- 8:00 College Ministry: Elevate

### Wednesday, November 15

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

### Thursday, November 16

- 9:00 Conversational English Thanksgiving Meal
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group

### Friday, November 17

- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group

### Saturday, November 18

- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

## In Home Ministry Member Becky Lewis

505 Birch Street  
Millbrook, AL 36054-2734



305 South Perry Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

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

- Call to Worship** | Sanctuary Orchestra
- America the Beautiful** | Sanctuary Choir
- Be Thou My Vision** | Terry Willis
- Message** | Jay Wolf
- Prayer Room**  
Brian West (Children's Ministry)

### Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

- Siyahamba** | One Heart & One Voice Choirs
- Thankful** | Children's Choir
- Message** | Mark Bethea



## 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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