

# BEACON

First Baptist Church Montgomery

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



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## Victory Day Report To God Be The Glory!

At publication, the total pledge was **\$5,568,629.00**. This is **83.84%** of the 2018 Budget. We express heartfelt thanks to our faithful stewardship campaign

workers and to ALL who participated. Remember, it's never too late to give! Visit [www.montgomeryfbc.org/stewardship](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/stewardship) for more information.

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

## Advent Worship Service



presented by the JOY Singers  
Sunday, November 26  
6:15 PM \\ Stakely Sanctuary



## Children's Choirs Christmas Program

Sunday, December 3  
6:15 PM :: Main Sanctuary



# CONNECTIONS

— *from your Pastor's Heart*

## *Develop the Discipline of THANKSLIVING!*

During the season of Thanksgiving, allow me to provide you with the timely and timeless encouragement to engage in the marvelous spiritual exercise of **counting your blessings**. One young fellow expressed his gratitude for his glasses by explaining, “Dad, I am so thankful for my new glasses because now the boys don’t hit me and the girls don’t kiss me!” What are you thankful for?

Some people see their life through the contorted lens of **entitlement** so they calculate that they deserve everything plus an extra share. But the better and more accurate perspective is to view your experiences through the lens of **gratitude** which enables you to see each day and everything that comes your way as a gift from God that you receive with thanksgiving. Many unhappy people adopt the infected and ugly attitude of being **grumbly hateful**; but God’s path of faith calls us to the lofty worldview of being **humbly grateful**.

When you carefully track the patterns of Jesus, you observe our Savior always giving thanks. For instance, Jesus took the loaves and the fish and He expressed thanks before sharing it with the multitude and that meager meal multiplied for the mob! When the disciples gathered for the Last Supper, Jesus took the bread and cup, and *He gave thanks before He offered it to His closest companions. We emulate Jesus* when we have a prayer before meals, it’s called “**saying grace**” because we are acknowledging that everything we possess is a grace gift from God’s kind hand. Therefore, develop the daily discipline of **THANKSLIVING** which simply means:

1. You consistently choose an attitude of gratitude.
2. You constantly count your blessings.
3. You continually follow the pattern of Jesus by giving thanks to God for all of His gifts.

Walking with God TOGETHER  
in THANKSLIVING,

**FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, November 19, 2017**

### ATTENDANCE

**Bible Fellowship Enrollment** 5191 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1728  
**Weekly Attendance** 2278 | **Discipleship Attendance** 792

### OFFERING

**Required Weekly** \$127,730.77 | **Received Sunday** \$111,846.20  
**Required To Date** \$6,003,346.15 | **Received To Date** \$5,673,913.04  
**Building Fund Sunday** \$260.00 | **Building Fund to Date** \$15,581.35

**Under Budget | \$329,433.11**



## Angel Tree 2017

Please bring your wrapped Angel Tree gifts with the child's name securely on each gift, to the reception area at the Scott Street entrance on or before **Sunday, December 3**. Thank you for providing a happier Christmas for a prisoner's child.

# Ministry Announcements

## Preschool Ministry

Join us for **Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)** on **Tuesday, December 12** 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.

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 Children's Hope for the children in Haiti. Please bring your present to your SS Class on or before **Sunday, December 17**.

## Children's Ministry

Calling all GAs and RAs...We need your help on **Saturday, December 9** from 9:00 to 11:00 AM for **Santa's Workshop**. The children from our Nehemiah Center will be coming to the Caring Center to select and wrap presents for their loved ones. This is an incredible opportunity for your child to serve! For more information, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164 or [gleathers@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:gleathers@montgomeryfbc.org).

## 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). There are only a few spots remaining. Final payment is due by December 27. For more information, contact Justin Law at 241.5162 or [jlw@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:jlw@montgomeryfbc.org).



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Available in App Stores



## First Family Dinner | Wednesday, November 29

*No reservations required!*

**Adult & Children's Meal:** Mexican Food, Salad, Dessert

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

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

## 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).

## Community Ministries

If your family or your **Sunday School Class** would like to adopt a family for **Christmas**, contact Tim Cearley at 241.5141.

The **Caring Center** has **two openings for volunteers** on Mondays sorting clothes in the Receiving Room from 9:00 AM to Noon or from Noon to 3:00 PM; and on Thursdays checking clients into the Clothes Shop from Noon to 3:00 PM. If you are interested in serving, contact Judy Nuss at 241.5144.

## Churchwide News & Events

There will be a **Clean-Up Day at Jeff Davis High School** on **Saturday, December 2** from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Bring your gloves, some yard tools for trimming or weeding, and a desire to show Christ's love as you work alongside faculty and students at Jeff Davis. Volunteers are also needed to help provide a hot dog lunch. To sign up, call Tim Cearley at 241.5141.

**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 Letter/Statement of Faith

**Mr. Craig Coblentz**  
**Mrs. Craig Coblentz (Debbie)**  
1220 Kirkwood Drive | 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

Miss Ashley Peters in the death of her uncle  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Close (Peggy) in the death  
of their grandson

### Baptist South

Frank Wells

### Baptist East

Mike Kelley • Micah Champion

## 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. Tickets may be picked-up on **Sunday, November 26** in the main sanctuary foyer from 9:15 AM to 12:30 PM. The LCT Ticket Office will be open on **Monday, November 27 through Friday, December 1** from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Stakely Music Suite at the Scott Street entrance.

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







LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING®  
FBC GOAL: \$230,000



## Week of Prayer for International Missions December 3 through 10

Christmas is about giving!

Because God generously gave to us, consider giving generously to our **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® for World Missions**. In giving, we help advance God's ultimate goal "That All Peoples May Know Him." Your gift will fuel our global missions work. As givers, you become partners with Baptist missionaries in 167 countries who are effectively sharing the Good News of King Jesus with a vast array of people.

WMU invites you to join us in praying for International Missions during the Week of Prayer on December 3–10. For more information, contact Brian Gay at 241.5131.

### Schedule of Events:

**Monday, December 4 @ 9:30 AM // Prayer & Fellowship**

**Where:** Oak Grove Independent Living Dining Room (3801 Oak Grove Drive)

**Speaker:** Bud Burt

**Prayer Calendar:** Sherry Gilpin

**Tuesday, December 5 @ 9:30 AM // Christmas with ESL Students**

**Where:** TBA

**Wednesday, December 6 @ 12:10 PM // War Room (Praying for Missions)**

**Where:** Main Sanctuary

**Thursday, December 7 @ 12:10 PM // Prayer & Brown Bag Lunch**

**Where:** Fellowship Hall

Please RSVP by December 3 for the Scott Street Deli Bag Lunches (\$5) by contacting Barbara Barrow at 272.7767 or bbbarrow59@charter.net.

**Friday, December 8 @ 9:30 AM // Prayer & Fellowship**

**Where:** Home of Chris Anderson (5672 Woodside Circle)

**Speaker:** Anita Graydon

**Prayer Calendar:** Katie Thames



## 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 26

- 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 Discipleship Classes  
Children's Missions  
Visitation
- 6:15 JOY Singers Christmas Program

### Monday, November 27

- 9:00 English as a Second Language  
LCT Ticket Office
- 5:15 Sanctuary Handbell Rehearsal
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 Freedom in Christ Recovery

### Tuesday, November 28

- 9:00 English as a Second Language  
LCT Ticket Office
- 5:30 Women with Emotional Pain
- 6:00 TIPS Foster Care Training Class
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous
- 8:00 College Ministry: Elevate

### Wednesday, November 29

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

### Thursday, November 30

- 9:00 Conversational English  
LCT Ticket Office
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group

### Friday, December 1

- 7:00 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 9:00 LCT Ticket Office
- 11:00 Children's Hope Board Meeting

### Saturday, December 2

- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

## In Home Ministry Member Constance Moore

601 Jasmine Trail, Apt 312  
Prattville, AL 36066-3661



305 South Perry Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

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

**There is a Fountain** | Sanctuary Orchestra

**Holy is He** | Sanctuary Choir

**Offertory** | Missy Morgan

**Message** | Jay Wolf

**Prayer Room**

Donnie Robinson (Poundstone Class)

### Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

**JOY Singers Christmas Program**

**Stakely Sanctuary**



## 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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