

First Baptist Church Montgomery

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



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2018
WEEK OF PRAYER
— for —
INTERNATIONAL
MISSIONS

DECEMBER 2-9
FBC GOAL: \$230,000

imb | LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS
OFFERING®



On **Sunday, December 2**, we will hear from **Duane Ostrem**. Duane and his wife Jeanne served in mission service in South East Asia since 2003. He most recently served as the Affinity Group Strategy Leader for Southeast Asian Peoples for the International Mission Board. Duane and Jeanne are the parents of three children and have eight grandchildren.

Preschool & Children's Choirs
Christmas Program

Sunday, December 2
6:15 PM :: Main Sanctuary

WAR ROOM

PRAYER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON

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



CONNECTIONS

from your Pastor's Heart

Lottie and the LCT!

At FBC, Christmas is synonymous with the **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** for international missions and our signature ministry endeavor of the **Living Christmas Tree**.

Let's start with **Lottie**. Charlotte Digges "Lottie" Moon served as our Baptist representative for Jesus in China for 40 years. This aristocratic young lady from Virginia was small of stature, standing 4 feet 3 inches, but she was a giant of faith. God set her heart aflame for China as she studied Christ's Great Commission to "Go and make disciples of all nations." In 1879 she went to China and people flocked to meet an American. Lottie declared, "Could a Christian possibly desire a higher honor than to be permitted to go from house to house and tell of a Savior to those who have never heard His name? We cannot conceive of a life that more satisfies the heart of a true follower of Jesus." In her first 6 months in Pingdu she personally visited in 122 homes!

In 1888 Lottie suggested to her Baptist supporters a week of prayer and special offerings for God's work in China. Her effective work inspired countless Christ-followers to pray, give and go. She entered God's presence on December 24, 1912 because she gave all her money to help starving friends in Pingdu and consequently died of malnourishment.

Lottie's life of service and sacrifice for the Savior calls us **to give our best to Jesus by making our largest Christmas gift a contribution to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** which is used 100% for supporting our missionaries in over 160 countries around the world.

Next, let's focus on the **Living Christmas Tree**. We started this creative Christmas evangelism event in 1981. The plan was to try this evangelism experiment for 8-10 years. But the old tree keeps producing new fruit! So 38 years later we are still offering the Living Christmas Tree as God's Christmas megaphone to share His good news with our region. **Get your tickets and bring friends who need to hear the hope of the gospel through the Living Christmas Tree Revival!**

Serving the Lord TOGETHER
in the Christmas Season



FBC Stewardship Goal: \$6,825,000

Pledged to Date :: \$5,757,828.00 (84.36%)

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

FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, November 25, 2018

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5200 | Bible Fellowship Attendance 1605
Weekly Attendance 2146 | Discipleship Attendance 1009

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$128,365.38 | Received Sunday \$78,392.09
Required To Date \$6,033,172.86 | Received To Date \$5,642,123.60
Building Fund Sunday \$125.00 | Building Fund to Date \$19,646.35

Under Budget | \$391,049.26



Cookies, Cocoa & Carols

Wednesday, December 12
5 to 7p * Fellowship Hall

Bring a dozen of your favorite cookies
and join us for a night of fun including:

- * Pancake Supper
- * A Special Time of Prayer
- * Games and Activities for Everyone
- * Photos with Santa
- * The Christmas Story Read by Santa

Free, but RSVPs are requested at
www.montgomeryfbc.org/cookies-cocoa-carols

Ministry Announcements

Preschool Ministry

All preschool children are asked to **Help Decorate the Christmas Tree** that will be at the preschool registration desk. Please bring new socks and/or shoes to cover our tree. All items will be donated to children in the Panama City area. Please bring your items to your SS Class by **Sunday, December 16**.

Children's Ministry

Calling all GAs and RAs...We need your help on **Saturday, December 15** 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.

Artificial Christmas Trees needed for VBS 2019. Trees can be any size, with or without lights. For more information, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164 or gleathers@montgomeryfbc.org.

Senior Adult Ministry

The **Senior Adult Christmas Banquet** will be **Tuesday, December 11** at 5:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Our special guest will be Michele Lott. Tickets are \$8.00 and



Angel Tree 2018

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 9**. Thank you for providing a happier Christmas for a prisoner's child.



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, December 5

No reservations required!

Adult & Children's Meal: Ham, Potato Salad, Vegetable, Salad, Dessert

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

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

are available in your Bible Fellowship Class. Deadline to purchase tickets is Wednesday, December 5. For more information, contact Mary Virginia Crum at 241.5180.

The **JOY Singers will be performing at the Crump Center on Wednesday, December 12** at 10:30 AM. All senior adults are invited to sing with us and stay for lunch!

First Baptist Foundation

Did you know that the First Baptist Foundation has a free gift for you? **Our Foundation has paid the costs so that you can receive estate planning from our partner in Colorado, PhilanthroCorp.** This is a valuable service with a simple process. Ken & Leah Stephens recently completed planning with them and shared, *"We initially resisted connecting our need with PhilanthroCorp's expertise. We quickly learned that this isn't odd or fishy, and your educational background or estate size is not important. We were blessed by the process and are confident in the plans that we had made."* To learn more about this service, contact Alissa Parrish at airvin@montgomeryfbc.org or 241.5127.

Churchwide News & Events

Cruise to Alaska with Jay and Mary Ruth on September 18 through 25, 2019!

You don't want to miss this spectacular Alaska Inside Passage trip on Princess Cruises. Space is limited, and cabins are reserved first-come, first-served. Come see majestic scenery from God and hear His mighty Word revealed from Jay. For more information, contact Ben Hulsey at ebjhulsey@gmail.com or 399.9876.

Volunteers are needed in the Prayer Room! Available time slots can be found on the prayer room door (located next to the elevator on the 3rd floor, main building) or contact Sally Frazier at 274.8989 or 224.9895.

Will you be away from FBC on Sunday? Then join us **Sunday** at 11:00 AM as we broadcast our service live on the FBC app and website (www.montgomeryfbc.org/livestream) as well as our main **Facebook page, First Baptist Church Montgomery** (@montgomeryfirstbaptist).

New Members

By Letter/Statement of Faith

Ms. Nancy Langley
84 Chapel Hill Street | Pike Road, AL 36064

Ms. Tracey Thomas

Our Church Family

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

Sympathy Extended to

Ms. Kristina Young in the death of her father
Mr. Jank Buck in the death of his wife, Jennie Mae; Jenilee, Sallyrose, Tre'Mont, Jank II, & Bryan Buck in the death of their mother
Mr. & Mrs. David Patrick (Sharon) in the death of her father
Mr. & Mrs. Kendall Shehane (Debby) in the death of her mother, Myra York
Mrs. Gary Burchell (Susana) in the death of her husband
Mr. & Mrs. Scooter Dyess (Lela Ann) in the death of his sister
Mr. Bruce Webster in the death of his mother, Ann; Mr. & Mrs. Bob Roberts (Linda) in the death of her aunt; Mr. & Mrs. Eric Leatherwood (Elizabeth Nan) in the death of her great-aunt

Capitol Hill Healthcare

Renis Jones

Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Egbo (Onyinye) in the birth of a son

Ministerial Staff Birthdays

Kathy Cooper (December 5)

Living Christmas Tree :: December 7-9

Tickets may be picked up **THIS SUNDAY** in the sanctuary foyer from 9:30 AM to 12:15 PM. The LCT Ticket Office will be open on **Monday, December 3 through Friday, December 7** from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Stakely Music Suite at the Scott Street entrance.



LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING®
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Week of Prayer for International Missions December 2 through 9

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 2-9. For more information, contact Brian Gay at 241.5131.

Schedule of Events:

Monday, December 3 @ 9:30 AM // Prayer & Fellowship

Where: Home of Diane McCrary (3113 Whitney Drive)

Speaker: Sarah Cearley (Central Asia)

Wednesday, December 5 @ 12:10 PM // War Room (Praying for Missions)

Where: Main Sanctuary

Friday, December 7 @ 9:30 AM // Prayer & Fellowship

Where: Home of Janis Lowther (220 East Hunter Hill Loop, Pike Road)

Speaker: John Halbrooks (Ejamat people)



THANK YOU to all who supported **Operation Christmas Child** this year! Our church drop-off site collected over 1200 shoeboxes! Your gifts and prayers fulfill Romans 15:13 by giving hope to needy boys and girls. To see what happens next, go to: www.samaritanspurse.org/article/what-happens-to-your-shoebox/



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 Monday, December 31 in order to go toward your 2018 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.

Sunday, December 2

- Mission Project: South Asia
8:30 Worship Service
Prayer Room in Media Center
9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
11:00 Worship Service
Prayer Room in Media Center
4:00 Reflections Ensemble
5:00 One Heart/One Voice Choirs
Churchwide Visitation
6:15 Preschool & Children's Choirs
Christmas Program

Monday, December 3

- Mission Project: South Asia
7:30 R.O.M.E.O.
9:00 English as a Second Language
LCT Ticket Office
5:30 Deacon's Meeting
Men's Bible Study
6:30 Freedom in Christ Recovery Group

Tuesday, December 4

- Mission Project: South Asia
9:00 English as a Second Language
LCT Ticket Office
5:30 Women with Emotional Pain
7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, December 5

- Mission Project: South Asia
9:00 English as a Second Language
LCT Ticket Office
12:10 War Room (Churchwide Prayer)
2:15 Baldwin Bible Study
5:00 First Family Dinner
5:30 Tutoring
Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal
6:00 First Family Prayer Time
6:30 Student Ministry: Powerhouse
6:35 LCT Choir/Orchestra Rehearsal
6:40 Ejamat Prayer Time

Thursday, December 6

- Mission Project: South Asia
9:00 Conversational English
LCT Ticket Office
10:00 Caregivers Support Group
6:35 LCT Choir/Orchestra Rehearsal

Friday, December 7

- Mission Project: South Asia
6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
9:00 LCT Ticket Office
7:00 Living Christmas Tree

Saturday, December 8

- Mission Project: South Asia
4:00 Living Christmas Tree
7:00 Living Christmas Tree
Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member
James Bell

PO Box 640235 | Pike Road, AL 36064



305 South Perry Street
Montgomery, AL 36104

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
montgomery

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

Welcome the Child of Light

Ichthus Ensemble

Whispers

Terry Veazey

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Message

Duane Ostrem, IMB

Prayer Room

Lawton Webb (Hamilton/Coker Class)

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

Graded Children's Choirs

Christmas Worship



CrossRoads Broadcast Schedule

Watch the sermon at the time below or
online at 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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