

First Baptist Church Montgomery

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



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He Gave
WE GIVE

• 2019 FBC Stewardship Emphasis •

FBC Goal: \$6,825,000

This is how we know what love is:
Jesus Christ laid down His life for us.
— 1 John 3:16



NOVEMBER 11 • Commitment Sunday

Remember to turn in your commitment 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.

www.montgomeryfbc.org/stewardship

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY VISITORS

If you have not been contacted and would like to serve as a ministry visitor on Victory Sunday, November 18, call Carolyn Bryan at 241.5120.

Interested in joining First Baptist? Want to know more?

DISCOVER

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

12:15 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

www.montgomeryfbc.org | Office: 334.834.6310 | Prayer Line: 334.834.4585



CONNECTIONS

from your Pastor's Heart

The King's Advice: Make Your Life One Long Gift to Others!

Jesus taught, **"It is more blessed to give than to receive."** (Acts 20:35) Let's amplify God's truth by using a provocative experience provided by **Stephen King**, the famous author who is not usually noted for sharing theological insights.

"A couple of years ago I learned what 'you can't take it with you' really means. I found out while I was lying in a ditch beside a country road, covered with mud and blood and with the tibia of my right leg poking out the side of my jeans like the branch of a tree taken down in a thunderstorm. I had a MasterCard in my wallet, but when you're lying in a ditch with broken glass in your hair, no one accepts MasterCard.

We all know that life is ephemeral, but on that particular day, and the months that followed, I got a painful but extremely valuable look at life's simple backstage truths. We come in naked and broke. We may be dressed when we go out, but we're just as broke. Warren Buffet? He's going out broke. Bill Gates? He's going out broke. Tom Hanks? He's going out broke. Stephen King? Broke. Not a crying dime.

All the money you earn, all the stocks you trade, all the stuff you buy – it's mostly smoke and mirrors. It's still going to be a quarter past very late whether you tell the time on a Timex or a Rolex. No matter how large your bank account; no matter how many credit cards you have; sooner or later things will start to go wrong with the three things that you really call your own: your body, your mind, and your spirit.

So, I want you to consider making your life one long gift to others. And why not? All you have is on loan anyway. All that lasts is what you pass on. World needs are not a pretty picture, but we have the power to help and the power to change. You will not take it with you, so give it away. Giving is a way to take the focus off money and refocus on the lives we lead, the families we raise and the communities that nurture us. When you lead a life of giving, it helps you remember that you will go out broke. But right now, you're doing okay. Right now, we have the power to do something great for others and for ourselves."

Thank you, Mr. King. But, more importantly, listen to the **King of kings** who invites you to be His generous giver in this world of selfish takers. Jesus shares the ultimate truth, **"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasure in Heaven."** (Matthew 6:19-20) Here's the stunning reality: You cannot take it with you, but through Christ-directed, Kingdom-advancing giving YOU CAN SEND IT ON AHEAD!

Becoming Christ-like
Givers TOGETHER,



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For more information on how you can make a commitment to the budget visit www.montgomeryfbc.org/stewardship

FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, November 4, 2018

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5197 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1955
Weekly Attendance 2496 | **Discipleship Attendance** 1303

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$128,365.38 | **Received Sunday** \$244,922.93
Required To Date \$5,648,076.72 | **Received To Date** \$5,297,396.49
Building Fund Sunday \$921.00 | **Building Fund to Date** \$19,363.85
Global Hunger Offering \$20,385.80

Under Budget | \$350,680.23

First Family Thanksgiving Meal

Sunday, November 18 | Fellowship Hall

Turkey, dressing and all the trimmings

Serving lines open at 4:45 PM

Adults: \$7 | Children (12 & under): \$4

RSVPs needed by November 12. Register at www.montgomeryfbc.org/thanksgiving or call 834.6310.



Ministry Announcements

Children's Ministry

Kids, bring a jar of **Peanut Butter for the Caring Center** on **Sunday, November 11**. For more information, contact Glen Leathers at 241.5164.

College Ministry

College students and high school seniors are invited to join us for the **2019 Passion Conference** on **Wednesday, January 1 through Friday, January 4** in Atlanta, GA. Register and pay (\$170) online at www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration. Deadline is November 18. For more information, contact Justin Law at 241.5162 or jlw@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 will be available in your Bible Fellowship Class beginning Sunday, November 18. Deadline to purchase tickets is Wednesday, December 5. For more information, contact Mary Virginia Crum at 241.5180.

Missions Ministry

The **Charlotte Cearley WOM Group** will meet on **Tuesday, November 13** at 6:30 PM in the home of Frances Barker (7406 Heathermoore Loop). Mila Thomas will share about the Mixtec ministry in Chisholm. Contact Kathy Hall at 777.8704 or Kathy Smith at 467.9178 if you are interested in learning more about the purpose of this group.

Music Ministry

Join the **JOY Singers** as we prepare for our **Annual Christmas Service** on **Sunday, November 25** 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 **Preschool & Children's Choirs Christmas Presentation** as our preschoolers through sixth graders lead worship and share the beautiful



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, November 14

No reservations required!

Adult & Children's Meal: Baked Chicken, Rice & Gravy, Vegetable, Salad, Dessert

Adult Family Meal – \$5; Child's Meal (12 & under) – \$3
Maximum Family Amount – \$20 *(immediate family only)*

message of Christmas in song on **Sunday, December 2** at 6:15 PM in the main sanctuary.

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

On **Sunday November 11**, we will **Honor our Veterans** during the morning worship services. All military members (active, reserve, guard, retired, and veterans) are asked to wear their uniform to church on Sunday morning, as we honor those who have served our nation in the Armed Forces.

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 Hulseley at ebjhulseley@gmail.com or 399.9876.

There will be a **WorldCrafts Christmas Gift Market** on **Sunday, November 18** from 3:30 to 5:00 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.

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 Baptism

Mr. Tim House
Mrs. Tim House (Kim)
Kevis Harriel
206 Davors Drive | Montgomery, AL 36109

Ms. Cathrine Jewell
2419 Locust Street | Montgomery, AL 36107

By Letter/Statement of Faith

Mr. John W. (Bill) Carner
3801 Oak Grove Drive, Apt 221 | Montgomery, AL 36116

Ms. Nue Cheer Franklin
PO Box 231602 | Montgomery, AL 36123

Mrs. Mary Louise Taylor
8059 Ansley Trace | 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

Mr. & Mrs. John Frazer (Starla) in the death of her father

Mr. & Mrs. Scott McLaughlin (Debby) in the death of her mother

Baptist East

Anna Christenberry

Jackson

Betty Bridgman • Charis Hand

Capitol Hill Healthcare

David Hataway • Renis Jones

Children's Hospital

Arthur Wilkins

Emory University Hospital

Bernice Carter

Congratulations Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Kelby Hand (Charis) in the birth of a son

Ministerial Staff Birthdays

Nancie McQueen (November 11)



GOOD NEWS. GREAT JOY.

**NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK
NOVEMBER 12-19**

Angel Tree 2018

Angel Tree 2018 begins **Sunday, November 18!** 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 9.** 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.



Thanksgiving Week Schedule @ FBC

Wednesday, November 21
No Evening Activities

Thursday, November 22 & Friday, November 23
Offices Closed

Living Christmas Tree :: December 7-9

Order your LCT Tickets online at www.thelivingchristmastree.org

Ticket requests may also be returned in the offering plate on Sunday, or one of the LCT boxes located in the main sanctuary foyer or near the receptionist desk at Scott Street. Ticket request forms are available on the tables in the main sanctuary foyers. Tickets may be picked up on **Sunday, November 18** in the main sanctuary foyer from 9:30 AM to 12:15 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.

For more information, visit 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 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, November 11

- 8:30 Worship Service
Prayer Room in Media Center
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 11:00 Worship Service
Prayer Room in Media Center
- 12:15 Discover First Baptist
- 4:00 Reflections Ensemble
Missions Committee Meeting
- 4:30 ABCs of Evangelism
Citizenship Class
- 5:00 Children's Missions
Discipleship Classes
One Heart & One Voice Choirs
Prayer Time for South Asia
- 6:15 Worship Service

Monday, November 12

- 10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal
- 5:15 Sanctuary Handbells
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 Freedom in Christ Recovery Group

Tuesday, November 13

- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 9:30 Ladies Bible Study
- 5:30 Women with Emotional Pain
- 6:30 Charlotte Cearley WOM Group
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous
- 8:00 College Ministry: Elevate

Wednesday, November 14

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

Thursday, November 15

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

Friday, November 16

- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 11:00 Children's Hope Board Meeting

Saturday, November 17

- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member
Emma Smith

PO Box 241227 | Montgomery, AL 36124-1227

305 South Perry Street
Montgomery, AL 36104



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

God's Grace | Sanctuary Orchestra

All to Us | Sanctuary Choir

Like the Little Boy

Soo Seok, Abraham, Johanna & Elijah Yang

Message | Jay Wolf

Prayer Room

Bill McCrary (Birchfield Class)

Evening Worship (6:15 PM)

Call to Worship | One Heart & One Voice Choirs

Reckless Love | The Treadwell Brothers

Message | Ryan Gray



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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