

First Baptist Church Montgomery

# BEACON

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



Volume 71 | Week of November 18, 2018 | Number 46

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 18 • Victory Sunday

We are praying for 100% participation and an oversubscription of the **2019 budget of \$6,825,000**. If you have not already turned in your commitment card, be sure to do so this Sunday morning. Even if you are unable to make a financial pledge at this time, please consider returning your signed card as an expression of participation and commitment to the cause of Christ. Ministry Visitors will be going out Sunday afternoon to deliver cookies, visit and pray with families.

At publication, the total pledge was **\$3,554,651.00**. This is **53%** of the 2019 Budget. We need everyone's commitment to put us over the top.

Thank you for your faithfulness to the Lord!

---

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

---

Thank you to all who have volunteered to be the hands and feet of Jesus on Victory Sunday. This is truly a churchwide effort.

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



# CONNECTIONS

from your Pastor's Heart

## JB TIDWELL + JESUS = ENOUGH

Do you ever feel small and inadequate? The stress, pressure and frustrations of life grind us down. We need God's Word to lift us up. Learn and live God's energizing truth: **"I can do all things THROUGH CHRIST who strengthens me."** (Philippians 4:13)

In 1973, I entered Baylor University. Many of my classes were located in the Tidwell Bible Building. The impressive edifice was named for Dr. JB Tidwell, who was the chairman of the Bible Department from 1910-1946. Tidwell had a fascinating story that still inspires me.

JB Tidwell was born in Alabama in 1870. He grew up in the impoverished home of a tenant farmer. At age 13, he was illiterate. A Christ-proclaiming revival came to his community. JB heard the Gospel and was gloriously saved. He desperately desired to read God's living, transforming Word. Consequently, he embarked on an educational quest. As a teenager, he started first grade in a rural school. His bright mind enabled him to quickly learn to read and catch up with the other students. In only four years, he completed all of his grades and enrolled in Howard College, which is now Samford University. Tidwell possessed an insatiable thirst for God's truth and for learning. After completing Samford, he found a pathway to attend Baylor University and acquire a Masters degree in Bible. He made his way to the University of Chicago and earned his Ph.D. in Biblical languages and theology. From 1910 to 1946, he taught at Baylor and influenced thousands of young people as he proclaimed the riches of God's truth. JB Tidwell's contribution to a generation of Christian leaders was acknowledged when Baylor named their magnificent new Biblical Studies building and chapel the JB Tidwell Tower in his honor.



Tidwell marveled at how an illiterate, impoverished farmer's son from rural Alabama could make such a large impact for the Kingdom of God. He wrote the story of his life journey and entitled it, **"JB Tidwell + Jesus = Enough."** His simple point was that Jesus is **sufficient**. Like the Apostle Paul, JB knew that when you walk in daily surrender to Jesus, His provision, power and victory are released in you. When I learned Tidwell's story, I decided to adopt his theme song and reminded myself that Jay Wolf + Jesus = Enough. The same is true for YOU!

He Gave  
**WE GIVE**

• 2019 FBC Stewardship Emphasis •

For more information on how you can make a commitment to the budget visit [www.montgomeryfbc.org/stewardship](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/stewardship)

### FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, November 11, 2018

#### ATTENDANCE

**Bible Fellowship Enrollment** 5199 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1740  
**Weekly Attendance** 2281 | **Discipleship Attendance** 1491

#### OFFERING

**Required Weekly** \$128,365.38 | **Received Sunday** \$129,879.44  
**Required To Date** \$5,776,442.10 | **Received To Date** \$5,427,275.93  
**Building Fund Sunday** \$32.50 | **Building Fund to Date** \$19,396.35  
**Global Hunger Offering** \$20,410.80

**Under Budget | \$349,166.17**



# Thanksgiving Week Schedule @ FBC

Wednesday, November 21  
No Evening Activities

Thursday, November 22 & Friday, November 23  
Offices Closed

---

## Ministry Announcements

### Preschool Ministry

The annual **Mission Friends Art Auction** will be held **Sunday, November 25** 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 **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](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/event-registration). Deadline is November 18. For more information, contact Justin Law at 241.5162 or [jlw@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto: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.

### 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 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](mailto: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 Hulseley at [ebjhulseley@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.montgomeryfbc.org/livestream)) as well as our main **Facebook page, First Baptist Church Montgomery** (@montgomeryfirstbaptist).

## New Members

### By Baptism

**Mr. Matthew Purter**  
3503 Castle Ridge Road | Montgomery, AL 36116

### By Letter/Statement of Faith

**Mr. Hamilton Jordan**  
**Mrs. Hamilton Jordan (Laura)**  
7023 Mid Pines Circle | Montgomery, AL 36117

**Mr. Jon Morris**  
**Mrs. Jon Morris (Elizabeth)**  
1549 Worthing Road | Montgomery, AL 36117

**Ms. AnnaBelle Whitman**  
4643 Chrystan Road | Montgomery, AL 36109

**Mr. Henry "Hank" Fowler**  
**Mrs. Hank Fowler (Carol)**  
216 Choctaw Drive | Montgomery, AL 36117

**Mr. Michael Ponders**

## Our Church Family

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

### Sympathy Extended to

Ms. Mary Walters in the death of her daughter, Idonie Stokes

Mr. & Mrs. Beau Darley (Nikki) in the death of his grandfather

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Brightwell (Alecia) in the death of her grandmother

Family and friends in the death of Marjorie Rainer  
Family and friends in the death of Maryann Brown

### Baptist South

Eugene Price

### Capitol Hill Healthcare

David Hataway • Renis Jones  
Betty Bridgman

### Kirklin Clinic

Dawn Carmichael



WorldCrafts  
Christmas  
Gift Market

Sunday, November 18  
3:30 to 5:00 PM // B112



**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.



**ANGEL TREE**

*A Program of Prison Fellowship*

# WAR ROOM

## PRAYER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON

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

## Living Christmas Tree :: December 7-9

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 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](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 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.



# Thank You!

Thank you for your generous donations of food during the annual Caring Center Food Drive in conjunction with the Stewardship Emphasis. We are so blessed to be a part of such a caring and supportive church. Thank you for helping us feed hungry people in the name of Jesus.

## This week at FBC

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

### Sunday, November 18

- 8:30 Worship Service  
Prayer Room in Media Center
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship Classes
- 11:00 Worship Service  
Prayer Room in Media Center  
International Worship Service
- 12:15 Stewardship Ministry Visitor Lunch
- 3:30 WorldCrafts Christmas Gift Market
- 4:45 First Family Thanksgiving Meal & Worship Service
- 6:35 LCT Choir/Orchestra Rehearsal

### Monday, November 19

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

### Tuesday, November 20

- 5:30 Women with Emotional Pain
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

### Wednesday, November 21

No PM Activities or Services

### Thursday, November 22

Happy Thanksgiving  
FBC Offices Closed

### Friday, November 23

FBC Offices Closed

### Saturday, November 24

- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

## In Home Ministry Member Buddy York

521 Mockingbird Lane | Pike Road, AL 36064



305 South Perry Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
montgomery

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

- Call to Worship** | Sanctuary Orchestra
- Grateful** | Sanctuary Choir
- Teach Me Your Way, Oh Lord** | Ichthus
- Message** | Jay Wolf

### Prayer Room

Brian West (Children's Ministry)

## Evening Worship

**First Family Thanksgiving Meal & Worship in the fellowship hall.**  
Serving lines open at 4:45 PM.



## 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

The **Beacon** (USPS #046-620) is published and printed weekly by First Baptist Church, 305 South Perry Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104-4292. Periodical postage paid at Montgomery, Alabama. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The Beacon, 305 South Perry Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104-4292.