

# BEACON

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

First Baptist Church Montgomery



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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



### VICTORY DAY REPORT: TO GOD BE THE GLORY

At publication, the total pledge was **\$5,600,703.00**. This is **82.06%** of the 2019 Budget. We express heartfelt thanks to our faithful stewardship emphasis 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

## Advent Worship Service

presented by the JOY Singers

Sunday, November 25 || 6:15 PM || Stakely Sanctuary



# CONNECTIONS

from your Pastor's Heart

## All is Well

*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.  
(Philippians 4:13)*

Paul's theme song seems to be "**All is Well**" because he relentlessly trusted Christ to give him strength to navigate every dark valley and to climb every steep mountain. I can imagine someone saying, "Paul, you've been unfairly placed in prison." But the great apostle responds, "**All is well** because the prison guards are coming to Christ and the Gospel is spreading." Another person says, "Paul, you've been beaten and treated unfairly everywhere you go." The faithful man of God affirms, "**All is well** because God works all things together for my good and His glory." Someone observes, "Paul, you will go to Rome and face persecution and execution." Paul responds with resolve, "**All is well** because I will share my testimony for Jesus in the world's capital and if I am executed I'll go to heaven and receive my eternal reward. **So all is well.**"



When you receive a bad medical report, can you say **all is well**, because you believe that Jesus will give you strength and provision to navigate the difficulty? If you've lost a loved one, a job or something precious to you; can you affirm all is well because you totally trust that "*God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus?*" When you did not get the promotion or when things don't turn out as you envisioned; in faith, can you say **all is well** because you know Jesus provides what you truly need?

In 1872, a Chicago lawyer named Horatio Spafford sent his wife and four daughters on a trip to Europe. While crossing the Atlantic, their ship collided with another vessel due to dense fog and 200 people died including all four of Spafford's daughters. His wife sent him a communication saying she survived, but their daughters perished at sea. Spafford's faith was shaken but not broken. He took a ship to meet his wife in London. The vessel's captain knew of Spafford's tragic loss and when they passed the place where his daughters died, he pointed it out. Spafford took a piece of paper and wrote these words:

*When peace like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.*

The only way you can experience God's tranquility in your difficulty is by intentionally staying connected to Christ. Operate like Paul by summoning your faith and boldly declaring, "*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!*" Then your theme song becomes: "**All is Well!**"

**FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, November 18, 2018**

### ATTENDANCE

**Bible Fellowship Enrollment** 5198 | **Bible Fellowship Attendance** 1567  
**Weekly Attendance** 2108 | **Discipleship Attendance** 1219

### OFFERING

**Required Weekly** \$128,365.38 | **Received Sunday** \$136,455.58  
**Required To Date** \$5,904,807.48 | **Received To Date** \$5,563,731.51  
**Building Fund Sunday** \$125.00 | **Building Fund to Date** \$19,521.35  
**Global Hunger Offering** \$20,630.80

**Under Budget | \$341,075.97**

# Angel Tree 2018

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.



## 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.

All preschool children are asked to **Help Decorate the Christmas Tree** that will be at the preschool registration desk. Please bring **new** socks and shoes to cover our tree. The socks will be donated to children in the Panama City area. Please bring your present to your SS Class on or before **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](mailto: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 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.



## 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.



### First Family Dinner | Wednesday, November 28

*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)

## Music Ministry

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.

**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. Jacob Russell Lister**  
1122 Columbiana Road | Birmingham, AL 35209

**Nathan West**  
89 Oak Leaf Court | Pike Road, AL 36064

## Our Church Family

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

### Sympathy Extended to

Ms. Jeanette Martin in the death of her sister.

Miss Hannah Meherg in the death of her grandmother.

Mr. & Mrs. Tim Redden (Robbin) in the death of his mother

Mr. & Mrs. Randall Golden (Eve) in the death of his uncle.

### Baptist South

Eugene Price

### Capitol Hill Healthcare

David Hataway • Renis Jones







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



## 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)

## 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 25** 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.



## This week at FBC

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

### Sunday, November 25

- 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 JOY Singers Christmas Program

### Monday, November 26

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

### Tuesday, November 27

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

### Wednesday, November 28

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

### Thursday, November 29

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

### Friday, November 30

- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 9:00 LCT Ticket Office

### Saturday, December 1

- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member  
**Maxine Baker**

2001 Ray Thorington Road | Pike Road, AL 36064



305 South Perry Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

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

**I Love You, Lord** | Sanctuary Orchestra

**Many Gifts, One Spirit** | Sanctuary Choir

**How Many Kings?** | Rachel Love

**Message** | Jay Wolf

#### Prayer Room

Rogers Helton (Ashley/Byrne/Hendrix/McCrary 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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