

First Baptist Church Montgomery

BEACON

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



OCTOBER 28 • Stewardship Kickoff

Stewardship lesson taught in youth and adult Bible Fellowship classes.

NOVEMBER 4 • Prove the Tithe Sunday

Bring your joyful offering to the Lord.

NOVEMBER 11 • Commitment Sunday

Return commitment card and bring canned goods for our Caring Center.

NOVEMBER 18 • Victory Sunday & Ministry Visitation

*We celebrate the grace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ
by serving His purpose of sharing and caring for others.*

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.*

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



CONNECTIONS

from your Pastor's Heart

Let's Go Fishing!

Jesus extended an intriguing invitation, **“Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.”** Simon Peter and Andrew were professional fisherman and immediately embraced the Savior’s radical call to leave all and embark on a journey to change the world.

The timeless and timely invitation of Jesus still compels His followers to seek people who are seeking the Savior. Jesus met a short guy perched in a Sycamore tree on the outskirts of Jericho named Zacchaeus. After lunch in the hated tax-gatherer’s home, Zacchaeus emerged from meeting with Jesus as a changed man. The notorious scoundrel publically declared he would give half of his wealth to the poor and pay a four-fold restitution to all the people he had cheated, which probably created a line the size of the Chick-fil-A drive thru around 6 pm. The Jewish religious leaders immediately protested against Jesus caring about unsavory people like Zacchaeus which prompted our Savior to share His purpose: **“I have come to seek and to save the lost.”** (Luke 19:10)

Every serious follower of Jesus must share His purpose of seeking lost people and helping them move from hell-bound sinners to heaven-bound saints. To magnify the magnitude of our mission let’s return to the fishing analogy. When I catch a fish it goes from **life to death**. But when Jesus caught me, He moved me from **death to life!** So let’s go fishing for folks because there’s a real heaven to gain and a real hell to miss.

We’re doing some phenomenal **“fishing for folks”** through the ultra-effective **net of Judgment House** that’s set up at 4003 Eastern Blvd. Our Halloween haunted house alternative is a living drama featuring the story of some young people who hear the gospel and shortly afterwards die in an auto crash. The scene shifts to the Judgement Seat of God. One person who rejected Christ goes to hell and the other person who received Christ as Savior is escorted to heaven. The last room gives the audience an opportunity to clearly hear the Biblical truth of the gospel, **“It is appointed once for people to die, and then comes the judgment.”** (Hebrews 9:27) You know your *birth date* but you don’t know your *death date* but you need to get ready because it’s coming. We communicate that everyone is a sinner who will be separated from a holy God in an eternal hell unless you turn to Christ and fully trust Him as your Savior. Like the two thieves dying beside Christ, people are lovingly encouraged to follow the example of the heaven-bound thief and, **“Confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead and you will be saved. Whoever calls on the Name of the Lord will be saved.”** (Romans 10:9, 13)

To God’s glorious praise, in our Judgment House fishing spot in four nights **1123 people have visited and 247 made decisions for Christ.** We have four more nights to fish so pray for a massive catch that changes lives and enlarges heaven!

Let’s faithfully follow Jesus and with consistency and creativity join the Savior in *fishing for folks!*

Fishing TOGETHER,

FBC Faithfulness | Sunday, October 21, 2018

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship Enrollment 5198 | Bible Fellowship Attendance 1711
Weekly Attendance 2252 | Discipleship Attendance 1773

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$128,365.38 | Received Sunday \$103,980.25
Required To Date \$5,391,345.96 | Received To Date \$4,972,882.28
Building Fund Sunday \$367.00 | Building Fund to Date \$18,427.85
Global Hunger Offering \$18,536.39 | Disaster Relief \$5,006.00

Under Budget | \$418,463.68

FREE

sunday **OCTOBER 28** 4 to 6 pm

2018

FALL FESTIVAL

First Baptist Church Montgomery



RIVER REGION
judgment-house

4003 Eastern Boulevard // Montgomery Towne Center

www.judgmenthouse.org

This Week's Dates:
6 to 9 PM

Sunday, October 28

Monday, October 29

Tuesday, October 30

Wednesday, October 31

Ministry Announcements

Preschool Ministry

Parents, don't miss **Parents Night Out** on **Friday, November 9** from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. This is your time to have a date night or just sit at home in peace and quiet! The event is free, but you need to register your children (8 weeks to 6th grade) by noon on Friday, November 2. Register online at montgomeryfbc.org/parents-night-out.

Children's Ministry

Kids, don't forget **Outrageous Outfits. Sunday, October 28 is Crazy Hat Sunday.** 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 jlaw@montgomeryfbc.org.

Senior Adult Ministry

Join us for a **Trip to the Anderson Farm** on **Thursday, November 8** at noon. Call Mary Virginia Crum at 241.5180 to make your reservation for this free event. RSVP deadline is November 1. We will depart from the Scott Street parking lot at 11:15 AM. Plans include lunch and wonderful fellowship!

Missions Ministry

The Jackie Swan Bible Study Group will meet on **Thursday, November 1** in room 413. Sewing the day gowns for stillborns at Baptist Hospital begins



First Family Dinner | Wednesday, October 31

No reservations required!

Adult & Children's Meal: Poppy Seed Chicken, Rice, Salad, Dessert

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

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

at 10:30 AM with lunch (bring a sandwich lunch) and the Bible study at 12:00 PM. We will be studying Liz Curtis Higgs' *Bad Girls of the Bible*. For more information, contact Sara Jane Lyon at 277.7240 or Beppy Tiller at 263.9491.

Counselors are needed to help with the 2018 River Region Judgment House. To view a 3 minute training video visit www.bit.ly/jhcounselor. For more information visit www.judgmenthouse.org or contact Brian at 220.4402.

Music Ministry

The **Alabama Baptist Children's Honor Choir** is open to all students in the fourth through sixth grades. Audition materials may be obtained on Wednesdays during choir time, or from Ed Cleveland. The **auditions** are **Sunday, October 28** from 3:00 to 4:00 PM in the Music Ministry Office.

Join us for the 38th presentation of the **Living Christmas Tree** on **Friday, December 7 through Sunday, December 9**. This is a wonderful opportunity to share Christ with others in a beautiful and powerful way. After 38 years, reaching the lost is still the core purpose for this special Christmas gift to Montgomery and the surrounding area. It's not too early to invite friends, family and neighbors to join you and use this as a purposeful opportunity to share Christ. The ticket request form will be in the November 4 *Beacon*. Order tickets and get more information online at www.thelivingchristmastree.org.

Churchwide News & Events

Cruise to Alaska with Jay and Mary Ruth on September 18 through 25, 2019! There will be an **Interest Meeting** on **Sunday, November 4** at 7:30 PM in room 347 for friends interested in a week-long Alaska Inside Passage Cruise. The cruise is roundtrip from Vancouver, BC on Princess Cruises and includes Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay National Park, and Ketchikan. Details including price and airfare will be provided at the meeting. 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.

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

Mrs. Lisa Minor
9336 County Road 9 | Shorter, AL 36075

By Letter/Statement of Faith

Ms. Johnnie Golden
3801 Oak Grove Drive | Montgomery, AL 36116

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. Jim Perdue (Sandra) in the death of her brother; Mr. & Mrs. Lee Courson (Stephanie) in the death of his brother
Mr. & Mrs. Allen Luckie (Eva) in the death of his mother; Adam & Erica Luckie in the death of their grandmother
Mr. & Mrs. Jay Sailors (Elise) in the death of her father; Matthew Sailors in the death of his grandmother
Dr. & Mrs. Tim Williams (Penny) in the death of his father
Mr. & Mrs. Don Schofield (Charlene) in the death of his sister

Encompass Health

Renis Jones

Capitol Hill Healthcare

David Hataway

UAB Medical Center

Brian Gulleddge



Fall Back for FBC Bible Fellowship

Prove the Tithe High Attendance
Sunday, November 4 🍁 Goal: 2000

Join us on Prove the Tithe Sunday
and help make a difference for
His Kingdom...

- 🍃 Invite friends & neighbors to join you for worship and bible fellowship class.
- 🍂 Bring your joyful offering to the Lord and help us "prove the tithe."
- 🍁 Give your time change hour back to the Lord.

WAR ROOM
PRAYER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON
11.07.18 :: MAIN SANCTUARY :: 12:10 TO 12:50 PM

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.*



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Alabama Baptist State Convention

Tuesday, November 13 & Wednesday, November 14
First Baptist Church | Trussville

If you would like to serve as a messenger at the Alabama Baptist State Convention, contact Carolyn Bryan at 241.5120 or cbryan@montgomeryfbc.org.

This week at FBC

For the complete calendar, visit
www.montgomeryfbc.org.

Sunday, October 28

- 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
- 3:00 Children's Honor Choir Auditions
- 4:00 Fall Festival
- 6:00 Judgment House

Monday, October 29

- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal
- 5:15 Sanctuary Handbells
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 6:00 Judgment House
- 6:15 LCT Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal
- 6:30 Freedom in Christ Recovery Group

Tuesday, October 30

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

Wednesday, October 31

- 9:00 English as a Second Language
- 2:15 Baldwin Bible Study
- 4:45 First Family Dinner
- 5:30 Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal
Tutoring
- 6:00 Judgment House
First Family Prayer Time
- 6:35 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 1

- 9:00 Conversational English
- 10:00 Caregivers Support Group
- 10:30 Jackie Swan WOM Group

Friday, November 2

- RA Dad & Lad Campout
- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 1:30 Meal for Lanier Football Team

Saturday, November 3

- RA Dad & Lad Campout
- 8:00 Judgment House Clean Up Day
- 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

In Home Ministry Member Martha Rankin

3019 Sutton Drive | Montgomery, AL 36111

305 South Perry Street
Montgomery, AL 36104



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
montgomery

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

Fairest Lord Jesus | Sanctuary Orchestra

Praise the Father, Praise the Son
Sanctuary Choir

Draw Me Nearer | Reflections Ensemble

Message | Jay Wolf

Prayer Room
Garner Westbrook (Haney/McQueen Class)

Evening Worship

2018 Fall Festival

4:00 to 6:00 PM | Perry Street Lot



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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