

Metro Messenger

A quarterly newsletter to keep you in the know with First Metro

As we step into Autumn, our team is filled with anticipation. This is a time when we come together in hosting various significant community events and initiatives. These include the highly anticipated *Steve Littrell Memorial Golf Tournament*, a hat and scarf donation drive in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and a new event we're proud to introduce entitled *Safe Banking for Seniors*.



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Steve Littrell served as Senior Vice President, Lauderdale County Manager, and Branch Manager of our Lexington branch for nearly 17 years. Steve was well-known in Lauderdale County—he was a native of Lexington and graduated from Lexington High School and the University of North Alabama. He was a constant servant of the community, always giving back however he could. He truly had a heart of gold, and his vast and unmatched knowledge of the banking industry made him one of Northwest Alabama's favorite community bankers. Steve suffered from pulmonary fibrosis and tragically passed away in August 2017. For several years, he and his staff hosted a golf tournament that benefited the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. After Steve's passing, we renamed the golf tournament in his memory. This year's Steve Littrell Memorial Golf Tournament will be at Blackberry Trail Golf Course on Friday, October 18th. If you'd like to sponsor a hole or register a team, contact our Lexington branch manager, Tara Nava, for more information.

For the past two years, we've dedicated the month of October to honor Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a cause near and dear to our First Metro Bank family as two of our team members are breast cancer survivors. During this time, our employees and customers come together to raise funds for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation of Alabama. We also host a scarf and hat donation drive for local cancer patients undergoing treatments. This year, we're proud to continue this tradition. Throughout October, you can drop off any new, unused, or even homemade scarves and hats at any First Metro Bank location or make monetary donations to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation of Alabama.

Financial literacy has always been one of the most important goals of First Metro Bank. Educating our customers and community members of all ages has never been more crucial than now in our culture of ever-changing technology. Fraudsters are trying everything to steal your personal information—especially the older generations. I would like to personally invite our customers who are 50+ to join us for a **free** seminar and breakfast called *Safe Banking for Seniors* on Thursday, October 24th, at our Downtown Florence location as we discuss the latest tactics of fraudsters and how to avoid them. Seating is limited, so contact Karen Johnson at 256-314-1636 or firstfriends@firstmetro.net to RSVP.

In every season, I am grateful for your patronage. Thank you for Banking with a Neighbor!

Rodney Howard, President + CEO

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Phishing Red Flags



TEXT

Asking for a PIN
Asking for SSNs
Sharing a "one-time" code

EMAIL

Ask to download an attachment
Forms to fill out
Misspelled words

PHONE CALL

Asking for addresses
Using scare-tactics
Asking for birthdays

PAYMENT APPS

Ask you to send money to yourself
Ask for your password
Text or call unexpectedly

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Pink-Out DONATION DRIVE

Drop off new, unused, or homemade hats, scarves, socks, and gloves at any FMB location throughout October.

Small tissue packs, lotion, hand sanitizer, & snacks are also needed. All items collected will be donated to local cancer patients.



Simply tap the ATM screen to:

- Make Deposits
- Cash Checks
- Pay Your Loan
- Withdraw Funds
- Transfer Money
- Order Checks
- And More!

METRO HAPPENINGS

Monday, Oct. 14
Closed for Columbus Day

Friday, Oct. 18
Steve Littrell Memorial Golf Tournament

Thursday, Oct. 24
Safe Banking for Seniors Downtown Florence Brauch

Monday, Nov. 11
Closed for Veterans Day

Thursday, Nov. 21
Closed for Thanksgiving

Tuesday, Dec. 10
First Friends Holiday Celebration

FIRST FRIENDS

LADIES' DAY AWAY Christmas Village Festival

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Let's shop until we drop, ladies! We'll be heading to the BJCC in Birmingham for the Christmas Village Festival which features 720 booths with vendors from across the country. Lunch will be on your own in the festival food court.



\$119 PER PERSON

Payment Deadline: 10/18