Church Calendar

December 3
8:30 am Prayer Ministry Team - Parlor
9:15 am Coffee Fellowship - Gathering Area
9:40 am Bible Fellowship
10:30 am Child Care - Nursery
10:45 am Service of Worship - Sanctuary
2:00 pm Chancel Ringers - Handbell Room
4:00 pm Board of Deacons

Monday, December 4
6:00 pm Faith in Fitness - Family Life Center

Tuesday, December 5
9:30 am Crafters on Mission - Craft Room
6:30 pm Board of Missions - Room 309

Wednesday, December 6
5:30 pm Family Fellowship Meal - Family Life Center
   Menu: roast pork, pintos, cabbage, potatoes, bread, dessert
   WMU Bake Sale - Family Life Center
6:15 pm Youth Study/Fellowship - Room 310
6:20 pm Prayer Meeting - Family Life Center
   Children's Missions/Study - Room 302
6:30 pm John Danford, Guest Speaker - FLC
   Young Adult Bible Fellowship - Parlor
7:15 pm Chancel Choir - Choir Room

Friday, December 8
2:30 pm Blood Drive - FLC

Holiday Bake Sale for Missions

Our WMU is sponsoring a Bake Sale for Missions on Wednesday, December 6 during the Fellowship Meal. They need your help by donating cakes, pies, cookies, breads, and other holiday goodies. All proceeds will go to Global Missions.
Following the meal and bake sale, Dr. John Danford will speak about a mission journey he took to Malawi a few years ago (First Baptist helped sponsor his journey). He will have much to share with us about Malawi.

Parents Afternoon Out for Shopping
Sunday, December 10
2:00-5:00 p.m.
Family Life Center

FA R E N T S , drop your children (preschool-3rd graders) by the church while you go Christmas shopping. Children will enjoy all kinds of activities and snacks while you shop. Volunteers are needed to help. Contact Josh Owens to volunteer.

The Polar Express Movie Night
Friday, December 1
6:15-9:00 p.m.
Family Life Center

Includes Christmas Village with Ornament Making & Treats

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
Need donations of LOTS OF hot chocolate and cookies, as well as Christmas lights

A Service of Advent Lessons & Carols
will be presented by the Chancel Choir during Morning Worship
this Sunday, December 3 at 10:45 a.m.
**Steeple Views**  
**First Baptist Church**  
109 Morrow Avenue  
Monroe NC 28112  
704-283-8534  
**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**The Worship of God**  
Sunday, December 3, 10:45 am  
The First Sunday of Advent  
*A Service of Lessons & Carols*  
Presented by the Chancel Choir

**THIS WEEK’S COMMITTEES:**
- **Bible Fellowship Greeters:** Joy Agape Class  
- **Security:** Gathering Area-TBA Narthex-Don Haver  
- **Nursery:** Lisa Dinkins  
- **Worship & Wonder:** Ruby Coffey  
- **Greeters:** Lisa Davis, Kathy Cole  
- **Ushers:** Gerry Casner, Ann Wild, Joel Myers, Jon Mackay  
- **Offertory:** Barbara Austin, Diane Simpson, Carolyn & Lorey White  
- **Money Counters:** Susan Bales, Ray Sowder  
- **Wednesday Night Helpers:** Annette Kilby, Libby Totty  
  - Jim/Lisa Davis, cashiers

**Facts & Figures:**
- **Sunday, November 26, 2017**  
  - Bible Fellowship Attendance: 61  
  - Worship Attendance: 100  
  - Weekly Budget Requirements: $8,248  
  - Budget Receipts: $4,030  
  - Budget Receipts to Date: $83,739  
  - Expenses to Date: $87,780

**BLOOD DRIVE**
- **Friday, December 8, 2:30-7:30 p.m.**  
- **Family Life Center**  
- **Sponsored by Lions Club & FBC**

**Prayer Concerns**
- Angie Baskins - Mary Lou Gamble - Nancy Walters  
- Katherine Cox - Ted Geouge  
- Elma Belflowers, mother of Timothy Belflowers  
- Jeanine Watkins, friend of Rebecca Mills Perry  
- Hugh Smith, family member of Tricia Lilley  
- Frances Robinson, mother of Annette Kilby  
- Kevin Casner, son of Ray and Gerry Casner  
- Jane McNeely-Sowell, friend of Carolyn White  
- Wayne Barnhill, brother of Diane Whitley  
- Dewitt Fincannon, brother of Leitha Turner  
- Don and Janet Pittman and the situation in Turkey

**Annual Family Christmas Program**
- **Wednesday, December 13**  
  - **at 6:30 p.m.**

**Christmas Toy Store:**
The UBA’s Donna Pittman Christmas Toy Store gives churches the opportunity to provide toys/gifts for needy children in our area. If you would like to help the WMU with this special project, bring a toy or gift for children birth-age 16 and place it in the marked bin in the Gathering Area by December 6. The gifts need to be unwrapped with the price tag attached.

**There are two upcoming events for our senior adults.**  
The first is a **Soup/Sandwich Luncheon** this Friday, December 1 at 11:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center. Following lunch, two nurses from the Aquatic Center will present a program on Fall Prevention for seniors. Please feel free to invite friends. Call the church office for reservations.

The second event will be a trip to the **Billy Graham Library** on Tuesday, December 12, leaving from the church at 9:00 a.m. The Library is decked out for the holidays, with special attractions for the whole family. Their staff will provide our group a free tour. Transportation will be on the church bus. Following the tour, the group will stop for lunch before returning to Monroe. If interested, sign up on Wednesday evening, Sunday morning, or call the church office.

**Steeples of Hope**
- **First Baptist Church**  
  - 109 Morrow Avenue  
  - Monroe NC 28112  
  - 704-283-8534  
  - **RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Web-site**  
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  - jowens@fbcmonroenc.com  
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  - tbelflowers@fbcmonroenc.com  
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  - msexton@fbcmonroenc.com  
- Kathy Cole, Ministry Coordinator  
  - kcole@fbcmonroenc.com  
- Jennifer Trull, Weekday Preschool Director  
  - jtrull@fbcmonroenc.com
December Anniversaries:
10 - Tom and Holley Pegram
17 - Chris and Michelle Dawson
18 - Carlton and Carol Tyson
29 - Harold and Pauline Funderburk

December Birthdays:
2 - Isabella Tarlton
7 - Stephanie Eagle, Robin Pittman
8 - Theresa Mills
11 - Jonathan Lowery
12 - Campbell Cox
14 - Judy Jewell, Paige Pegram
15 - Amy Gravely, Fred Deats
16 - Davis Cox, Josh Owens
19 - Franklin Akers, Harold Funderburk
24 - Gayle Small, Andrew Gravely
25 - Barbara Austin
28 - Lisa Dinkins
30 - Ginny Brock, Sarah Lefebvre, Peggy Springs
31 - Jon Lilley

November Memorials …

Christmas Wreaths: The Christmas Wreaths on the outside doors were given by Mable Bivens in loving memory of her daughter, Kendra Bivens Gordon, and her husband, J.W. Bivens.


In Honor of: By Sheila London in honor of Babs Simpson, Ann Wild, Jessie Ruth Litaker, and Denise Hopper. By Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Totty in honor of Sylvia Baker and Angie Baskins. By Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Nance in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Duncan.

WMU is a Baptist organization whose main focus is women and children, but also includes men’s organizations. First Baptist has 32 women involved in this organization. Their main objective is to engage in mission action and witnessing, to pray for missions, to develop spiritually toward a mission lifestyle, to continue to learn about missions, and to participate in the work of the church and denomination … BY ALL MEANS … Please encourage our WMU women as they go about God’s work. We annually do a “fun” fundraiser for the missions offering. This year on Wednesday, December 6, there will be holiday Bake Sale and a missions speaker (as part of the Week of Prayer). Dr. John Danford will be with us to speak about his mission trip to Malawi. Please come and support the WMU and hear Dr. Danford … your heart will be blessed and you will be helping our missions offering to spread God’s word around the world.
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