

Announcements

The Chosen

The Chosen will be shown on Thursday evenings during January and February at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center, and will be facilitated by Pastor Chris Dawson. This series focuses mainly on the adult life of Christ and his divine mission to bring salvation to all of humanity. Join us for this indepth look at the life of Christ and his divine purpose. Invite others to attend with you.

“Come Catch Chris”

Catch Chris on Tuesday, January 3 between 5:45 and 6:30 p.m. in the food court at the Monroe Crossings Mall. This is an excellent time to have an informal conversation with him concerning anything that may be on your heart or mind.

Church Offices Closed

The church offices will be December 26-28 and on January 2

Quilting Retreat

The Sew Faithful Quilters will begin having their monthly Quilting Retreats again, after a two month break, It will be held in the Family Life Center on Friday and Saturday, December 13 and 14 beginning at 9:30 a.m. The quilters invite you to drop by anytime to see the creations they are working on.



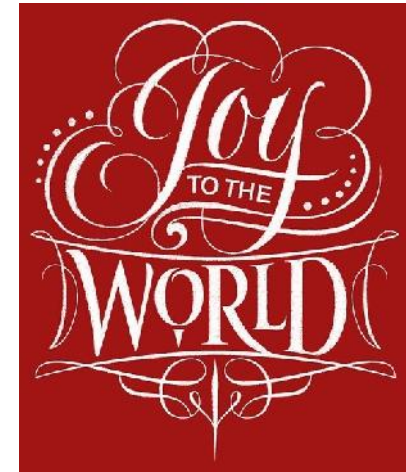
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The Worship of God



December 25, 2022 at Ten-thirty in the Morning

The Community Gathers Before God

Centering Thoughts for Worship

Today we celebrate the birth of Jesus! In that celebration, we share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men. The door of love for all the world has been opened. May this Christmas morning make us happy to be God's children, for in the beginning was the Promise, and the Promise was with God and the Promise was God. Now we share in that Promise of the Light of the World.

Words of Welcome

Dr. Chris Dawson

If you are our guest today, we welcome you and ask that you complete a Visitor's Card available in the pew racks. Please include your address, phone number and email. If you are interested in learning more about our church, you are invited to note this on the card. Thank you and welcome to worship at First Baptist Church.

Call to Worship

Dr. Chris Dawson

The Community Gives Praise & Prayers to God

Anthem

The Chancel Choir

"A Christmas Mosaic"

Richard Lamb

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – Christ Candle

First Lectionary Reading – Isaiah 9: 2-7

Michelle Dawson

+ **Hymn of Praise** Hymn No. 159
"Sing We Now of Christmas" NOEL NOUVELET

A Christmas Moment with the Children
"A Tale of Three Trees" retold by Angela Elwell Hunt

Sharing Prayer Concerns Dr. Chris Dawson

Prayer for the People Dr. Chris Dawson

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Community Receives God's Word

Gospel Lectionary Reading – John 1: 1-14 Dr. Chris Dawson

The Community Responds to God's Call

+ **Hymn of Christmas** Hymn No. 157
"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" IN DULCI JUBILO

+ **Christmas Commission**

+ **Closing Voluntary** Beth Adams

Ministers
All who follow Jesus

Church Staff
Dr. Christopher S. Dawson, *Senior Minister*
Beth Adams, *Accompanist*
Marsha Sexton, *Business Manager*
Kathy Cole, *Ministry Coordinator*
Alyssa Metze, *Weekday Preschool Director*
Madison Frank, *Music Intern*



Vision Statement
*First Baptist Church Monroe exists to
Love God, Love Within, and Love Beyond*



A Glance of our Financial Stewardship

Weekly Budget Requirements	\$ 6,780
Budget Receipts December 18, 2022.....	\$ 7,418
Budget Receipts to Date	\$ 117,382
Expenses to Date	\$109,622



This Week's Committees

Livestreaming Equipment - Trevor Dawson
Nursery – Brittany Potter
Ushers – Kathy Cole, Lorey and Carolyn White
Worship Leader – Michelle Dawson

Prayer Concerns

Carol and Sylvia Baker
Pauline Funderburk
Dr. Gene Cook
Marsha Sexton
Luke Brantley, grandson of Crystal Brantley
Vicki Johnson, sister-in-law of Denise Hopper
Hailey Rice, family member of Carol Findley
Laurence Bivens, father of Melody Hawkins
Albert Clifton, uncle of Mike Knight
Becky Shue, sister-in-law of Joyce Forbes
Mike Starkey brother of Fred Starkey
Jimmy Totty, brother of Stewart Totty
Mike McBride, brother of Tim McBride
Anita Johnson, friend of Carol Findley
Emma Hemphill
Daniel Mackay, brother of Jonathan Mackay
The leaders/people of Ukraine and Russia, for peace to replace war



Church Calendar

Sunday, December 25
10:30 am Morning Worship – *Sanctuary/Facebook*
December 26-29
Church Offices Closed

