



STEEPLE VIEWS

First Baptist Church • Monroe • North Carolina

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Church Calendar

Sunday, December 9

8:00 am Mission Group Leaves for Clyde, NC
8:30 am Prayer Ministry Team - *Parlor*
9:40 am Bible Fellowship
10:30 am Child Care - *Nursery*
10:45 am Service of Worship - *Sanctuary*

Monday, December 10

7:00 pm Faith in Fiction Book Club - *Parlor*

Tuesday, December 11

6:00 pm Weekday Preschool Christmas Program
Sanctuary & Family Life Center
6:30 pm Board of Trustees - *Room 309*

Wednesday, December 12

5:30 pm Family Fellowship Meal - *Family Life Center*
Menu: roast pork, soupy potatoes, pintos, cabbage, bread, dessert
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 Blue Christmas Service - *Family Life Center*
Young Adult Bible Fellowship - Parlor
7:15 pm Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*

“Blue” Christmas Service

Wednesday,
December 12,
6:30 p.m.
Family Life Center

A Special Service of Hope

This service is for those who have experienced loss or coping with difficulties that are painful. It creates a sacred space and will offer hope that is found only in Christ. If you know of someone who could benefit from this special service, please invite them to attend.



Christmas Eve CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Join us Christmas Eve at
5:00 or 11:00 p.m. for
Christmas Eve Worship
Featuring Christmas Carols,
Communion, reading of scripture
and special music

Thank You

Dear FBC Church Family:
We would like to thank Mom's church family for the outpouring of love we all felt during her illness. Each prayer or card, visit or phone call showed us the true love in Christ for us all. Mom left us many little notes we found in her papers, and one of her last said: "It's not how I planned it, but it is okay." Thank you for being such a loving, caring church.

— Ann Wild's kiddos
April, Tonda, Brian, Penny and Alan

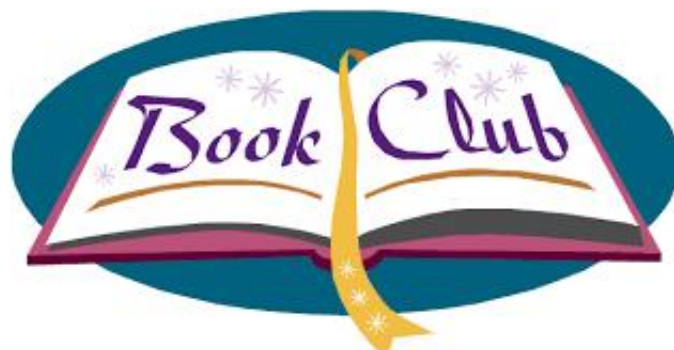


Appalachian Backpack Children's Christmas Party

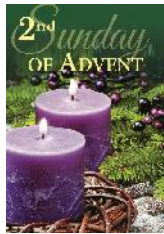
Sunday, December 9
2:00-4:00 p.m.

Broyhill Children's Home
Clyde, NC

If you would like to help deliver the backpacks and be part of the Children's Party, call the church office. Volunteers are needed to help provide snacks such as: homemade cookies, brownies and other bar cookies, candy, Chex party mix, chips, etc. Enough snacks are needed for the 54 children at the Broyhill Home plus staff and people from our church. Snacks need to be brought to the church by 5:00 p.m. this Thursday, December 6.



Join the Faith in Fiction Book Club members on Monday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor as they review Seth Grahame-Smith's book, *Unholy Night*



The Worship of God

Sunday, December 9

10:45 a.m.

Sermon by Dr. Chris Dawson

"A New Mother: Mary"

Antem by the Chancel Choir

THIS WEEK'S COMMITTEES

Bible Fellowship Greeters: Joy Agape Class

Security: Gathering Area-Gene Herrell Narthex-Don Haver and Dannie Tuggle. Parking Area Greeter: Jon Mackay

Nursery: Chrissy Bassler

Worship & Wonder: TBA

Ushers: Tim McBride, Kathy Cole, Mary Nash, Ken Handy

Offertory: Jonathan Lowery, David Lowery, Josh Mackay, Jon Mackay

Money Counters: Harvey Whitley, Jim Griffin

Wednesday Night Helpers: Barbara Austin, Jim Griffin
Annette Kilby, cashier

Youth and Children ...



Wednesday, December 19, 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Wreaths ...

Thank you to Mable Bivens for donating the Christmas wreaths that are hanging on the outside doors of the church. She gave them in memory of her husband, J. W. Bivens, and daughter, Kendra Bivens Gordon

BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, December 7, 2:30-7:30 p.m.

Family Life Center

If you can help with check-in, snacks, etc. contact Harvey or Diane Whitley

Thanksgiving Offering

Thank you to those who contributed to the special Thanksgiving Offering
Total received was \$11,104

Prayer Concerns

Angie Baskins - Mary Lou Gamble - Joe Litaker

Frances Knight - Dr. Ken Murray

Mary Wade - Audrey Bales - Melody Hawkins

Tom Coffey - Dr. John Hearn

Betty McWhorter, sister of Carol Tyson

Glenda Poindexter, former member

Missy Walters, daughter-in-law of Nancy Walters

Junie Tuggle, mother of Larry Tuggle

Betty Jo Hawkins, sister-in-law of Jane Hawkins

Tommy Privette, nephew of Carol Baker

Kevin Casner, son of Ray and Gerry Casner

Amanda Thomas, Weekday Preschool teacher

Jane McNeely-Sowell, friend of Carolyn White

Wayne Barnhill, brother of Diane Whitley

Dewitt Fincannon, brother of Letha Turner

Facts & Figures:

Sunday, December 2, 2018

Bible Fellowship Attendance.....	76
Worship Attendance	131
Weekly Budget Requirements	\$ 8,360
Budget Receipts	\$ 9,348
Budget Receipts to Date	\$ 103,455
Expenses to Date	\$ 105,787



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From Dr. Dawson

Vision Statement

As we have been going through the book, *The U-Turn Church: New Direction for Health and Growth*, the authors strongly recommended each church that embarked on this journey should go through a visioning process and develop a vision statement that would guide them on how the church would respond to God's call and purpose for the life of that church family.

Well, on Wednesday, November 28, 2018, FBC Monroe took that challenge to heart and adopted a Vision Statement: FBC Monroe exists to Love God, Love Within, and Love Beyond. This vision statement speaks to what we feel we should prioritize regarding our purposes of worshiping God, becoming better disciples by growing in our faith, and being the hands and feet of Jesus by ministering and sharing the good news of Jesus to those who are our neighbors and to the rest of the world.

This aspect of Loving God means our worship, our events, and our ministries should flow out of our love for God; which means we don't plan things for selfish reasons, but we get excited about how we can give our complete selves to God and show our love for him because He first loved us

Loving Within implicitly informs us we must grow in our faith and become the disciples who get excited about ministering to our neighbors and one another. Jesus told us to love God and love our neighbors as ourselves; which means we must love who we are and commit to sharing that love with our community and around the world, when God opens that door of opportunity.

Buzz Lightyear told Woody that he was built to go to "infinity and beyond." In the Great Commission, Jesus told his disciples, then and now, to go beyond the walls of their fellowship, to trust in the strength and courage God gives his disciples, and when we accomplish all that He's tasked us to do, when Jesus returns we'll worship and serve with him to infinity

This vision statement is short but expansive in its call for God's disciples to make a U-turn from what doesn't work, and take to heart that we exist to: Love God, Love Within, and Love Beyond and join us on Wednesday nights, starting in January as we continue to learn what "new direction for health and growth" God wants and needs us to take.



**Pictures
from the
Children's
Holiday
Kick-off &
Breakfast
with Santa
this past
weekend**