

## *Announcements*

### **Ash Wednesday Service**

The Ash Wednesday Service will be held on March 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Join us for this meaningful service.

### **Ladies Luncheon**

All women of the church are invited to have lunch and fellowship together at the Mayfair Restaurant tomorrow at 11:30. No need to RSVP ... just come and join us.

### **Common Heart Hunger Walk**

Common Heart provided food to 10,861 Union County residents in 2021. This kindness has become a lifeline for our community. Common Heart will be having a Hunger Walk on Sunday, March 6 to raise awareness about hunger and to raise funds to feed the hungry in our community. For complete details about the Hunger Walk, please see the latest issue of Steeple Views.

### **Blood Drive**

There will be a Blood Drive this coming Friday, March 4, beginning at 2:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. If you can help during the drive, contact Harvey or Diane Whitley, Mike or Frances Knight.

### **Study on Psalms**

Bob Duncan will facilitate a study on The Psalms on Wednesday evenings, beginning March 9, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Room 214. Join us each week for this informative time of study.

### **Meals for Monroe Firemen**

As a way of "*Loving Beyond*", the Board of Missions would like to thank those who serve as firemen in our community by providing a meal at each of Monroe's five fire stations. The board needs your help in providing 5 large lasagnas, 5 large salads, and 5 desserts. If you would like to help, fill out the form available in today's bulletin and drop it in the offering plate.

### **Flower Calendar**

A Flower Calendar for the remainder of 2022 has been posted on the wall outside of the church office. If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary for worship, please fill in the information on the calendar.

## **Rev. Denise Hopper**

### **Guest Preacher for Today**

Rev. Denise Hopper will be guest preacher for today's service, which is the final Sunday in celebration of Women in Ministry month.

Denise is a recently (November) retired chaplain who is excited about a new season of ministry and the opportunities it is bringing. Before retirement she was blessed to serve at Aldersgate United Methodist Retirement Community in Charlotte, where her focus was with residents in skilled nursing and long term care. She received her M.Div. from Gardner-Webb School of Divinity and a chaplain residence at (now) Atrium Health Concord.

Denise and her husband, Nathan, worship with her church family here at First Baptist.

## *The Worship of God*



*Transfiguration Sunday - February 27, 2022 at Ten-thirty in the Morning*

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## **The Community Gathers Before God**

### **Centering Thoughts for Worship**

*Beyond our busyness, above the cold winter floor there is a glory rising born of heaven and reaching out to each one of us, a light that shines through the clouds, an invitation seeking all of us, and that transfigures the world. It is a glory that transforms darkness into hope, that brings life from where old life ends and new life is born. In this glory, Jesus meets us here. Let us hear again God's words ... "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"*

### **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

### **Opening Music**

Beth Adams

## **The Community Gives Praise and Prayers to God**

**First Lectionary Reading** – Psalm 99

Logan Williams

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| <b>+ Hymn of Praise</b>                                      | Hymn No. 20   |
| <i>“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”</i>                       | ODE TO JOY    |
| <b>Second Lectionary Reading</b> – II Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2 | Julie Laytham |
| <b>Sharing Prayer Concerns</b>                               | Julie Laytham |
| <b>A Moment of Prayer</b>                                    | Church Family |
| <b>Prayer for the People</b>                                 | Julie Laytham |

**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.

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| <b>+ Hymn of Assurance</b>                | Hymn No. 558         |
| <i>“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”</i> | BEECHER              |
| <b>Anthem</b>                             | Chancel Choir        |
| <i>“I Wanna Be Ready”</i>                 | by Rosephanye Powell |
|   | Malik Polk, soloist  |

**The Community Receives God’s Word**

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| <b>Sermon Text</b> – Luke 9: 28-36 | Rev. Denise Hopper |
| <b>Sermon</b>                      | Rev. Denise Hopper |
| <b>Prayer</b>                      | Rev. Denise Hopper |

**The Community Responds to God’s Call**

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| <b>+ Hymn of Response</b>                       | Hymn No. 568     |
| <i>“Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated”</i> | HENDON           |
| <b>+ Stewardship of Tithing and Fellowship</b>  | Church Family    |
| <b>+ Benediction</b>                            | Dr. Chris Dawson |

**+ Closing Voluntary** Beth Adams

+ *Those who are able may stand*

Personal listening devices are available for worship. Please see and request one from an usher.

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**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*  
 Logan Williams, *Interim Worship Leader*



**Vision Statement**

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



**A Glance of our Financial Stewardship**

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| Weekly Budget Requirements .....       | \$ 7,786  |
| Budget Receipts February 20, 2022..... | \$ 2,351  |
| Budget Receipts to Date .....          | \$182,576 |
| Expenses to Date .....                 | \$170,590 |

**This Week’s Committees**

**Livestreaming Equipment** - Trevor Dawson  
**Ushers** – Kathy Cole, Lorey and Carolyn White  
**Worship Leader** – Julie Laytham  
**Money Counter** – Susan Bales, Annette Kilby

**Prayer Concerns**

Dr. Ken Murray – Libby Totty – Joy Shute – Carol Baker  
 Phyllis Overton – Ray Sowder – Jon Mackay  
 J. T. Nance – Richard Massey – Katherine Cox  
 Vivian Pell - Dot Taylor – Jean Duck  
 Joyce Dawson, mother of Dr. Chris Dawson  
 Mike McBride, brother of Tim McBride  
 Shirley Clanton, friend of Frances Knight  
 Becky Shue, sister-in-law of Joyce Forbes  
 Anita Johnson, friend of Carol Findley  
 Dr. Harry Poovey, former pastor  
 Phil and Teresa Bowman, family of Max Penegar  
 Nancy Hall, Sew Faithful Quilters Member  
 Denise Smith, niece of Dr. Ken Murray  
 Bill Thaxton  
 Emma Hemphill, family member of Chris Dawson  
 Daniel Mackay, brother of Jonathan Mackay  
 Connell O’Neill, son of Tex and Eleanor O’Neill  
 Kevin Casner, son of Ray and Gerry Casner  
 All those affected by Covid-19

**Church Calendar**

**Sunday, February 27**

9:30 am Bible Fellowship – *Rooms 214 / 318*  
 10:30 am Morning Worship – *Sanctuary/Facebook*

**Monday, February 28**

7:15 pm Chancel Ringers – *Handbell Room*

**Wednesday, March 2**

6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service – *Family Life Center*  
 7:00 pm Board of Missions  
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir – *Choir Room*

**Friday, March 4**

2:30 pm Blood Drive – *Family Life Center*

