



STEEPLE VIEWS

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Study on the Life and Times of *Elijah*

The Four Wednesdays of February

6:30—7:30 p.m. in Room 214

— led by *Tim McBride* —

Join us each Wednesday for this
in-depth study on the life of Elijah



**Tom and Ruby Coffey recently journeyed
to Israel and will share their experiences
with the church family during the
Bible Fellowship Hour the 4 Sundays
of February in the Family Life Center**

Join us each Sunday at 9:30 — coffee, water
and a breakfast snack provided by
the Metamorphosis Class

Faith in Fiction Book Club

The Book Club's meeting has changed to
Monday, February 21 at 6:00 p.m.
in the Church Parlor

Join them as they review and discuss
Anthony Doerr's book

Cloud Cuckoo Land



Pictured above is Rev. Dr. Lynn Brinkley, who will be our guest speaker in worship this coming Sunday. Dr. Brinkley is associate director of Baptist Women in Ministry, having joined their staff in January 2020. Previously she served as director of church, alumni, and student relations at Campbell University Divinity School. Dr. Brinkley earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, Master of Divinity degree from Campbell, Master of Science degree from the University of Tennessee, and a Bachelor of Science and Sociology degree from NC State University.

She is active in the Baptist community, serving as vice-president of the ministers division to the NC General Baptist State Convention, serving on the board of Baptist Joint Committee, and co-chair of BJC's executive committee. She is also associate minister of Fayetteville's First Baptist Church. Dr. Brinkley was a board member of the NC Baptist Women in Ministry, and also served on the Baptist Women in Ministry Leadership Team.

A frequent guest preacher at churches of diverse denominations, Dr. Brinkley is also the author of *Manners and Money: A Manual on Preaching Etiquette*.

Join us for worship this Sunday to welcome Dr. Brinkley to First Baptist Church.

"Spending Daily Time With God in His Word"

This scripture readings for February 5-11 are as follows:

February 5 - Exodus 21:22-23:13; Matthew 24:1-28; Psalm 29:1-11; Proverbs 7:6-23

February 6 - Exodus 23:14-25:40; Matthew 24:29-51; Psalm 30:1-12; Proverbs 7:24-27

February 7 - Exodus 26:1-27:21; Matthew 25:1-30; Psalm 31:1-8; Proverbs 8:1-11

February 8 - Exodus 28:1-43; Matthew 25:31-26:13; Psalm 31:9-18; Proverbs 8:12-13

February 9 - Exodus 29:1-30:10; Matthew 26:14-46; Psalm 31:19-24; Proverbs 8:14-26

February 10 - Exodus 30:11-31:18; Matthew 26:47-68; Psalm 32:1-11; Proverbs 8:27-32

February 11 - Exodus 32:1-33:23; Matthew 26:69-27:14; Psalm 33:1-11; Proverbs 8:33-36

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 6

9:30 am Bible Fellowship - *Rooms 214 / 318*
 10:30 am Morning Worship - *Sanctuary/Facebook*
 4:00 pm Board of Deacons - *Family Life Center*

Monday, February 7

7:15 pm Chancel Ringers - *Handbell Room*

Tuesday, February 8

6:30 pm Board of Trustees - *Family Life Center*

Wednesday, February 9

6:30 pm Study on Elijah - *FLC*
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*

Friday & Saturday, February 11 & 12

9:30 am Quilting Retreat - *Family Life Center*

Prayer Concerns

Ken Murray - Libby Totty - Jon Mackay - Jim Davis
 Carol Baker - Ray Sowder - Joy Shute - Ed Varney
 Katherine Cox - Phyllis Overton
 Carol Findley in the death of her sister, Nancy Rice
 Mike McBride, brother of Tim McBride
 Shirley Clanton, friend of Frances Knight
 Ross Randgaard, brother of Carol Findley
 Becky Shue, sister-in-law of Joyce Forbes
 Dr. Harry E. Poovey, former pastor
 Charles Penegar, brother of Max Penegar
 Nancy Hall, Sew Faithful Quilters member
 Denise Smith, niece of 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

Facts & Figures:

Sunday, January 30, 2022

Weekly Budget Requirements	\$	7,786
Budget Receipts	\$	5,969
Budget Receipts to Date	\$	170,016
Expenses to Date	\$	151,755

Worship February 6 - 10:30 a.m.

Words of Welcome	Dr. Dawson
Call to Worship	Dr. Dawson
Opening Music	Beth Adams
1st Lectionary Reading: Isaiah 6: 1-8	Logan Williams
Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy!"	Logan Williams
2nd Lectionary Reading: Luke 5: 1-11	Don Haver
Sharing Prayer Concerns	Don Haver
A Moment of Prayer	
Prayer for the People	Don Haver
Lord's Prayer	
Hymn: "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"	Logan Williams
Children's Worship	Ruby Coffey
Anthem "I Believe"	Madison Frank, Irene Wang, soloists
Sermon Text: Jonah 1:1-17	Dr. Lynn Brinkley
Sermon	Dr. Lynn Brinkley
Prayer	Dr. Lynn Brinkley
Hymn of Response: "Blest Be the Tie"	Logan Williams
The Stewardship of Tithing	Dr. Dawson
Benediction	Dr. Dawson
Closing Voluntary	Beth Adams

This Week's Committees

Livestreaming Equipment for Worship:

Matt Dinkins

Ushers:

Carol Findley, Sheila London, Joel Myers

Worship Leader:

Don Haver

Children's Worship Leader:

Ruby Coffey

Money Counters:

Sheila London



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

Highlights from Quarterly Church Meeting

The Quarterly Church Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Joel Myers, Treasurer, presented the financial report and summary as of December 31, 20

Nathan Hopper, chair of Trustees, then presented his report that included Trustee approval of use of gym for basketball practice for the Junior College Sports Program; approval for a local attorney's group to lease 4 FBC parking lot spaces Monday-Friday; installation of a handicap railing on the Parker Street sanctuary entrance; installation of new carpet for the Gathering Area and Church Office; carpet in the Parlor to be cleaned ; -stretched; removal of a dead tree and trimming of other trees; repairs to the elevator; front sanctuary doors replaced; and the selling of the church bus.

Crystal Brantley, Chair of Board of Missions, presented their report. The BOM has been involved in several mission endeavors, including: providing 55 food packs to children each week at Rock Rest Elementary School; delivering food to the residents of the Cotton Street Apartments, including Thanksgiving food boxes; preparing 38 lunches for three youth centers in Monroe; helping with the Student Christmas Store at Monroe Middle School; providing coffee and donuts to the staff at Monroe Middle; and helping with the Christmas Bureau. Some upcoming mission opportunities include exploring a mission to Africa through the S.A.V.E. organization; delivering food to the Cotton Street Apartments; a special Valentine's event for Turning Point; and providing a home cooked meal for the firefighters at 5 fire stations in Monroe

Vickie Tuggle, chair of Deacons, shared their report. For 2022, deacons are sponsoring and encouraging members to participate in "Daily Time with God in His Word", which involves reading the Bible in its entirety during the year using the One Year Bible. Deacons have monthly training based on the book, *Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart*. The deacons are actively exploring ways to be more effectively engaged with church families and are open to suggestions. Vickie is encouraging more members to serve as a Sunday Worship Leader. If interested, please contact her.

Dr. Dawson announced that the worship services in February will feature four women as guest preachers.

Meeting was adjourned.

God's Gift of Painting

From Patti Duncan:

I want to say a BIG thank you to all who participated in the two sessions of "God's Gift of Painting". It was a delightful time of fellowship and I am honored to have been part of the process of enjoying an evening of creativity among fellow Christians. Your thank you card touched my heart and your gift card is much appreciated, but quite unexpected!

For those who couldn't participate, I have put together a small summary of the symbolism behind the painting of January 25 and a photo of the first project on January 18.



The painting on the left was created on January 25. We started with a prepared 12x12 canvas covered in orange acrylic paint. This stands for the individual as none of us arrive as a blank canvas. We have certain DNA, parents and others that influence us from our very beginning. The gold strip on the right symbolizes God's path for us—through our whole lives. The blues and violets are the opposites of gold and orange on the other wheel. They signify forces, opinions, people, etc. that run counter to what we truly are and what God would have us do. The dark areas are those periods in life that seem bleak but they provide a way for us to appreciate the better days and bright passages in both the art and in life.

The circles signify our many circles of friends. Finally, the moon is an object that reflects light from a greater source in this way, we should also reflect God's light in our lives:

The painting on the right is from the session on January 18.

Memorials:

In memory of: By Sheila London in memory of Hill Overton and Annie Ivey. By Mr. and Mrs. Gene Herrell and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Handy in memory of Hill Overton.

In honor of: By Sheila London in honor of Libby Totty. By Nancy Thomas in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Carol Baker. By Mr. and Mrs. Larry Tuggle in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Ken Murray. By Dr. and Mrs. Ken Murray in honor of Dr. Chris Dawson. By Mr. and Mrs. David Lee in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Tuggle.