

## Announcements

### The Chosen

*The Chosen* continues on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center, 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.

### Loving Beyond Opportunity

The Board of Missions will be preparing and delivering meals to the 5 Monroe Fire Stations tomorrow. If you have signed up to bring either soup or dessert, please have it at the church tomorrow between 4:30 and 5:00.

### Quarterly Church Meeting

Our next Quarterly Meeting will be on Wednesday, January 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Reports will be heard from the Treasurer, Clerk, Minister, and Boards. One item will be voted on, which is a change in By-Laws concerning the Personnel Committee. The recommendation will read: **The Personnel Committee shall consist of six at-large members serving a three-year term each.** For further details, please see this week's issue of the newsletter.

### Fifth Sunday Bible Fellowship

Andy Hale, Associate Executive Coordinator for CBF of North Carolina, will be the guest teacher for the combined classes on Sunday, January 29 at 9:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center. You are invited to join them, even if you are not a member of Bible Fellowship.



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## The Worship of God



January 15, 2023 at Ten-thirty in the Morning

### The Community Gathers Before God

#### Centering Thoughts for Worship

*God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit models for us a community of mutuality and an essence of love. We have been given a diversity of gifts for the building up of the church and community. May God give us the eyes to see the needs of others and the courage to be empowered by the Holy Spirit to be the "hands and feet of Christ."*

#### 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

#### + Centering Music

Hymn No. 95

*"All Hail the Power" (verses 1, 2 & 5)*

CORONATION

#### First Lectionary Reading – Psalm 40: 1-12

Dr. Chris Dawson

#### + Hymn of Praise

Hymn No. 9

*"Sing Praise to the Father"*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

#### Second Lectionary Reading – I Corinthians 1: 1-9

Carol Findley

#### Sharing Prayer Concerns

Carol Findley

**A Moment of Prayer** Church Family

**Prayer for the People** Carol Findley

**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.

+ **Hymn of Assurance** Hymn No. 503  
“Now I Belong to Jesus” ELLSWORTH

Children Age 3-K are invited to leave for Children’s Worship

**Anthem** The Chancel Choir  
“My Jesus Is My Lasting Joy” by Dietrich Buxtehude

### The Community Receives God’s Word

**Sermon Text** – John 1: 29-42 Dr. Chris Dawson

**Sermon** Dr. Chris Dawson

**Prayer** Dr. Chris Dawson

### The Community Responds to God’s Call

+ **Hymn of Response** Hymn No. 648  
“Oh Jesus, I Have Promised” ANGEL’S STORY

+ **Stewardship of Tithing and Fellowship** Church Family

+ **Musical Benediction** OLD HUNDREDTH  
“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

+ **Closing Voluntary**

**Ministers**  
All who follow Jesus

**Church Staff**  
Dr. Christopher S. Dawson, *Senior Minister*  
Marsha Sexton, *Business Manager*  
Kathy Cole, *Ministry Coordinator*  
Elaine Potter, *Accompanist*  
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 January 8, 2023..... \$ 2,626  
Budget Receipts to Date ..... \$ 153,307  
Expenses to Date ..... \$ 133,119



**This Week’s Committees**  
**Livestreaming Equipment** - Alvin Kilby  
**Nursery** – Sara Cowan  
**Ushers** – Tom and Ruby Coffey, Don Haver, Dannie Tuggle  
**Worship Leader** – Carol Findley  
**Children’s Worship Leader** – Ann Handy  
**Money Counter** – Patti Duncan

### Prayer Concerns

Carol and Sylvia Baker  
Pauline Funderburk  
Dr. Gene Cook  
Hailey Rice, family member of Carol Findley  
Debby Haver, family member of Don Haver  
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  
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, January 15**  
9:30 am Bible Fellowship – Rooms 308 / 214  
10:30 am Morning Worship – Sanctuary/Facebook  
**Monday, January 16**  
5:30 pm Soup Supper Provided for Fire Stations  
**Wednesday, January 18**  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir – Choir Room  
**Thursday, January 19**  
6:30 pm The Chosen – Family Life Center

