

Prayer Concerns

Angie Baskins - Mary Lou Gamble - Joe Litaker
Ken Murray - Audrey Bales - Jane Benton - Mary Wade
Missy Walters, daughter-in-law of Nancy Walters
Betty McWhorter, sister of Carol Tyson
Glenda Poindexter, former member
Betty Jo Hawkins, sister-in-law of Jane Hawkins
Junie Tuggle, mother of Larry Tuggle
Kevin Casner, son of Ray and Gerry Casner
Jane McNeely-Sowell, friend of Carolyn White
Wayne Barnhill, brother of Diane Whitley
Dewitt Fincannon, brother of Letha Turner

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 6

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*
2:00 pm Chancel Ringers - *Handbell Room*

Monday, January 7

2:00 pm Mission Crafters - *Craft Room*

Tuesday, January 8

2:00 pm Lottie Moon/Poovey Group - *Parlor*
6:30 pm Board of Trustees - *Room 309*

Wednesday, January 9

5:30 pm Family Fellowship Meal - *Family Life Center*
Menu: spaghetti, tossed salad, garlic bread, dessert
6:15 pm Youth Study/Fellowship - *Room 310*
6:20 pm Prayer Meeting - *Family Life Center*
Children's Bible Fellowship - *Room 302*
6:30 pm Adult Study - *Family Life Center*
Young Adult Bible Fellowship - *Parlor*
7:15 pm Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*

Friday and Saturday, January 11 and 12

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

Announcements

The U-Turn Church

You are encouraged to join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in the Family Life Center as Dr. Dawson continues to lead us in the study of the U-Turn Church. The study helps churches re-focus and re-direct their vision for the purpose of reaching out to advance God's kingdom and grow the church.

Book Club

The Faith in Fiction Book Club will meet on Monday, January 14 at 7:00 pm in the Parlor to review John Grisham's book ***The Reckoning***. You are invited to join them.

Flower Calendar

If you would like to provide flowers for Sunday Worship in 2019 either in memory or honor of someone, sign up on the Flower Calendar outside of the church office. Cost remains at \$60.00.

Quilting Retreat

There will be a Quilting Retreat in the Family Life Center on Friday and Saturday, January 11 and 12, beginning at 9:30 a.m. both days. If you know of someone interested in quilting, call and invite them to attend.

Church Meeting

The Quarterly Church Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 23 at 6:30 pm in the Family Life Center.

The Worship of God



6 January 2019 at Ten Forty-five in the Morning

The Community Gathers Before God

Centering Thoughts for Worship

Our God is a God of Light and Love. Out of fear, we sometimes hide our light and hold close our love. We forget that the light is from God, and it is not ours alone. We forget that the love God has given us is for all. God calls us to shine the light given us, and to share the love that is within us, for we are the Light of the World, and God is the Love that never fails.

Words of Welcome

Dr. Dawson

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

Call to Worship

Rev. Owens

Opening Voluntary

Dr. Belflowers, organ

Reading of the Old Testament – Isaiah 60: 1-6

Rev. Owens

† Hymn of Epiphany

Hymn No. 181

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

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Children Age 3 - Grade 2 are invited to leave for Worship & Wonder

Reading of the Gospel – Matthew 2: 1-12

Rev. Owens

Prayer for the People

Rev. Owens

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. 190

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Anthem at the Offering

The Chancel Choir

"Walk in the Light"

arr. by Andre Thomas

† **The Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The congregation is asked to stand at the moment the Offertory Ushers pass their pew. This act of presentation to God enacts our self-offering and gratitude to God.

† **Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Owens

The Word of God is Proclaimed and Heard

Sermon Text

Dr. Dawson

Genesis 1: 27

Sermon

Dr. Dawson

"Made in God's Image"

Prayer

Dr. Dawson

The Congregation Responds to the Word of God

† **Hymn of Response**

Hymn No. 20

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

ODE TO JOY

† **Benediction**

Dr. Dawson

† **Closing Voluntary**

Dr. Belflowers, *organ*

† Those who are able may stand

Sanctuary Flowers

The Sanctuary Flowers are given by
Kiki and Joel Myers and Holly and Steve Rossi
to the glory of God and in loving memory of Emagene Griffin
who would have been 99 years old today

Today's Committees

Security: Gathering Area: J.T. Nance. Narthex: Don Haver, Dannie Tuggle.

Parking Area Greeter: Tim McBride

Nursery: Chrissy Bassler

Children Worship & Wonder: TBA

Ushers: Gerry Casner, Lee Hyde, Joel Myers, Jon Mackay

Offertory: Barbara Austin, Diane Simpson, Carolyn and Lorey White



Personal listening devices are available for worship.

Please see and request one from an usher.

Large print bulletins are available in the narthex.

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Audio CDs of our worship services are available
through the church office.



Church Staff

Dr. Christopher S. Dawson, *Senior Minister*

Rev. Joshua K. Owens, *Associate Minister*

Dr. Timothy D. Belflowers, *Minister of Music & Organist*

Marsha Sexton, *Business Manager*

Kathy Cole, *Ministry Coordinator*

Jennifer Trull, *Weekday Preschool Director*

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First Baptist Church Monroe exists to

Love God, Love Within, and Love Beyond



LIGHT: *Living Into God's Holy Transformation*
First Baptist Church Christian Education theme for 2018-2019