

Announcements

The Chosen

The Chosen will be shown on Thursday evenings during January and February at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center, and will be 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. Invite others to attend with you.

Loving Beyond Opportunity

The Board of Missions will be preparing and delivering meals to the 5 Monroe Fire Stations on Monday, January 16. They are asking for your help in providing 6 soups and 6 desserts, as well as 5 people to help deliver. If you can help, please fill out the form in today's bulletin and drop it in one of the offering plates as you leave worship.

Quilting Retreat

The Sew Faithful Quilters will begin having their monthly Quilting Retreats again, after a two month break. It will be held in the Family Life Center on Friday and Saturday, January 13 and 14 beginning at 9:30 a.m. The quilters invite you to drop by any time to see the creations they are working on.

Faith in Fiction Book Club

The Book Club will review and discuss the book, *Mad Honey*, written by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan, at their meeting tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor. You are invited to join them.

Youth Group

The Youth will start meeting again on Wednesday, January 11 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 308. They will continue meeting through May.



Pictured above is Elaine Potter, who is now the accompanist for First Baptist, replacing Beth Adams. Beth's husband, Tam, has taken a position with their church and will be traveling some on weekends. Beth will be traveling with him, so she would no longer be able to serve as our accompanist.

Elaine has been a professional musician since graduating from Wingate College in 1984 with a BS in Music Business, and has enjoyed teaching piano lessons, directing and accompanying church choirs and playing for several funeral homes for nearly four decades. She is married to Gary and they have three children and seven grandchildren.

We welcome Elaine and Gary to our church and look forward to her ministry with us.

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The Worship of God



January 8, 2023 at Ten-thirty in the Morning

The Community Gathers Before God

Centering Thoughts for Worship

On this Epiphany Sunday, let us remember that every moment is a new beginning, a fresh start with God. In every moment, grace is present and love revealed. God forgives, loves and restores us. Begin this moment afresh now, with God and with one another, and share the Good News throughout this new year.

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 – Isaiah 60: 1-6

Dr. Chris Dawson

+ Hymn of Praise

Hymn No. 190

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Second Lectionary Reading – Ephesians 3: 1-12

Don Haver

Sharing Prayer Concerns

Don Haver

A Moment of Prayer

Church Family

Prayer for the People

Don Haver

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. 493

“I Know Whom I Have Believed”

EL. NATHAN

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

The Community Receives God’s Word

Sermon Text – Matthew 2: 1-12

Dr. Chris Dawson

Sermon

Dr. Chris Dawson

Prayer

Dr. Chris Dawson

The Community Responds to God’s Call

+ Hymn of Response

Hymn No. 181

“As With Gladness Men of Old”

DIX

+ 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 1, 2023.....	\$ 28,587
Budget Receipts to Date	\$ 146,019
Expenses to Date	\$109,953



This Week’s Committees

Livestreaming Equipment - Ben Potter

Nursery – Debby McBride

Ushers – Ken and Ann Handy, Tim McBride

Worship Leader – Don Haver

Children’s Worship Leader – Denise Hopper

Money Counter – Harvey Whitley

Prayer Concerns

Carol and Sylvia Baker

Pauline Funderburk

Dr. Gene Cook

Vicki Johnson, sister-in-law of Denise Hopper

Hailey Rice, family member of Carol Findley

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

Jimmy Totty, brother of Stewart Totty

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 8

9:30 am Bible Fellowship – *Rooms 308 / 214*

10:30 am Morning Worship – *Sanctuary/Facebook*

Monday, January 9

6:00 pm Faith in Fiction Book Club - *Parlor*

Tuesday, January 10

6:30 pm Board of Trustees – *Conference Room*

Wednesday, January 11

7:30 pm Chancel Choir – *Choir Room*

Thursday, January 12

6:30 pm *The Chosen* – *Family Life Center*

Friday and Saturday, January 13 and 14

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

