

Prayer Concerns:

Mary Lou Gamble – Mary Wade – Cathy Thompson
Nancy Walters – Jane Benton - Ken Murray – David Lee
Kiki Myers – Denice Harris
Jimmy Stackhouse, son-in-law of Frances Vaughan
Jimmy Keenum, brother of Dot Taylor
Frank Barrett, uncle of Vickie Tuggle
Selma Sherrill, grandmother of Ryan Bradley
Kevin Casner, son of Ray and Gerry Casner
Betty Jo Hawkins, sister-in-law of Jane Hawkins
Dewitt Fincannon, brother of Letha Turner
Don and Janet Pittman, CBF Field Personnel in Turkey

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 28

8:30 am Prayer Ministry Team – *Parlor*
9:40 am Bible Fellowship
10:15 am Summer Choir – *Choir Room*
10:30 am Child Care – *Nursery*
10:45 am Service of Worship – *Sanctuary*

Thursday, August 1

5:00 pm Youth Attend Charlotte Knight's Game

Friday, August 2

7:00 pm Community Movie Night - *Courtyard*

Announcements

All Boards Retreat

All current and newly elected Board members (Deacons, Trustees, Missions, and Christian Education) are encouraged to attend the All Boards Retreat on Saturday, August 17 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center.

Community Movie Night

Join us for Movie Night this Friday. Doors open at 7:00 p.m., with the movie, *"The Trolls"*, shown at 8:00. Free popcorn will be included. Invite a friend!

Quilting Retreat

There will be a Quilting Retreat Friday and Saturday, August 9 and 10, beginning at 9:30 a.m. both days in the Family Life Center. Quilters invite you to drop by to see their latest work.

Rightnow Media Training

The training will be held on Wednesday, August 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m., in the Family Life Center. It will provide the opportunity to learn more about the Rightnow Media Service through a "guided tour" of all the various options available. This is a great resource for Bible Study, Bible Fellowship teachers, as well as your own personal use.

Loving Within Leadership Training

The current and newly elected members of the Personnel Committee are asked to meet with Dr. Dawson on Wednesday, July 21 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 216.

Adult Literacy Program

The local nonprofit group, Common Heart, is making an effort to continue adult literacy tutoring following the closure of the Union County Literacy Council. If you would be interested in helping continue this program, you are invited to attend a meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 3 at the Community Shelter here in Monroe. This can include past tutors and volunteers. Special skills are not required to work with literacy programs. If interested in attending, RSVP to LiteracyVolunteers@CommonHeart.org or contact Keith Adams at 704-281-9060.

New Schedule for Fall

The Wednesday night meal and programs will resume on September 4. The Family Fellowship Meal will be served at 6:00 instead of 5:30 to allow for everyone to dine together at the same time. At 6:30, adults will be offered 3 different studies ... a Bible study, a book study, and one from Rightnow Media. More information will be forthcoming. Make Wednesday nights at FBC a top priority for you and your family!

The Worship of God



July 28, 2019 at Ten Forty-five in the Morning
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Community Gathers Before God

Centering Thoughts for Worship

God remains faithful, even when we do not. God is persistent in pursuing us, calling us back to recognize where we have come from, who we are as God's children. God is so persistent that He came to us as one of us, to intercede on behalf of us, to live and die as one of us, and to show us that we all might have abundant life now and for eternity. The way of Christ is an embodied faith, one in which we are baptized with Christ, and Christ was baptized with us. Christ died as one of us, and we rise with Christ.

Words of Welcome

Rev. Owens

If you are our guest today, we welcome you and ask that you complete a Visitor's Card available from an usher 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*

The Community Gives Praise, Prayers and Offerings to God

Reading of the Psalms – Psalm 85

Rev. Owens

+ **Hymn of Praise** Hymn No. 723
"Revive Us Again" REVIVE US AGAIN

Sharing our Story

Reading of the Epistle – Colossians 2: 6-15 Bob Duncan

Prayer for the People

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. 517
"The Solid Rock" SOLID ROCK

Solo at the Offering Ann Bailes, *mezzo-soprano*
"Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal" arr. by M. Hayes

+ **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 – Luke 10: 38-42 Rev. Dinkins

Sermon Rev. Dinkins
"Active Listening"

Prayer Rev. Dinkins

The Congregation Responds to the Word of God

+ **Hymn of Commitment** Hymn No. 534
"Draw Me Nearer" I AM THINE

+ **Closing Voluntary** Dr. Belflowers, *organ*

+ Those that are able may stand.

Loose Change Offering

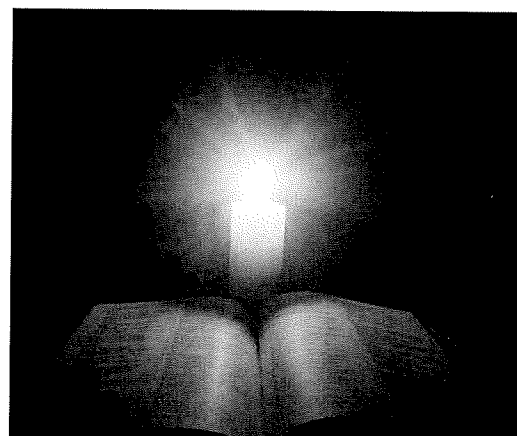
The Loose Change Offering for July will benefit the Appalachian Backpack Ministry

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

Large print bulletins are available in the narthex.

Music reprinted under OneLicense.net Number A-707320.

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



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

Today's Committees

Security: Gathering Area: Jon Mackay. Narthex: Don Haver, Dannie Tuggle. Parking Area Greeter: Alvin Kilby
Nursery: Chrissy Bassler, Lisa Dinkins
Ushers: Don Haver, Diane Simpson, Barbara Austin, Carolyn White
Offertory: Debby and Tim McBride, Ruby and Tom Coffey



Ministers

All who follow Jesus

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*
Dennis Butler, *Food Services Director*



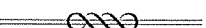
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Vision Statement:

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



A Glance of our Financial Stewardship

Weekly Budget Requirements	\$ 8,360
Budget Receipts Sunday, July 21	\$ 4,286
Budget Receipts to Date	\$337,588
Expenses to Date	\$386,007