

Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Angie Baskins - Mary Lou Gamble - Nancy Walters
Bob Thompson - Ann Wild - Dr. John Hearn
Susie Hinson - Franklin Akers - Zeb Myers
Chris Knight, brother of Mike Knight
Robin Guest, daughter of Janis Misenheimer
Kay Stegall, sister of Max Penegar
Bradford Hearn, grandson of Dr. John Hearn
Terry Chappell, cousin of Minnie Hyde
Ben Nash, former member
Martin Burkes, brother of Aileen Sowder
Amanda Thomas, Weekday Preschool teacher
Jane McNeely-Sowell, friend of Carolyn White
Wayne Barnhill, brother of Diane Whitley
Dewitt Fincannon, brother of Letha Turner



Church Calendar

Sunday, July 8

8:30 am Prayer Ministry Team - Parlor
9:20 am Coffee Fellowship - Gathering Area
9:40 am Bible Fellowship
10:30 am Child Care - Nursery
10:45 am Service of Worship - Sanctuary

Tuesday, July 10

6:30 pm Board of Trustees - Room 309

Reminder

There will be a baby shower for Lindsay and Josh Owens in the Family Life Center on Saturday, July 21, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Lindsay and Josh are registered at Target.

Camp Rea – July 16-20

Many volunteers are needed to help. You can choose to work in the morning or afternoon (or both!), or volunteer to be part of the kitchen crew. Sign ups are available in Bible Fellowship classes, or you can call/email the church office. There is something for everyone to do!

Please Note – All volunteers are asked to meet next Sunday, July 15, at 4:00 p.m.

Nurting Faith for Bible Fellowship

It's time to renew subscriptions for Nurting Faith teaching material. To renew or subscribe, please turn in a check to the church office (made payable to First Baptist Church) for \$18.00 to cover the 2018-2019 church year. If you wish to cancel your subscription, please notify the church office.

A Letter from Dr. Dawson

FBC Monroe Family:

At the Annual Church Meeting last month, Joel Myers, our Treasurer, informed us we were around \$22,000 behind expenses, NOT budget, expenses. When I discovered the news, I lifted a prayer in the church office asking God that if we're doing kingdom building ministry for His honor, that He would provide as He did for the Israelites in the desert.

On my own, like Gideon placing the fleece on the ground and asking God to make it dry and the ground wet, I asked God for the offering on July 1st to be \$15,000, and if it was, then I knew He was affirming the ministry of FBC Monroe. I'm writing this note to let you know God is good; our offering was over \$18,000.

God's timing is always perfect. I know it took the church family to make that offering happen, but it was our reliance on God and the expectation that He would show up at just the right time, that makes that offering so exciting to me. It wasn't the amount I'm excited about but that God realized our situation and showed up when we needed him most.

I want to thank all of you for your commitment to FBC Monroe with your time, talents, and treasures as we continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus to our community.

Grace and Peace,
Chris

The Worship of God



7th Sunday after Pentecost

8 July 2018 at Ten Forty-five in the Morning

The Community Gathers Before God

Centering Thoughts for Worship

God is speaking to us, in the past, in the present, and God still has something to say to us. But we often do not want to hear it. We don't want to hear how we have conformed to the ways of the world and we don't want to hear that we must change. We don't want to hear the cries of injustice, we'd rather just try to live a good life. But there are prophets all around us. The Spirit is at work. If we believe in God, we must remember the prophet's cry on behalf of the poor, the marginalized, and the oppressed. We must listen to the Spirit of truth that calls us to see one another as part of God's beloved family – we must see each other's humanity. We must remember the commandment to love God cannot be fulfilled if we do not love our neighbor as ourselves.

Words of Welcome

Rev. Owens

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

Opening Voluntary

Dr. Belflowers, organ

Reading of the Psalm – Psalm 48 Bob Duncan

† **Call to Worship** Bob Duncan

† **Hymn of Praise** Hymn No. 634
"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA

Reading of the Gospel – Mark 6: 1-13 Rev. Owens

Prayer for the People Bob Duncan

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. 509
"O, How I Love Jesus" O, HOW I LOVE JESUS

Anthem at the Offering The Summer Choir
"Come Ye That Love the Lord" by Lani Smith

† **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** Bob Duncan

The Word of God is Proclaimed and Heard

Sermon Rev. Owens
"As You Go"

Prayer Rev. Owens

The Congregation Responds to the Word of God

† **Hymn of Commitment** Hymn No. 669
"God of Grace and God of Glory" CWM RHONDDA

† **Benediction** Rev. Owens

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

† Those who are able may stand

Loose Change Offering
The Loose Change Offering for July will benefit the Sew Faithful Ministry Team of First Baptist Church

Today's Committees

Security: Gathering Area: Ray Sowder. Narthex: Don Haver, Dannie Tuggle. Parking Area Greeter: Jon Mackay
Nursery: Brittany Austin
Greeter: Sylvia Baker
Ushers: Tim McBride, Kathy Cole, Mary Nash, Ken Handy
Offertory: Youth



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*
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