

### *Prayer Concerns:*

Angie Baskins – Mary Lou Gamble – Mary Wade – Babs Simpson  
Audrey Bales – Mary Nash – Joyce Forbes – Nancy Walters  
Joy Shute – Debby Wike  
Nicholas Moore, grandson of Mary Lou Gamble  
Jean Wooten, family member of Mary Wade  
Anita Johnson, friend of Carol Findley  
Matt Collier, neighbor of Nancy Walters  
Eliza Bray, child of friends of Harvey and Diane Whitley  
Sandra Casner, daughter of Ray and Gerry Casner  
Kevin Casner, son of Ray and Gerry Casner  
Frances and Alvin Robinson, parents of Annette Kilby  
Missy Walters, daughter-in-law of Nancy Walters  
Phil Bowman, nephew of Max Penegar  
Betty Jo Hawkins, sister-in-law of Jane Hawkins  
Wayne Barnhill, brother of Diane Whitley  
Dewitt Fincannon, brother of Letha Turner

### **Church Calendar**

#### **Sunday, March 17**

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*  
11:00 am Youth Provide Lunch at the Community Shelter  
2:00 pm Chancel Ringers – *Handbell Room*

#### **Monday, March 18**

6:00 pm Faith & Fitness – *Family Life Center*

#### **Wednesday, March 20**

12:00 pm Community Lenten Service and Lunch  
*St. Luke's Lutheran Church*  
5:30 pm Family Fellowship Meal – *Family Life Center*  
*Menu: roast pork, potatoes, cabbage, pintos, 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*

### *Announcements*

#### Community Lenten Service

This week's Community Lenten Service will be held at St. Luke's Lutheran Church on Wednesday at 12:00 noon. A light lunch will be served following the service in their Fellowship Hall.

#### Young-at-Heart

Young-at-Heart members are invited to have lunch together at the Derby Restaurant on Friday, March 29 at 11:00 a.m. Their private dining room has been reserved for the group. Following lunch, Rev. Sara Spahr Stubbs and Rev. Matt Dinkins will give a brief program on their ministries at Plantation Estates. For reservations, sign up in Bible Fellowship, on Wednesday evening, or call the church office.

#### Volunteers for Yard Work

Volunteers are needed to help with church yard work on Saturday, April 6 at 9:00 a.m. This will mostly involve spreading pine needles around the shrubs. If you can help, sign up in Bible Fellowship, on Wednesday evening, or call the church office.

#### Mark Your Calendars

There will be a Church-wide Palm Sunday Luncheon following worship on April 14. A bake sale will also be included. Reservations, menu and more information will be forthcoming.

#### Feeding Children Everywhere

The youth of the Union Baptist Association churches are raising money to help feed the hungry throughout the world through the "Feeding Children Everywhere" ministry. This ministry's goal is to create a hungry-free world, which includes helping communities become self-sufficient and self-sustaining. The youth are trying to raise enough money for 50,000 meals, which amounts to \$16,300. They are half way to their goal. If you would like to help, turn in a check to the church office (make payable to First Baptist) by Sunday, March 31. No amount is too small!

### *The Worship of God*



*17 March 2019 at Ten Forty-five in the Morning*  
**Second Sunday in Lent**

### **The Community Gathers Before God**

#### **Centering Thoughts for Worship**

*When the shadows grow at the edge of the road,  
God keeps us steady and helps us move onward.  
When the path is unclear, and fog settles in,  
God helps us to overcome our fears, and live in faith.  
When it becomes difficult to continue on,  
God makes His presence known to us.  
Despite our weariness and our struggles,  
God is with us always.*

#### **Words of Welcome**

*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.*

Dr. Dawson

#### **Call to Worship**

Rev. Owens

#### **Opening Voluntary**

Dr. Belflowers, *organ*

#### **Reading of the Psalms – Psalm 27**

Rev. Owens

+ **Hymn of Praise** Hymn No. 609  
"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" SHOWALTER

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

Youth & adults leave to provide lunch at the Community Shelter

**Reading of the Gospel** – Luke 13: 31-35 Richard Collins

**Prayer for the People** Richard Collins

### 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. 441  
"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" THOMPSON

**Anthem at the Offering** The Chancel Choir  
"Take Up Your Cross" by Austin C. Lovelace

+ **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** Richard Collins

## The Word of God is Proclaimed and Heard

**Sermon Text** Dr. Dawson  
Philippians 4: 6-7

**Sermon** Dr. Dawson  
"Emotional Health Transformation: Six Key Elements"

**Prayer** Dr. Dawson

## The Congregation Responds to the Word of God

+ **Hymn of Response** Hymn No. 719  
"If My People's Hearts Are Humbled"

+ **Benediction** Dr. Dawson

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

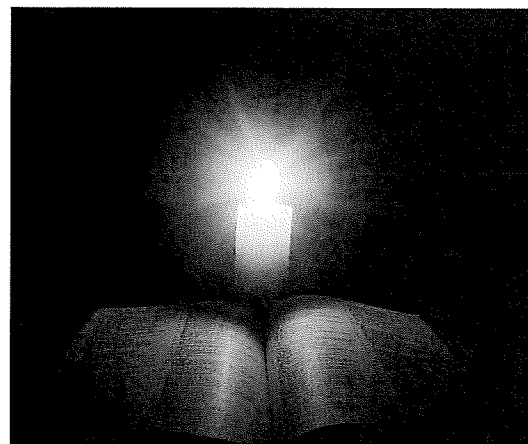
+ Those that are able may stand.

### Sanctuary Flowers

The Sanctuary Flowers are given by Dr. Jimmy and Dot Taylor to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sue Taylor Johnson

### Loose Change Offering

The Loose Change Offering for March will benefit Monroe Middle School



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

### Today's Committees

**Security:** Gathering Area: Gene Herrell. Narthex: Don Haver, Dannie Tuggle. Parking Area Greeter: Larry Tuggle.

**Nursery:** Chrissy Bassler, Sheila London

**Children Worship & Wonder:** TBA

**Ushers:** Dannie Tuggle, Don Haver, Ruby and Tom Coffey

**Offertory:** Dot and Jimmy Taylor, Lee Hyde, Don Haver

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

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### *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*

Richard Collins, *Music Intern*

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### **Vision Statement:**

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