

Announcements

Prayer Concerns:

Mary Lou Gamble – Nancy Walters – Audrey Bales
Dr. Ken Murray – David Lee – Dr. John Hearn
Vivian Roberts - Doris Ramsey
Katherine Cox - Jane Hawkins - Ed Varney – Joy Shute
Mike Croft, nephew of Max Penegar
Kevin Casner, son of Ray and Gerry Casner

Church Calendar

Sunday, March 1

8:30 am Prayer Ministry Team – *Parlor*
9:30 am Bible Fellowship
10:20 am Chancel Choir – *Choir Room*
10:30 am Child Care – *Nursery*
10:45 am Service of Worship – *Sanctuary*

Monday, March 2

11:00 am Young-at-Heart Lunch/Program – *Derby Restaurant*

Wednesday, March 4

6:00 pm Family Fellowship Meal – *Family Life Center*
Menu: baked flounder, fried chicken, potatoes, slaw, dessert
6:35 pm Prayer Meeting – *Family Life Center*
6:45 pm Children's Bible Fellowship – *Room 302*
Lenten Study – *Family Life Center*
7:30 pm Chancel Choir – *Choir Room*
Board of Missions – *Room 215*

Mid Week Worship Lenten Study

"*It Is Finished*" is the title of a six-lesson study built around the final words of Jesus from the Cross. Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 in the Family Life Center through April 1 as we dive into the historical and practical significance surrounding each of Jesus' phrases from the cross.

Blood Drive

There will be a Blood Drive in the Family Life Center this coming Friday from 2:30-7:00. If you can help with check-in, snacks, etc., contact Mike or Frances Knight, or Harvey or Diane Whitley.

Community Lenten Service

The first of this year's Community Lenten Services will be held this coming Wednesday at 12:00 noon at Central United Methodist Church. A light lunch will follow the service in their fellowship hall.

Young-at-Heart

Members of Young-at-Heart are invited to have lunch together on Monday, March 2 at 11:00 at The Derby Restaurant. Following lunch, Elizabeth Novak, who is the program manager for the Alzheimer's Association Western Carolina Chapter, will present an educational program on the 10 signs of Alzheimer's and Dementia.

IF: Gathering 2020

Ladies from the greater Monroe community are invited to come and watch the livestream of *IF: Gathering 2020* on Saturday, March 31 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. in our Family Life Center. The event is free and childcare will be provided. This is a time to turn off the noise, get in the Word, experience powerful teaching, dive into authentic conversations, worship Jesus, and hear stories that will compel you to take your next steps towards life and peace. To learn more, please visit <https://www.ifgathering.com/our-story/>. To register, visit <https://local.ifgathering.com/fbcmonroenc/>.

New Christmas Tree

The Board of Trustees approved the purchase of a new Christmas tree. If you would like to contribute to this purchase, please make a contribution to the Flower Fund.

Palm Sunday Lunch

There will be a deacon-sponsored covered-dish lunch following worship on Palm Sunday, April 5. The meat and drinks will be provided by the deacons, and they are asking members to bring sides and desserts. Reservations are needed. Sign up in Bible Fellowship, on Wednesday evening, or call/email the church office by Sunday, March 22.

The Worship of God



March 1, 2020 at Ten Forty-five in the Morning
First Sunday of Lent

The Community Gathers Before God

Centering Thoughts for Worship

The wisdom of God leads us to seek God's ways of justice and righteousness, to let go of the world's power and instead trust in God. The wisdom of God leads us away from the powerful to be in solidarity with the powerless and the marginalized. But the wisdom of God leads us to life. As the knowledge of the world is a quest for power, the wisdom of God is love, compassion, justice, mercy, and righteousness. The power of God's love is eternal and can be known now.

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 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

Dr. Dawson

Opening Voluntary

Beth Adams, *accompanist*

The Community Gives Praise, Prayers and Offerings to God

Reading of the Psalms – Psalm 32

Dr. Dawson

+ **Hymn of Praise** Hymn No. 641
"All the Way My Savior Leads Me" ALL THE WAY

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

Sharing Our Story Dedication of New Pew Bibles

Reading of the Epistle – Romans 5: 12-19 Lee Hyde

Prayer for the People Lee Hyde

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. 736
"Rescue the Perishing" RESCUE

Anthem at the Offering

"Lord, Make Me an Instrument" by Jody W. Lindh
FBC and Covenant Presbyterian Wingate Choral Scholars

+ **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, enacting our self-offering and gratitude to God.

+ **Prayer of Dedication** Diane Simpson

The Word of God is Proclaimed and Heard

Sermon Text Rev. Owens
Genesis 3: 1-7; Matthew 4: 1-11

Sermon Rev. Owens
"Obedience in Temptation"

Prayer Rev. Owens

The Congregation Responds to the Word of God

+ **Hymn of Response** Hymn No. 200
"Lord, Who Throughout" LAND OF REST

+ **Benediction** Dr. Dawson

+ **Closing Voluntary** Beth Adams , *accompanist*

+ Those that are able may stand.

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.



A YEAR FOR 20/20 VISION

I am sending you...to open their eyes, so they may turn from darkness to light Acts 26 17b-18

First Baptist Church Christian Education Theme for 2020-21

Today's Committees

Security: Gathering Area: J.T. Nance. Parking Lot: Tom Coffey

Narthex: Don Haver, Dannie Tuggle

Nursery: Dharma Falls, Lyndsay Owens

Worship & Wonder: Bayley Dawson

Ushers: Carol Findley, Joel Myers, Lee Hyde, Jon Mackay

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

Ministers

All who follow Jesus

Church Staff

Dr. Christopher S. Dawson, *Senior Minister*

Rev. Joshua K. Owens, *Associate Minister*

Beth Adams, *Accompanist*

Marsha Sexton, *Business Manager*

Kathy Cole, *Ministry Coordinator*

Jennifer Trull, *Weekday Preschool Director*

Logan Williams, *Music Intern*

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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	\$ 8,040
Budget Receipts February 23, 2020	\$ 6,130
Budget Receipts to Date	\$205,799
Expenses to Date	\$177,877

