

Announcements

Music Recitals

Two of our Choral Scholars are presenting their recitals in the Bette Center at Wingate University as follows: Irene Wang (Senior Recital) on Thursday, March 31 at 7:00 p.m., and Madison Frank (Junior Recital) on Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m. Also, former Scholar Elijah Henderson will present his Senior Recital on Thursday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. You are invited to attend each of the recitals.

Young-at-Heart

Members of Young-at-Heart are invited to have fellowship and lunch together on Wednesday, April 6 at 12:00 noon in the Family Life Center. Bring a bag lunch with you. Paper products, drinks, and dessert will be provided. Following lunch, the group will discuss ideas on future gatherings, outings, etc. No need to sign up ... just bring your lunch and join us for this time together.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

There will be an Egg Hunt for the children on Saturday, April 2. The Children's Ministry Team needs your help in providing the following: Volunteers to work during the event; volunteers to help with set up and clean up; bags of candy and cookies, individual bags of chips, mini water bottles. Please leave donations in the Gathering Area by this Wednesday. Volunteer forms are available in today's bulletin.

"Loving Beyond" Event

The Board of Missions invites you to join them and members of Heart for Monroe to help distribute food bags to the residents at the Cotton Street Apartments on Wednesday, April 6. You can meet at the church at 5:45 p.m. or at the apartments at 6:00.



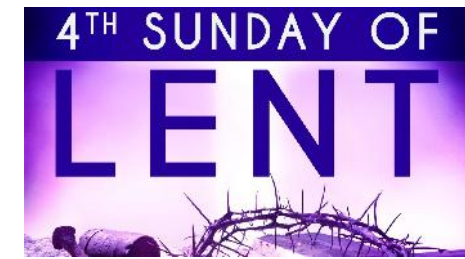
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The Worship of God



March 27, 2022 at Ten-thirty in the Morning

The Community Gathers Before God

Centering Thoughts for Worship

It is said of the Prodigal Son that he "came to himself." Let us in turn wake up to God, who sets us free from the illusion of trying to be perfect so that we might be fully human, and not to chase after an imaginary life, but to find satisfaction in our real lives and realize that God's arms are always open to welcome each of us.

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

Opening Music

Beth Adams

The Community Gives Praise & Prayers to God

First Lectionary Reading – Psalm 32

Logan Williams

+ Hymn of Praise

Hymn No. 34

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

MARION

Second Lectionary Reading – II Cor. 5: 16-21

Rev. Denise Hopper

Sharing Prayer Concerns

Rev. Denise Hopper

A Moment of Prayer

Church Family

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

Prayer for the People

Rev. Denise Hopper

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. 641

“All The Way My Savior Leads Me”

ALL THE WAY

Anthem

Chancel Choir

“Pacem, Dona Nobis Pacem”

by Mary Lynn Lightfoot

The Community Receives God’s Word

Sermon Text – Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Dr. Chris Dawson

Sermon

Dr. Chris Dawson

Prayer

Dr. Chris Dawson

The Community Responds to God’s Call

+ Hymn of Response

Hymn No. 566

“Take My Life, Lead Me Lord”

LANGLEY

+ Stewardship of Tithing and Fellowship

Church Family

+ Musical Benediction

Logan Williams

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

+ Closing Voluntary

Beth Adams

+ *Those who are able may stand*



Ministers

All who follow Jesus

Church Staff

Dr. Christopher S. Dawson, *Senior Minister*

Beth Adams, *Accompanist*

Marsha Sexton, *Business Manager*

Kathy Cole, *Ministry Coordinator*

Alyssa Metze, *Weekday Preschool Director*

Logan Williams, *Interim Worship Leader*



Vision Statement

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



A Glance of our Financial Stewardship

Weekly Budget Requirements	\$ 7,786
Budget Receipts March 20, 2022.....	\$ 9,505
Budget Receipts to Date	\$211,190
Expenses to Date	\$201,251



This Week’s Committees

Livestreaming Equipment - Trevor Dawson

Ushers – Kathy Cole, Lorey and Carolyn White

Worship Leader – Rev. Denise Hopper

Money Counters – Susan Bales, Annette Kilby

Prayer Concerns

Dr. Ken Murray – Libby Totty – Joy Shute – Carol Baker
Jim Davis - Phyllis Overton – Ray Sowder
J. T. and Martha Nance – Katherine Cox
Vivian Pell - Debby Reed

Emily Massey in the death of her husband, Richard Massey

Joyce Dawson, mother of Dr. Chris Dawson

Frank Mackay, on the ground in Ukraine

Mike McBride, brother of Tim McBride

Shirley Clanton, friend of Frances Knight

Becky Shue, sister-in-law of Joyce Forbes

Anita Johnson, friend of Carol Findley

Dr. Harry Poovey, former pastor

Bill Thaxton

Emma Hemphill, family member of Chris Dawson

Daniel Mackay, brother of Jonathan Mackay

The leaders and people of Ukraine

All those affected by Covid-19



Church Calendar

Sunday, March 27

9:30 am Bible Fellowship – *Rooms 214 / 318*

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

Monday, March 28

7:15 pm Chancel Ringers – *Handbell Room*

Wednesday, March 30

5:45 pm Children & Families Supper – *Family Life Center*

6:30 pm Children’s Discipleship

6:30 pm Study on Psalms – *Room 214*

7:30 pm Chancel Choir – *Choir Room*

