

## Announcements

### Prayer Concerns:

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

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, March 8

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 9

7:00 pm Faith in Fiction Book Club – *Parlor*

### Tuesday, March 10

2:00 pm Lottie Moon Poovey Group – *Parlor*  
6:30 pm Board of Trustees – *Room 215*

### Wednesday, March 11

6:00 pm Family Fellowship Meal – *Family Life Center*  
*Menu: baked potato/sweet potato, tossed salad, 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*

### Friday and Saturday, March 13 and 14

9:30 am Quilting Retreat – *Family Life Center*

### 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.

### Community Lenten Service

This week's Community Lenten Service will be held on Wednesday at noon at St. Luke's Lutheran Church. A light lunch will be served following the service.

### 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/>.

### 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.

### Common Heart Spelling Bee

The new Common Heart Literacy volunteers are sponsoring a Union County Spelling Bee for adults. It will be held on Thursday, April 23 at Lee Park Baptist Church. Cost is \$300 for a 3-person team (includes dinner). If you would be interested in serving on a First Baptist Church team, contact the church office.

## The Worship of God



March 8, 2020 at Ten Forty-five in the Morning  
Second Sunday of Lent

## The Community Gathers Before God

### Centering Thoughts for Worship

*Lent is a call to weep for what we could have been and are not, to grieve for what we should have done and did not, and the opportunity to change what we ought to change, but have not. Lent is not about penance, it is about becoming, doing, and changing whatever it is that is blocking the fullness of Christ in us.*

### 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

Rev. Owens

### Opening Voluntary

Beth Adams, *accompanist*

## The Community Gives Praise, Prayers and Offerings to God

### Reading of the Psalms – Psalm 121

Dr. Dawson

(“Shine on Story Bible” for children – page 132)

### + Hymn of Praise

Hymn No. 34

*“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”*

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

**Sharing Our Story**

**Reading of the Epistle** – Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 Rev. Owens

**Prayer for the People** Rev. Owens

**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. 491  
“Jesus Is All the World to Me” ELIZABETH

**Anthem at the Offering** The Chancel Choir  
“Be Thou My Vision” by Alice Parker

+ **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** Rev. Owens

**The Word of God is Proclaimed and Heard**

**Sermon Text** Dr. Dawson  
John 3: 1-21  
 (“Shine on Story Bible” for Children – page 188)

**Sermon** Dr. Dawson  
“What Did Jesus See: Nicodemus”

**Prayer** Dr. Dawson

**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*

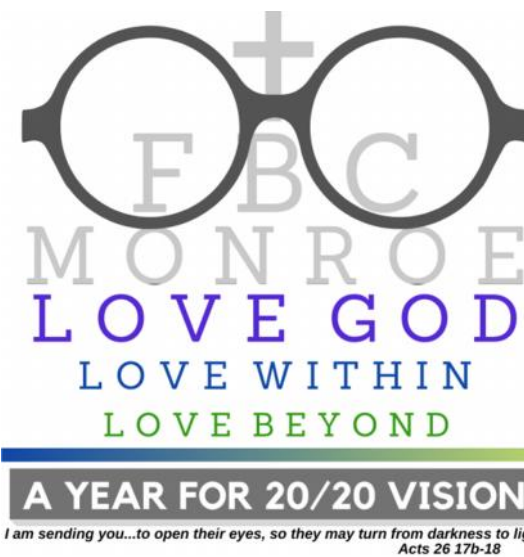
+ Those that are able may stand.

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

Large print bulletins are available in the narthex.

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



*First Baptist Church Christian Education Theme for 2020-21*

**Today’s Committees**

**Security:** Gathering Area: Lorey White. Parking Lot: Larry Tuggle  
Narthex: Don Haver, Dannie Tuggle  
**Nursery:** Dharma Falls, Diane Whitley  
**Worship & Wonder:** Ruby Coffey  
**Ushers:** Tim McBride, Kathy Cole, Ann and Ken Handy  
**Offertory:** David and Jonathan Lowery, Jon and Josh Mackay

**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 March 1, 2020 .....	\$ 6,526
Budget Receipts to Date .....	\$213,523
Expenses to Date .....	\$197,834

