



STEEPLE VIEWS

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“Loving Beyond” Event ...

The Board of Missions needs your help in providing items that have been requested by the residents of the Cotton Street Apartments (all senior adults). They regularly receive food packs from Heart for Monroe (which we help deliver), but have additional needs, which are listed below:

Toiletries

Toilet paper

Crackers/chips

Pop Tarts/cereal/grits

Canned fruits and vegetables

If you would like to provide one or more of these items, please bring them to the Gathering Area by June 12.

Journey to Jerusalem

Tom Coffey will continue his photographic recount of his and Ruby’s trip to the Holy Land last fall
Join him on Wednesday evenings through May at 6:30 p.m. in Room 308 as he shares their experiences

Memorials ...

In memory of: By Mr. and Mrs. Carol Baker, Jessica Baker, and Mr. and Mrs. Blair Smith in memory of Dr. Ken Murray and Fred Simpson.

Ladies Lunch

All ladies are invited to have lunch together at The Derby Restaurant on Wednesday, May 25 at 11:30 a.m.
Invite a friend!



Young-at-Heart Event ...

Young-at-Heart members will gather in the Family Life Center on June 8 at noon for lunch and to hear guest speaker Alisha Ritchie (Senior Care Consultant) talk about plans, care and facilities available for seniors. She is very knowledgeable and will have much to share with the group. Everyone is asked to bring their own lunch ... drinks and dessert provided. Invite your friends and family members to join us.

There will be a Blood Drive in the Family Life Center on Friday, June 3 at 2:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help with signing people in, giving out drinks/snacks, etc. If you can help, please contact Harvey/Diane Whitley, or Mike/Frances Knight. The Blood Drive is co-sponsored by the Greater Monroe Lions Club and First Baptist Church.

Scholarship Applications ...

Those applying for the R. Spence and Annie Lee Smith Helms Scholarships are reminded that the completed applications are due to the church office by June 1.

Graduates ...

Parents, if you have either a son or daughter who is graduating from high school or college this year, please call the church office. A complete list of graduates will be published in the newsletter around the first of June.

“Spending Daily Time With God in His Word”

This scripture readings for May 21-27 are as follows:

May 21 - I Samuel 29:1-31:13; John 11:54-12:19; Psalm 118:1-18; Proverbs 15:24-26

May 22 - II Samuel 1:1-2:11; John 12:20-50; Psalm 118:19-29; Proverbs 15:27-28

May 23 - II Samuel 2:12-3:39; John 13:1-30; Psalm 119:1-16; Proverbs 15:29-30

May 24 - II Samuel 4:1-6:23; John 13:31-14:14; Psalm 119:17-32; Proverbs 15:31-32

May 25 - II Samuel 7:1-8:18; John 14:15-31; Psalm 119:33-48; Proverbs 15:33

May 26 - II Samuel 9:1-11:27; John 15:1-27; Psalm 119:49-64; Proverbs 16:1-3

May 27 - II Samuel 12:1-31; John 19:1-33; Psalm 119:65-80; Proverbs 16:4-5

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 22

9:30 am Bible Fellowship - Rooms 214 / 318
 10:30 am Morning Worship - Sanctuary/Facebook

Tuesday, May 24

6:30 pm Nominating Committee - Conf. Room

Wednesday, May 25

5:45 pm Children's Families Dinner - FLC
 6:30 pm Children's Activities
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir - Choir Room

PRAYER CONCERNS

Ed Varney - Jan Hearn - Jon and Katie Mackay
 Nathan Hopper in the death of his uncle
 Carol Findley in the tragic death of her cousin and
 and her cousin's daughter
 MaryAnn Clifton, aunt of Mike Knight
 Dana Hinson
 Debby Haver, cousin of Don Haver
 Phil and Teresa Bowman, family of Max Penegar
 Mike McBride, brother of Tim McBride
 Shirley Clanton, friend of Frances Knight
 Becky Shue, sister-in-law of Joyce Forbes
 Bill Thaxton
 Emma Hemphill
 Daniel Mackay, brother of Jonathan Mackay
 Kevin Casner, son of Ray and Gerry Casner
 The leaders and people of Ukraine and Russia, and for
 peace to replace war
 All those affected by Covid-19

Facts & Figures:

Sunday, May 15, 2022

Weekly Budget Requirements	\$ 7,786
Budget Receipts	\$ 2,676
Budget Receipts to Date	\$ 249,809
Expenses to Date	\$ 257,750

Worship May 22 10:30 a.m.

Words of Welcome	Dr. Chris Dawson
Call to Worship	Dr. Chris Dawson
Opening Music	Beth Adams
1st Lectionary Reading: Psalm 67	Dr. Chris Dawson
Hymn: "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"	
2nd Lectionary Reading: Rev. 21: 10, 22-22:6	Tim McBride
Sharing Prayer Concerns	Tim McBride
A Moment of Prayer	
Prayer for the People	Tim McBride
Lord's Prayer	
Hymn: "We Will Glorify"	
Anthem	
Sermon Text: John 5: 1-9	Dr. Chris Dawson
Sermon	Dr. Chris Dawson
Prayer	Dr. Chris Dawson
Hymn of Response: "Just As I Am, Without One Plea"	
The Stewardship of Tithing & Fellowship	
Musical Benediction	
Closing Voluntary	Beth Adams

This Week's Committees

Livestreaming Equipment for Worship:

Trevor Dawson

Ushers:

Kathy Cole, Lorey and Carolyn White

Worship Leader:

Tim McBride

Money Counters:

Annette Kilby, Susan Bales



Steeple Views

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Vision Statement: "First Baptist Church Monroe exists to Love God, Love Within, and Love Beyond"

The Gift of An Anthem

Since this past Sunday's worship service, several FBC church family have asked for the words of the anthem written by Logan Williams. He shared that the anthem was born out of an email correspondence we had last November, which you'll find printed below:

Good evening, Dr. Dawson: (Sunday, November 7, 2021)

I apologize for emailing so late. I have a question regarding our mission statement "Love God, Love Within, Love Be

I would like to know what this statement means to you in your own opinion. It can be the message as a whole, you can divide it into 3 parts, and you can be as long or short as you want with your response. I cannot explain the details just yet on why I need this information; however, if you could respond sometime next week that would be great. Have a good night.

Logan Williams

Logan, (Monday, November 8, 2021)

Thanks for the question. It's based off of scripture and the Jewish Shema reminding God's people to love God with heart, mind and strength and love neighbor as yourself. As Christ-followers, everything we do and everything we are should focus on our love for God, who demands it of our entire being: Loving (

Out of that love for God, we MUST grow in our own faith to become more like Him, and if we don't love who we are in Christ, then we're limited in how we can love others; so, growing in our faith, maturing in our walk with Christ is Loving Within.

And since Jesus commands us to love others, we must take the gospel to the world by engaging in ministry that God's expects us to do and share that love and message to the world, which equals Loving Beyond.

Let me know if you need any more clarification on that. Have a great week.

Chris

Kathy has added the anthem in this week's Steeple Views (see below) for your viewing pleasure. You can always go to the FBC Monroe website, www.fbcmonroenc.com, and locate the Livestreamed worship service from May 22 and follow along while looking at the words from the sheet music. I pray you enjoyed and will enjoy the anthem as much as I did.

Grace & Peace,

Chris

Anthem

Love God, Love Within, Love Beyond

By Logan Williams

Love God with our hearts and soul, mind and strength,
And treat thy neighbor as yourself.
We must grow in faith to become more like Him.
If we don't love who we are in Christ, then we are limited.
Everything we do, everything we are
Should focus on God, on our love for God.
Jesus commands us to love others.
We must share that love and the message to all the world.
Love God, Love Within, and Love Beyond.
Amen.