



STEEPLE VIEWS

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Current

Community Needs

Community Shelter

The local Community Shelter provides food, emergency shelter and rehousing to neighbors experiencing hunger and homelessness in our county. This need has grown dramatically during the Covid-19 crisis! Their current need is for pantry food & items such as:

- Canned tuna & chicken**
- Individual packs of sugar & creamer**
- Peanut butter & jelly**
- Pop-top cans of ravioli, spaghetti, etc.**
- Clorox wipes**
- Bread**

Take donations to the “donations door” at the Shelter between 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

If you wish to make a financial contribution, go to their website and click on **Donate**, or mail a check to them at 160 Meadow Street, Monroe 28110.

Atrium Health - Monroe

Current need is for:

- Cards of encouragement for workers**
- Individually wrapped snacks**
- Headbands with buttons**
- Cloth masks**

These items can be brought by the church and left in the Gathering Area.

Thank you to our church family for reaching out and **Loving God, Loving Within, and Loving Beyond** in helping with these needs!



JOIN WITH PASTOR JOSH FOR

VIRTUAL COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Thursday Mornings in May at 9 AM, via Zoom Web Meeting

Josh Owens will be facilitating this event each Thursday at 9:00 AM by Zoom. Discussion will be on the book of Lamentations. You can download the Zoom app and then use the following Meeting ID for each session: 976 2647 6091. You can also use the following link for each of these meeting: <https://wingate.zoom.us/j/97626476091>. The Book of Lamentations can help each of us during this time of challenge and mourning for so much that we have lost. Join Pastor Josh each week for coffee & conversation!

2020 Grads!

First Baptist would like to recognize both high school and college graduates. Parents, if you have a son or daughter graduating this year, please call or email the church office. A list of graduates will be published in the newsletter within the next few weeks.

Loving Beyond Through CBF



CBF just launched “Giving Tuesday Now” — a global day of generosity to provide funds for relief for people impacted by the physical and economic impact of Covid-19. Your gift to CBF’s Coronavirus Emergency Relief Fund will provide food and urgently needed items for the vulnerable families CBF serves here in the US and around the world. Examples of what your gift can do include:

\$25: box of food — \$35: box of diapers — \$40: box of hygiene items

\$150: emergency medical care for 1 person — \$300: a truck to transport food to remote areas

Your gifts will be put to work immediately by CBF field personnel here in the US and around the world. You can donate online at www.cbf.net/covidrelief or send a check to the church office marked CBF Relief.



The Worship of God

Sunday, May 10, 11:00 a.m.

Worship via Facebook

Worship Leaders

*Dr. Chris Dawson, Rev. Josh Owens
Beth Adams*

Dear God,

I pray that you give me the strength to forge ahead in life and fulfill the destiny that you have placed in front of me.

Sunday Worship

May 10 Livestreaming Worship

Opening Music	Beth Adams
Words of Welcome	Dr. Dawson
Call to Worship	Rev. Owens
Worship through Music	Beth Adams
Psalm Reading: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16	Rev. Owens
Prayer for the People	Dr. Dawson
Lord's Prayer	
Special Music	Beth Adams
Sermon Text: John 14:1-14	Dr. Dawson
Words of Encouragement	Dr. Dawson
Prayer	Dr. Dawson
The Stewardship of Tithing	Dr. Dawson
Benediction	Dr. Dawson

Prayer Concerns

Katherine Cox - Ken Murray - Joy Shute - Al Kessel
Cathy Thompson - Lorey White
Melody Hawkins and family in the death of her 11-year old nephew, Blake Mahoney
Terry Bollick, cousin of Larry Tuggle
Brother of Denise Hopper with Covid-19
Mary Pettus, sister of Emily Massey
Shari Sierk, daughter of Neal and Susie Hinson
Kevin Casner, son of Ray and Gerry Casner
Church leadership as they begin preparing for the 2020-2021 church year
All those affected by Covid-19

Facts & Figures:

Sunday, May 3, 2020

Weekly Budget Requirements	\$ 8,040
Budget Receipts	\$ 6,012
Budget Receipts to Date	\$ 269,225
Expenses to Date	\$ 252,783



I am pleased to announce that funds are available to distribute scholarship grants from the R. Spence and Annie Lee Smith Helms Scholarship Fund for the 2020-2021 school year. College students of families who are members of First Baptist Church of Monroe can apply. Applications are now available in the church office, and the completed application should be returned to the church office by June 1.

— Joel Myers, Treasurer



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