



# STEEPLE VIEWS

First Baptist Church • Monroe • North Carolina

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## Deacon *Ordination* Service

**Morning Worship this  
Sunday, September 18**  
Candidate: *Stephanie McManus*

### Whole Armor Christian Center

will be using our Sanctuary this coming  
Sunday, September 18 at 2:30 p.m.  
for a Baptismal Service  
Their church does not currently  
have a baptistry  
Pastor Chris will be acting as host for  
First Baptist

### Memorials ...

**In memory of:** By Mr. and Mrs. Larry Tuggle in  
memory of Dr. Ken Murray, Jessie Purnell, and  
Mary Akers. By Mr. and Mrs. Ken Handy in  
memory of Cheyenne Handy.

**In honor of:** By Mr. and Mrs. Larry Tuggle in  
honor of Ann Bailes, Mr. and Mrs. Carol Baker,  
Kathy Cole, and Jim Griffin

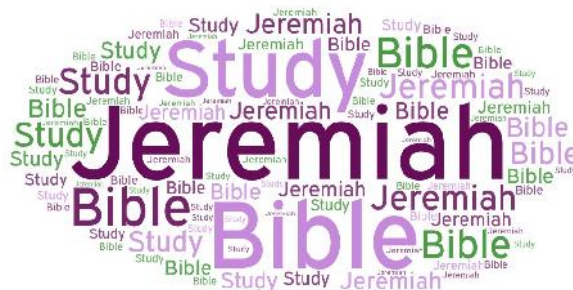
### Address Change ...

Pauline Funderburk is now at Woodridge. If you  
would like to send her cards or notes, please mail  
them to:

Pauline Funderburk  
1317 Forest Bluff Dr  
Midland NC 28107



**Children's Movie Night**  
**Friday, September 23**  
**6:30 p.m., Family Life Center**  
**Featuring:**  
**The Disney Movie, "LUCA"**  
Children can bring a friend!



**Join with Tim McBride as he leads a  
study on Jeremiah the four  
Wednesday evenings in  
October at 6:30 p.m. in Room 214**

### Loving Beyond Event ...

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help  
provide a meal for the five Monroe fire station  
on September 19.

Those who are bringing food are asked to have it  
at the church between 5:00 and 5:30. Those who  
have volunteered to deliver the meals are asked  
to be at the church at 5:30 to deliver them at 6:00.  
Thank you for letting Monroe firemen know they  
are appreciated for their service!

## "Spending Daily Time With God in His Word"

This scripture readings for September 17-23 are as follows:

**September 17** - Isaiah 25:1-28:13; Galatians 3:10-22; Psalm 61:1-8; Proverbs 23:17-18

**September 18** - Isaiah 28:14-30:11; Galatians 3:23-4:31; Psalm 62:1-12; Proverbs 23:19-21

**September 19** - Isaiah 30:12-33:12; Galatians 5:1-12; Psalm 63:1-11; Proverbs 23:22

**September 20** - Isaiah 33:13-36:22; Galatians 5:13-26; Psalm 64:1-10; Proverbs 23:23

**September 21** - Isaiah 37:1-38:22; Galatians 6:1-18; Psalm 65:1-13; Proverbs 23:24

**September 22** - Isaiah 39:1-41:16; Ephesians 1:1-23; Psalm 66:1-20; Proverbs 23:25-28

**September 23** - Isaiah 41:17-43:13; Ephesians 2:1-22; Psalm 67:1-7; Proverbs 23:29-35

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, September 18

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

### Monday, September 19

5:30 pm Deliver Food to Monroe Fire Stations

### Wednesday, September 21

6:00 pm Children & Families Dinner - FLC  
 6:30 pm Children's Discipleship  
 Adult Discipleship - Room 214  
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir - Choir Room

### Friday, September 23

6:30 pm Children's Movie Night - FLC



Carol Baker - Jon and Katie Mackay - Jimmy Totty  
 Ed Varney - Vivian Pell - Phyllis Overton  
 The family of Mary Akers in her death  
 Carrier Hargett  
 Jerry Boyer, brother of Julie Laytham  
 Jack Hinson, brother of Nancy Thomas  
 MaryAnn Clifton, aunt of Mike Knight  
 Mike McBride, brother of Tim McBride  
 Shirley Clanton, friend of Frances Knight  
 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, September 11, 2022

|                                  |    |        |
|----------------------------------|----|--------|
| Weekly Budget Requirements ..... | \$ | 6,780  |
| Budget Receipts .....            | \$ | 8,936  |
| Budget Receipts to Date .....    | \$ | 15,208 |
| Expenses to Date .....           | \$ | 12,172 |

## Worship September 18 - 10:30 a.m.

|  |                              |
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| Words of Welcome                             | Dr. Chris Dawson             |
| Call to Worship                              | Dr. Chris Dawson             |
| Centering Music: "We Will Glorify"           |                              |
| Deacon Ordination                            | Candidate: Stephanie McManus |
| 1st Lectionary Reading: Psalm 79:1-9         | Stephanie McManus            |
| Hymn: "Come, Thou Almighty King"             |                              |
| 2nd Lectionary Reading: I Timothy 2: 1-7     | Carolyn White                |
| Sharing Prayer Concerns                      | Carolyn White                |
| A Moment of Prayer                           |                              |
| Prayer for the People                        | Carolyn White                |
| Lord's Prayer                                |                              |
| Hymn: "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"              |                              |
| Children's Worship                           | Ann Handy                    |
| Instrumental Anthem                          | Beth Adams                   |
| Greet Stranger, Neighbor and Friend          |                              |
| Sermon Text: Luke 16: 1-13                   | Dr. Chris Dawson             |
| Sermon                                       | Dr. Chris Dawson             |
| Prayer                                       | Dr. Chris Dawson             |
| Hymn: "Living for Jesus a Life That Is True" |                              |
| Stewardship of Tithing and Fellowship        |                              |
| Musical Benediction                          |                              |
| Closing Voluntary                            | Beth Adams                   |

## This Week's Committees

### Livestreaming Equipment for Worship:

Alvin Kilby

### Nursery:

Sara Cowan

### Ushers:

Tom and Ruby Coffey, Don Haver, Dannie Tuggle

### Worship Leader:

Carolyn White

### Children's Worship Leader:

Ann Handy

### Money Counter:

Patti Duncan



## Steeple Views

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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

# September Board Reports

## Board of Trustees

The Trustees met September 13<sup>th</sup> for the first meeting of the new church year. A review of the finances for the year ending August 2022 showed a deficit for the year of only \$851. The church family has been faithful and generous in their support of the church and we are grateful!

Several items were approved by the board, including the removal and donation of the white freezer in the kitchen, purchase and installation by Fred Starkey of recessed lighting over the Chancel Choir area in the Sanctuary, a Mission Board request to install a box for free books and a box for free food on the Houston Street side of the church campus, and a request by the Preschool for a free-standing mud kitchen in the Parker Street playground with the placement site to be approved by the Trustees. The board also approved replacement carpet for the parlor.

The Trustees are tasked with the upkeep of the facilities and are looking at areas that need a 'facelift' in the coming months. We are honored to serve the church and welcome your input!

Annette Kilby, Chair

## Board of Deacons

The Board of Deacons met on Wednesday, September 7. The meeting opened with a devotion on prayer and a suggestion. The suggestion was for the deacons to have a monthly prayer focus. The September prayer focus will be the Stranger to Neighbor Ministry. The planning for this ministry begins this month. Deacons were encouraged to choose a time each week to pray specifically for this new ministry.

Next, the minutes from the August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

In Old Business, the Worship Leader sign-up sheet for September-November was distributed, and deacons were asked to complete and mail their deacon family welcome notes before the October meeting.

In New Business, each deacon chose a month to share the devotion, and communion dates were discussed. We also reviewed important September church happenings, especially Stephanie McManus' ordination on September 18.

Finally, the deacons gave updates on their deacon families.

The meeting closed with this verse from James 5:16, *The prayer of a good person has a powerful effect.*

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila London, Chair

## Board of Missions

On September 7, the Mission Board met and discussed upcoming Loving Beyond Missions. One of the first will be focused on providing a meal for the 5 Monroe fire stations. It is scheduled for September 19. With wonderful volunteers, we are able to provide lasagna, tossed salad, bread, dessert and tea. The Board also voted to donate \$500 for the fundraiser event for the Crisis Pregnancy Center. The Board members are in the process of putting together another Market event for the Cotton Street residents that will include hotdogs, baked beans, chips and dessert. This will take place at the end of October with details to be announced around the first of October. The residents really appreciated the last Market event with the ice cream truck, too.

We continue to collect hygiene items (deodorant, soap, wash cloths, toothpaste/toothbrushes, feminine products, travel size hand sanitizer, and socks) for Project God. There is a container in the Gathering Area for donations.

With Christmas being just around the corner, the Board is starting to put together a Loving Beyond event with Pruitt Health Facility. Please be in prayer for this upcoming mission.

The Food Pack mission for Rock Rest Elementary will continue this year. We are now in the third week of delivering the packs on Tuesdays. The number of food packs needed has gone from 30, to 50, and now 55. **Thank you** to all that have committed to packing and delivering the food to the children each week. **You help** make this Loving Beyond ministry a success!

Respectfully,

The Mission Board



## Stranger to Neighbor Ministry

Dr. Daynette Snead Perez was serving as pastor alongside a refugee congregation when she founded DIASPRA, an intercultural-focused ministry dedicated to equip the church for unity in faith.

Her authentic experiences with people from all walks of life guides church leadership and congregations from the Great Commission to ministry in action. She transforms local churches from sameness to how to grow intercultural relationships for outstanding discipleship outreach. Dr. Snead Perez lives in Charlotte with her husband. Visit [DIASPRA.com](http://DIASPRA.com) for more bio information.

Dr. Perez provides leadership in helping a church family, like FBC Monroe, to embark on a journey and really discover what it means to follow Jesus and grow His beloved community. The bullet points below give a snap shot on what we hope to accomplish on this journey.

### A Scripturally-Based Resource for Congregations Seeking Unity in Faith

- Discover what to do when everyone in church is just like you.
- Learn how to reach across cultural boundaries for Christ.
- Equip the congregation to grow diverse community relationships.
- Discover new actions to evaluate every ministry in the church.
- Learn how Jesus's questions can grow an inclusive church community.

Equip your church for unity in faith with a Gospel-centered approach.

Please continue to pray for the FBC Monroe church family to hear God's voice in this process and we would be willing to be led by the Holy Spirit every step of the way.

Come Catch  
**CHRIS!!**

As this FBC Monroe church family begins the Stranger to Neighbor ministry, one idea suggested was for me to provide an opportunity for strangers to our fellowship to meet me in a more casual and informal setting, but it will also be a time for anyone to join me at different venues in and around Monroe.

So, the first Tuesday of every month, I'll plant myself at a local restaurant or meeting place, from 5:4 – 6:30 p.m. I plan to personally invite new folks that I meet on Sundays, before and after worship, as well as making announcements from the pulpit; plus it will be printed in the Steeple Views the week prior to the first Tuesday of each month

I'm excited to see how this ministry opportunity will transform relationships from strangers into neighbors, who will eventually become friends and fellow sojourners on this faith journey to Love God, Love Within, and Love Beyond that ALL might experience God's love through our actions.

Peace and Love,

Pastor Chris



Mark your calendars for the  
**Annual Fall Barbecue**

Friday, October 21, 5:30 p.m.  
Family Life Center  
Details forthcoming!

### *Welcome ...*

We welcome Destini Sowell as our newest Choral Scholar from Wingate University! Currently we have five scholars for this church year

### **An Invitation ...**

Kathleen Prevost, organist and music director at St. Paul's Episcopal Church (located on Church Street), has issued an invitation to our congregation to join them on the third Sunday of each month for a good old-fashioned Hymn Sing. It will be held at their church at 12:30 p.m., so their next sing will be this coming Sunday. They do ask that you bring a finger food to share.