



STEEPLE VIEWS

First Baptist Church • Monroe • North Carolina

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Rejoice!

First Baptist Church will
 Reopen on
Sunday, September 12
 with
Congregational Singing
Anthems by the Chancel Choir
Communion
Worship Bulletins
Ushers/Greeters
Children's Worship

Please remember that masks are required as you enter and exit the Sanctuary
 When seated you can remove your mask, if you so choose
 You are asked, however, during congregational singing to wear your mask
 Hand sanitizing stations will be available, and you are asked to please practice social distancing

Discipleship Study Opportunities for 2021-2022

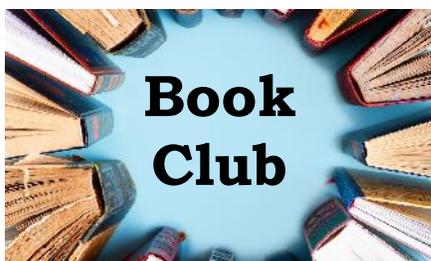
Below is a list of possible study opportunities for the coming church year. Your input is needed. Please call or email the church office giving your choice or choices of the studies you would be interested in. Teachers and times will be determined at a later date.

1. **The Chosen Study**
2. **10 Ways to be More like Jesus**
3. **Psalms Bible Study**
4. **God in Pictures**
5. **Daniel Tree Workshop**
6. **God's Gift of Painting**
7. **Bible/Book Study**
8. **Loving Beyond Mission Event**

Thank you

Dear Church Family:
 Our family appreciated all the food, cards, calls, donations to church and visits received after the death of our mother, Audrey. Mother loved her church family. Thank you for your kindness and support during this sad time.

— Susan Bales, Steve Bales and family



The Faith in Fiction Book Club begins their monthly meetings again on Monday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center
 They invite you to join them as they review and discuss Ken Follett's book **"The Evening and the Morning"**



Leaders are needed for age 3-9 Children's Worship, which will begin soon in Room 301 (Worship & Wonder Room). If you would be interested in leading the children during the morning worship hour, please meet with Pastor Chris Wednesday, September 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.



This Friday, September 3, 2:30-7:00 PM
Family Life Center

To make an appointment, please visit RedCrossBlood.org

The Drive is being sponsored by First Baptist and the Greater Monroe Lions Club

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 5

10:30 am Morning Worship -Sanctuary/Facebook

Monday, September 6

Church Offices Closed

Wednesday, September 8

7:30 pm Chancel Choir - Choir Room

Friday and Saturday, September 10 and 11

9:30 am Quilting Retreat - Family Life Center



Ken Murray - Libby Totty

Emily Massey - Ray Sowder - Joy Shute
Chris Dawson and family in the death of his father,
Sherrill Dawson

Joe and Denice Harris and family in the death of
their daughter, Lindsay Harris

The family of Mary Wade in her death
Scottie Dinkins, mother of Scott Dinkins
Bill Thaxton, friend of Eddie & Vivian Roberts
Candace Guerrero, friend of Don Haver
Dr. Joel Penegar, brother of Max Penegar
Emma Hemphill, family member of Chris Dawson

Suzanne Jewell Unruh, daughter of Judy Jewell
Daniel Mackay, brother of Jonathan Mackay
Connell O'Neill, son of Tex and Eleanor O'Neill
Kevin Casner, son of Ray and Gerry Casner
All those affected by Covid-19

Facts & Figures:

Sunday, August 29, 2021

Weekly Budget Requirements	\$	7,856
Budget Receipts	\$	6,562
Budget Receipts to Date	\$	360,833
Expenses to Date	\$	346,595

Worship September 5 10:30 a.m.

Opening Music	Beth Adams
Words of Welcome	Dr. Dawson
A Moment of Prayer	
Call to Worship	Dr. Dawson
Opening Hymn: "Open My Eyes, That I May See"	Beth Adams
Scripture Reading: James 2: 1-17	Vickie Tuggle
Prayer for the People	Vickie Tuggle
Lord's Prayer	
Anthem	
Sermon Text: Mark 7: 24-37	Dr. Dawson
Words of Encouragement	Dr. Dawson
Prayer	Dr. Dawson
The Stewardship of Tithing	Dr. Dawson
Charge / Blessing / Benediction	Dr. Dawson
Musical Benediction	Beth Adams

This Week's Committees

Livestreaming Equipment for Worship:

Trevor Dawson

Worship Leaders:

Vickie Tuggle

Money Counters:

Sheila London



Steeple Views

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

BOARD REPORTS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Trustees met on August 21 after the meeting of all Church Boards. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The financial report was given, including graphs showing the giving record for the last several years. Expected to end this fiscal year with contributions exceeding the budget. Discussion on the need for the church to consider several improvements for the immediate future followed.

The Clerk's report showed the loss of three members due to death. Membership is now 555.

The Building and Grounds report was given. It was reported that the issues with the basement water has been corrected. Approval was given to install a ceiling fan in the Parlor. Bids are currently being taken for the removal of a tree located on the front lawn.

The Board approved a request to allow the use of the courtyard by the Art Walk Event on October 8 and 9 for the display of art by local artists. "Voices of NC", previously called Monroe Children's Choir, will once again use the choir room for rehearsals on Mondays, and the Sanctuary for performances. They were also granted permission to have a yard sale at the church on October 16. The Trustees discussed the possible sale of the bus due to the lack of use, lack of drivers, and the ongoing expenses. After much discussion, the Board approved this proposal, but will take the motion to the church membership for a final decision.

The Chair thanked the Board for their support and dedication as Trustees and recognized the next Chair, Nathan Hopper. The floor was opened for nominations for a Vice-Chair for the coming year. Annette Kilby was nominated and unanimously elected Vice-Chair.

Respectfully,

Gene Herrell, Chair

Board of Missions

On August 18, ten members of our congregation, along with Ginger Walls from Heart for Monroe, went door-to-door delivering food bags and praying with the residents of the Cotton Street Senior Living Apartments. I can tell you from my personal experience, those of us who participated received a bigger blessing from talking and praying with the residents than they received from the small bag of groceries we delivered. We plan to make this an ongoing ministry, and I hope that more of you will join us next time.

Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies for the Union County Human Services "School Supplies Drive". The items were delivered to UCHS and we received a phone call from Gloria Haney thanking you for your generous contributions.

We made our first delivery of food packs to Rock Rest Elementary School for this school year on August 18.

If you are interested in helping pack or deliver bags, please contact one of the Mission Board members.

At the All Boards Retreat, members of the Missions Board voted to send donations to the following: Loaves and Fishes, Union County Community Shelter, Crisis Assistance Ministry, Ground 40 Ministry, Health Quest (in memory of Dr. Gary Jewell), Bringing Miracles, Turning Point (in honor of Julie Laytham), FBC Benevolence Fund, and to Haiti Earthquake Relief.

A thank you was extended to Board members rotating off, and welcome was extended to those recently elected for a three-year term.

New officers were elected ... Crystal Brantley, Chair, and Debby McBride, Vice-Chair.

Respectfully,

Ruby Coffey

Board of Deacons

August 1 was the August deacon meeting. It was a picnic for the current deacons and the four members coming on the board September 1 and their families. It was a time of joyful fellowship outside enjoying the vast array of God's magnificent creation of our earth. Deacon family assignments were given to our 2022 deacons. All were reminded of the upcoming deacon ordination to be Sunday, August 15 and those being ordained — Carol Findley, Julie Laytham, Fred Starkey. The picnic provided the opportunity to learn more about each other and unite as an even stronger board.

August 21, the deacon breakout session of the All Boards meeting will serve as our September meeting. Vickie Tuggle, the vice-chair for 2020-2021, will become chair September 1 for 2021-2022 church year.

Following officers were elected: Sheila London, Vice-chair; Carol Findley, secretary. Committee chair appointments were made. Communion is being planned for September 12.

Deacons will be meeting the first Sunday of each month at 4:00 p.m. beginning October 3.

Worship leaders to assist with Sunday morning worship will be from members of the board of deacons and other church members.

The deacon board is undertaking an outreach to those in our congregation grieving from the loss of a spouse, a child, a parent with the use of a set of books titled, **Journeying Through Grief**. Some have begun receiving these books.

Each deacon meeting will include a brief training session based on the book, **Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart**. Deacons are mailing (or hand delivering) notes to their deacon families. Many of you have already heard from your deacon. If you haven't received contact in some form informing you who your deacon is with contact information card by September 7, please contact the church office (704-283-8534).

Please contact your deacon for **any** concern, prayer request, specific need and joy, yes joy. We would share your happy moments with you, too.

Respectfully,

Vickie Tuggle, Deacon Chair

From the FBC Event Committee

The Event Committee (Lisa Davis, Hostess and Chair, Kathy Cole, Annette Kilby, Libby Totty, and Carolyn White) is in hopes of having 4 or 5 fellowship meals during the coming church year. This will include two or three after worship lunches and several cookouts. Most of the food will be catered for the lunches, with some of the men preparing the hamburgers and hotdogs for the cookouts. Cost will be kept to a minimum ... \$5.00 to \$7.00 for those age 12 and up, \$3.00 for those age 6 to 11, and free for those 5 and under. Please be assured that everything will be done to protect our members from viruses. Tables and utensils will be sanitized, masks required except while eating, hand sanitizers will be available, tables set for 6 people instead of 8, etc.

The Committee is looking for ways to "***Love Within and Love Beyond.***" They feel that the meals will be a way of loving within through providing opportunities to enjoy good food and fellowship. Since the purpose of these meals is to provide a time of fellowship for those attending, carry-outs will not be available. If you are asked to bring a dessert or a salad, please feel free to take your leftovers home. But, as a way of "***Loving Beyond***", all leftover food purchased by the church will be taken to the Community Shelter or Operation Reachout to share with people in our community who are in need and in support of these two ministries. If you would like to donate your leftovers, one of the committee members will be available at the table to box it up.

The Committee also has a few guidelines for anyone using the kitchen facilities and Family Life Center. These include:

- Remove all items from the tables and please wipe them down
- Remove all food from the kitchen and refrigerator
- Clean all kitchen items that were used and return them to their proper place
- Remove all trash and take to the dumpster, and place new trash bags in the trash cans
- Wipe down all surfaces that were used in the kitchen
- Make sure sinks are clean and free of food particles
- Take used dish cloths/towels home, clean them, and return them to the kitchen

Thank you!

If you have questions, please contact Lisa Davis.

Memorials Received

In memory of: Given by Jean Duck in memory of Lindsay Harris and Mary Wade. By Mr. and Mrs. Larry Tuggle in memory of Sherrill Dawson and Mary Wade. By Carol Tyson and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Kilby in memory of Mary Wade. By Dr. and Mrs. Ken Murray in memory of Audrey Bales and Patti Simpson. By Mr. and Mrs. Tex O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Garry Hammett, Amy Taylor, Anna Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Dodd, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stegall, Dr. and Mrs. Byrns Coleman, and Meg Inman in memory of Audrey Bales. By Mr. and Mrs. Tom Coffey, Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Rains, Nancy Thomas, and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Nance in memory of Sherrill Dawson. By Mr. and Mrs. John Hendley, Kay Brewer, and Raymond James in memory of Al Kessel. By Dr. and Mrs. Jimmy Taylor in memory of Mary Wade, Sherrill Dawson, and Lindsay Harris. By Gerri Kessel in memory of Audrey Bales, Patti Simpson, and Sherrill Dawson. By Mr. and Mrs. Lorey White in memory of Lindsay Harris, Sherrill Dawson, Audrey Bales, and Mary Wade. By Mr. and Mrs. Gene Herrell in memory of Sherrill Dawson, Lindsay Harris and Mary Wade. By Mr. and Mrs. Ken Handy in memory of Mary Wade and Lindsay Harris. By Sheila London in memory of Sherrill Dawson and Audrey Bales. By Frances Vaughan and Dot Bates in memory of Sherrill Dawson, Mary Wade, Lindsay Harris and Al Kessel.

In honor of: By Nancy Thomas in honor of Libby Totty. By Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Kilby in honor of the Chris Dawson family. By Mr. and Mrs. Larry Tuggle in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Latham. By Frances Vaughan and Dot Bates in honor of Libby Totty, Katherine Cox, Dr. and Mrs. Ken Murray and Ann Handy.

Quilting Retreat

Friday & Saturday, September 10 & 11
9:30 AM in the
Family Life Center

If you enjoy sewing, you are invited to join the Sew Faithful Ministry Team. Many of their quilts are donated to ministries! For more information or to make reservations, contact Kiki Myers or Carol Findley.



The Chancel Choir will now be rehearsing every Wednesday at 7:30 PM. If you enjoy singing, you are invited to join them each week in the Choir Room!