



# STEEPLE VIEWS

First Baptist Church • Monroe • North Carolina

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Join us for our next fellowship lunch on Sunday, October 20 following worship

**Menu:**

barbecue, potato casserole, baked beans slaw, bread and desserts

**Cost:**

\$10 for ages 12 & up; \$5.00 for ages 6-11 free for those 5 and under

**Reservations:**

Sign up in worship, or call/email the church office by Tuesday, October 1!

## Faith in Fiction Book Club

Book Club members will review and discuss David Payne’s book, *Back to Wando Passo* at their meeting on Monday, October 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center You are invited to join them!

## Calling All Singers!

Anyone who enjoys singing is invited to join the Monroe Community Chorus in preparation for the presentation of *“This Is Christmas”*. Rehearsals begin on Monday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room at First Presbyterian and will continue each Monday. No auditions are required. For additional information, contact Al Cousins at [atcousinscrowd@comcast.net](mailto:atcousinscrowd@comcast.net)

## October Prayer Focus

### Strength — Loving God

During October, we’re joining together before God to pray for strength as we embark on this Helping Churches Thrive journey (HCT).

Each of us reaches the end of our own strength at some point. Case in point is the devastation in Western North Carolina and all other states hit hard by Hurricane Helene. It’s difficult to have faith when there’s no water or power or in some cases, food.

As we have our first HCT Church Family Conversation at the end of this month, we have to ask ourselves, what does it mean to THRIVE and how can we help others along the way.

This is why it’s critical to ask God daily to fill with His strength! We can also pray for others, who are feeling weak and exhausted, to receive God’s strength.

## Intergenerational Bible Study Wednesday, October 9 6:30 PM - Room 308

**Half-Truths Topic:**

**“God Helps Those Who Help Themselves”**

Study facilitated by Matt Dinkins

JOIN US!

## Fellowship Meal Fundraiser

The Fellowship Meal Youth Fundraiser that was scheduled for this past Sunday has been rescheduled for this coming Sunday

If you made reservations, they still apply However, if you did not make reservations and would like to attend, just plan on joining us Sunday ... we have plenty of food!!!

Cost is a donation of your choice which will benefit FBC Youth Ministrie



Thousands upon thousands of people have been affected by the devastating floods in west North Carolina. CBFNC is putting forth an effort to help. Right now they are asking for prayer not only for victims, but for first response local leaders, and those helping in all aspects of the recovery. They are also asking for donations. If you would like to help through CBFNC, go to <https://cbfnc.org/give/>. Select “Disaster Response” in the dropdown menu when asked where to direct your support.

Recovery will be long-term. Thank you for helping!



Continue praying for God’s blessings on our leadership team and for the church!

## Facts & Figures:

### Sunday, September 29, 2024

Weekly Budget Requirements .....	\$	6,875
Budget Receipts .....	\$	725
Budget Receipts to Date .....	\$	12,965
Expenses to Date .....	\$	28,404

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## Sunday, October 6

9:30 am Bible Fellowship - Room 308  
 10:30 am Morning Worship - Sanctuary/Facebook

## Wednesday, October 9

6:00 pm Children & Families Dinner - FLC  
 6:30 pm Children's Music  
 Intergenerational Bible Study - Room 308  
 6:45 pm Children's Discipleship Time  
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir - Choir Room

## Thursday, October 10

6:30 pm Showing of *The Chosen* - FLC

## Friday and Saturday, October 11 and 12

9:30 am Quilting Retreat - Family Life Center



Dean Baskins - Josh Handy - Joe Harris  
 Martha Nance - Vivian Roberts - Ruby Coffey  
 The family of Tim Harrell in the death of his father,  
 Curtis Harrell  
 Joel Penegar, brother of Max Penegar  
 Charles Penegar, brother of Max Penegar  
 Sam Goodwin, father of Sally Goodwin  
 All those affected by Hurricane Helene  
 For peace between Ukraine and Russia  
 For peace to take hold in the Middle East

## Memorials ...

**In memory of:** By Mr. and Mrs. Lorey White in memory of Arnold Mills. By Irene Ward in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Carol Baker and Arnold Mills.

**In honor of:** By Mr. and Mrs. Ken Handy in honor of Aiden Hartman and Liam Hartman.

## Worship - October 6

10:30 AM

Words of Welcome	Dr. Chris Dawson
Call to Worship	Dr. Chris Dawson
Gathering Music: "I Will Call Upon the Lord"	
Scripture: Psalm 124	Dr. Chris Dawson
Hymn: "Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound"	
Scripture: James 5: 13-20	Harvey Whitley
Sharing of Prayer Concerns	Harvey Whitley
Prayer for the People	Harvey Whitley
Lord's Prayer	
Hymn: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"	
Centering Piece: "In the Name of the Lord"	Choir
Sermon Text: Mark 9: 38-50	Dr. Chris Dawson
Sermon	Dr. Chris Dawson
Prayer	Dr. Chris Dawson
Ordinance of Communion	
Stewardship of Tithing and Fellowship	
Sending Song: "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"	
Closing Voluntary	Elaine Potter

## This Week's Committees

**Livestreaming Equipment for Worship:**  
 Trevor Dawson

**Nursery:** Ruby Coffey

**Ushers:** Carol Findley, Sheila London, Joel Myers

**Lay Leader:** Harvey Whitley

**Money Counter:** Sheila London



## Steeple Views

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

## Quarterly Church Meeting — September 25, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Harvey Whitley and Dr. Chris Dawson opened with prayer.

The Treasurer's report was given by Joel Myers. He presented the Financial Summary as of August 31, 2024, and for the twelve-month, September 2023 through August 2024. Mr. Myers pointed out the Expenses were \$6,828 more than the Total Revenues. This was primarily due to the Operations and Building Maintenance of \$11,511. The breakdown of this is an increase in Utilities, Insurance, Building Repair and Maintenance and other expenses. Mr. Myers pointed out that the Preschool gave the Church \$5,550 and the Mission Board gave back to the Church \$5,100.

Following the Financial Report was the Church Clerk, Crystal Brantley. Ms. Brantley reported that The Church now has a total membership of 313. She reported for this quarter that our new members that joined by either Faith or Baptism included Tami Hinson, Lost by Death included JT Nance and Arnold Mills and Lost by Letter was Ernie and Catherine Hinson, Donald Skinner, Alvin and Annette Kilby.

Next on the Agenda was the Reports from the Boards.

The Board of Trustee Report was from Dr. Chris Dawson (Carolyn White was not able to attend). Dr Dawson spoke about the leaking in the Steeple. Ken Handy has reached out to a Company called Higher Ground Restoration, Owner is Marty Quinn. A Crane will have to be rented for around \$3,600 for Mr. Quinn, but hopefully this will all be taken care of with one trip. Dr. Dawson also wanted to recognize Ken Handy and Allan Williams for their repair work. The next item was Columbarium – Angel. The Trustee voted to remove the angel and possibly replace with something in the future. Lastly, a couple of organizations has reached out for First Baptist Church to partnership with them that would take part in them using the Kitchen. Dr. Dawson asked for us to be in Prayer concerning this.

The next report was from the Board of Missions, Ruby Coffey. This year the Mission Board continues to prepare and deliver Food Packs weekly to students at Rock Rest Elementary. The current count is 31 students. Mrs. Coffey asked if anyone would like to help with packing and deliver weekly to please sign up in the hall beside the office or call the office. The Mission Board will be participating again this year with the Angel Christmas Tree for Pruitt. Mrs. Coffey also asked to please send in double plastic bags for the food packs.

The next report from the Board of Deacons was given by Dr. Chris Dawson (Melody Hawkins was not able to attend). The Deacons families have been assigned and have been in communication with their families. The first Communion this year will be next Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Dawson asked if anyone who would like to volunteer to help with Worship, please let Melody Hawkins know or the Office. Tom Coffey also added that the Deacons mail to our homebound members a little something each quarter. This quarter the Deacons mailed a card, candy and a small notepad and pen to all the homebound members.

The last of the Reports was about "Helping Churches Thrive" The First Baptist Church Leadership team is Dr. Chris Dawson, Melanie Williams, Tom Coffey, Lisa Dinkins, Connie Harrell, and Ben Potter. Connie Harrell put together a video to illustrate their first meeting and to talk about how First Baptist Church will work together to "THRIVE". There will be Churchwide Conversation, Sunday School Discussion and Worship Focus.

Harvey Whitley asked for a motion to accept the reports. Carol Finley made the motion and Ken Handy 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Dr. Dawson presented a By-Law Change that was presented by the Trustees. *The Treasurer shall hold office for a period of three years and may succeed himself/herself at the end of the term.* No one had any questions. All were in favor and all approved.

Harvey Whitley asked for a motion to adjourn. Bobby Griffin made the motion and Jim Griffin 2<sup>nd</sup>. All agreed and adjourned.

Respectfully

Crystal Brantley, Clerk