



# STEEPLE VIEWS

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The Board of Missions invites you to participate in the CBFNC Disaster Relief Bucket Cleanup Kit ministry by providing the items listed below by Sunday, November 3. Donations may be placed in the marked bin in the Gathering Area. Approximate cost is \$100 per kit. Some items requested will be provided by the Board of Missions. Other requested items include:

- One 32-64 oz. bottle liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-34 oz. bottle of dish soap
- One 4-9 oz. spray air freshener
- One scrub brush (with or without handle)
- 36-50 clothespins
- One 50-100 ft. clothesline (cotton or plastic)
- 24 roll of heavy duty 33-45 gallon trash bags
- Two pair of kitchen gloves (durable)

Benefits residents of Western North Carolina



## Hospice Holiday Auction Friday, November 1 FBC Family Life Center

There will be many great items to bid on. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., with the silent auction beginning at 5:30 and the live auction at 6:00. Food will be available for purchase.

All proceeds benefit patients unable to pay Hospice services.

## 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 23 6:30 PM - Room 308

*Half-Truths Topic:*

*"God Said It, I Believe It, That Settles It"*

Study facilitated by Matt Dinkins

JOIN US!

## 4th Wednesday Lunch Bunch

Everyone is invited to have fellowship and lunch together on Wednesday, October 23 at 11:30 at Gus' Restaurant on Walkup Avenue



To our FBC Monroe Church Family:

I want to thank you all for your contribution to support our youth group at the recent Sunday luncheon. Your generous donations have already helped us purchase the Gaga ball pit our kids have desperately wanted for Wednesday night fellowship. Your donations will also support our upcoming trips in 2025, including a winter retreat to Wilmington, and our summer Passport camp trip to Converse College in Spartanburg. I am so very grateful for your help! I want to give a special word of thanks to our Events Team and all of their support in making the lunch happen. Thanks again!

— Matt Dinkins



A MINISTRY OF CBF NORTH CAROLINA

**Sunday, October 27**

## will be our first Church-wide Conversation concerning Thrive

All members are invited and encouraged to join in on the conversation

Meet in the Family Life Center at 9:00 a.m.

Conversation begins promptly at 9:15

## Facts & Figures:

**Sunday, October 13, 2024**

Weekly Budget Requirements .....	\$	6,875
Budget Receipts .....	\$	8,034
Budget Receipts to Date .....	\$	35,869
Expenses to Date .....	\$	42,152

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## Sunday, October 20

9:30 am Bible Fellowship - Room 308  
 10:30 am Morning Worship - Sanctuary/Facebook  
 11:30 am Fellowship Lunch - Family Life Center

## Wednesday, October 23

11:30 am 4th Wednesday Lunch Bunch - Gus'  
 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 24

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



Dean Baskins - Reggy Gaddy - Joe Harris - Mike Pell  
 Martha Nance - Vivian Roberts - Carol Findley  
 Savannah Britt  
 Peggy Nash, former member  
 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



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

# Worship - October 20, 10:30 AM

Words of Welcome Dr. Chris Dawson  
 Call to Worship Dr. Chris Dawson  
 Gathering Music: "Open the Eyes of My Heart"  
 Anthem: "A Jesus Medley" Children's Choir  
 Scripture: Isaiah 53: 4-12 Dr. Melanie Williams  
 Hymn: "To God Be the Glory"  
 Scripture: Hebrews 5: 1-10 Carol Findley  
 Sharing of Prayer Concerns Carol Findley  
 Prayer for the People Carol Findley  
 Lord's Prayer  
 Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision"  
 Children's Worship Ann Handy  
 Greet Stranger, Neighbor and Friend  
 Choral Response: "Lord, Be Glorified"  
 Centering Piece: "Holy Imagination" Chancel Choir  
 HCT Time of Reflection "What is Thriving?"  
 Sermon Text: Mark 10: 35-45 Dr. Chris Dawson  
 Sermon Dr. Chris Dawson  
 Prayer Dr. Chris Dawson  
 Hymn: "The Servant Song"  
 Stewardship of Tithing and Fellowship  
 Sending Song: "As We Leave"  
 Closing Voluntary Elaine Potter

## This Week's Committees

**Livestreaming Equipment for Worship:**  
 Carolyn White  
**Nursery:** Sara Cowan  
**Ushers:** Ken and Ann Handy, Don Haver, Dannie Tuggle  
**Lay Leader:** Harvey Whitley  
**Children's Worship:** Ann Handy  
**Money Counter:** Patti Duncan



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