



STEEPLE VIEWS

First Baptist Church • Monroe • North Carolina

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**Thursday, December 19
6:30 p.m. - Sanctuary**

This is a special worship service and time of reflection designed to offer hope for those who are experiencing grief, sadness and/or loneliness during the Christmas season.

If you know of someone who could benefit from this worship service, please invite them.

Join us for a
Church Fellowship
on Sunday, December 29 at
9:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center
— *Sponsored by the Metamorphosis Class* —
Replaces the 5th Sunday Bible Fellowship,
so a Bible Study Lesson will not be taught

Wednesday, January 8

Join us at 6:30 p.m. in the
Family Life Center
as Tom Caldwell leads us in a
Legal Planning Seminar

*The Church Offices will be closed
Christmas Week and on
Wednesday, January 1*



December

Looking for Jesus — Loving God

During December, as we anticipate the 2nd Advent of Jesus, we're praying about our relationship with him. This is one of the most essential subjects of prayer. There's no higher priority than growing closer to Jesus. During this busy season, let's get rid of any distractions, and join together in prayer asking God to help us be His light to the world.



From ...

Pastor Chris

*Melanie Williams. Elaine Potter
Marsha Sexton and Kathy Cole*



***Join us on Christmas Eve at 5:30 p.m.
in the Sanctuary for Worship***

Prayer Requests

Dean Baskins - Reggy Gaddy - Joe Harris
Mike Pell - Josh Handy

Bill Shaw, uncle of Jenna Bailey

Savanah Britt

Gary Clontz

Elliott Atwood, daughter of friends of Brittany Potter

Peggy Nash, former member

Paula Hightower, friend of Kiki Myers

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

Facts & Figures:

Sunday, December 15, 2024

Weekly Budget Requirements	\$	6,875
Budget Receipts	\$	3,976
Budget Receipts to Date	\$	99,654
Expenses to Date	\$	98,010

Worship - December 22
10:30 AM

Words of Welcome Dr. Chris Dawson
 Call to Worship Dr. Chris Dawson
 Gathering Music: *"Light the Light, the Fire of Life"*
 Advent Reading & Lighting of Advent Wreath
 Hymn: *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*
 Scripture: Micah 5: 2-5a Sheila London
 Sharing of Prayer Concerns Sheila London
 Prayer for the People Sheila London
 Lord's Prayer
 Hymn: *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*
 Centering Piece: *"Angel Medley"* Chancel Ringers
 Sermon Text (solo): Luke 1:39-55 Dr. Melanie Williams
 Sermon Dr. Chris Dawson
 Prayer Dr. Chris Dawson
 Hymn: *"Angels We Have Heard on High"*
 Stewardship of Tithing and Fellowship
 Sending Song: *"Hope, Peace, Joy & Love"*
 Closing Voluntary Elaine Potter

Worship - December 29
10:30 AM

Words of Welcome Dr. Chris Dawson
 Call to Worship Dr. Chris Dawson
 Gathering Music: *"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"*
 Scripture: Isaiah 61: 10 - 62:3 Dr. Chris Dawson
 Hymn: *"Arise, Your Light Is Come"*
 Scripture: Galatians 3: 23-25; 4: 4-7 Melody Hawkins
 Sharing of Prayer Concerns Melody Hawkins
 Prayer for the People Melody Hawkins
 Lord's Prayer
 Hymn: *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"*
 Duet: *"Welcome to Our World"* Chris & Michelle Dawson
 Sermon Text: John 1: 1-18 Dr. Chris Dawson
 Sermon Dr. Chris Dawson
 Prayer Dr. Chris Dawson
 Ordinance of Communion
 Stewardship of Tithing and Fellowship
 Sending Song: *"Hope, Peace, Joy & Love"*
 Closing Voluntary Elaine Potter

This Week's Committees

Livestreaming Equipment for Worship:
Carl Hamilton

Nursery: Brittany Potter

Ushers: Kathy Cole, Lorey & Carolyn White

Lay Leader: Sheila London

Money Counter: Susan Bales

This Week's Committees

Livestreaming Equipment for Worship:
Matt McGraw

Nursery: Ruby Coffey

Ushers: Don Haver, Kathy Cole, Melody Hawkins

Lay Leader: Melody Hawkins

Money Counter: Jim Griffu



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



December Anniversaries:

- 17 - Chris and Michelle Dawson
- 28 - Tim and Connie Harrell

December Birthdays:

- 5 - Sophie Austin
 - 14 - Judy Jewell
 - 25 - Barbara Austin
 - 28 - Lisa Dinkins
 - 30 - Sarah Lefebvre
- Peggy Springs

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 22

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

Monday, December 23-Thursday, December 26
Church Offices Closed

Tuesday, December 24

- 5:30 pm Christmas Eve Worship - Sanctuary

Sunday, December 29

- 9:30 am Church Fellowship - Family Life Center
- 10:30 am Morning Worship - Sanctuary/Facebook

Wednesday, January 1

Church Offices Closed



**Remembering
Our Homebound Members**

During this Christmas season, please remember our Homebound members:

- Dean Baskins*
- Mable Bivens*
- Evelyn Cassels*
- Jean Duck*
- Pauline Funderburk*
- Johnny Gregory*
- David Kimbrell*
- Jessie Ruth Litaker*
- Martha Melton*
- Phyllis Overton*
- Joy Shute*
- Dr. Jimmy Taylor*
- Nancy Thomas*
- Libby Totty*
- Claire Trowbridge*
- Pat Turner*

Wednesdays January 15 & 22

Tim McBride will lead a Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center
JOIN US!!

Sanctuary Flowers in 2025

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary for worship during 2025 either in memory or honor of someone, contact the church office

January 2025



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 Church Offices Closed 	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 6:30 pm Legal Planning Seminar, FLC 7:30 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room	9	10 9:30 am Quilting Retreat, FLC	11 9:30 am Quilting Retreat, FLC
12	13	14	15 6:30 pm Bible Study, FLC 7:30 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room	16	17	18
19	20 6:00 pm Faith in Fiction Book Club, Parlor	21 6:30 pm Board of Trustees, Conf. Room	22 11:30 am 4th Wed. Lunch Bunch, TBA 6:30 pm Bible Study, FLC 7:30 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room	23	24	25
26 8:45 am Church-wide Family Conversation on Thrive — <i>Being Flexible</i> , FLC	27	28	29 6:30 pm Quarterly Church Meeting, FLC 7:30 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room	30	31	