



# STEEPLE VIEWS

First Baptist Church • Monroe • North Carolina

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## Church-wide Christmas Lunch and Fellowship

**Sunday, December 3  
immediately following  
Morning Worship in the  
Family Life Center**

**Menu:**

*fried chicken, dressing/gravy, green beans  
mashed potatoes, deviled eggs, salad, desserts*

**Cost:**

\$10 for age 12 and up, \$4.00 for ages 5-11  
free for those age 4 and under

**Reservations:**

Reservations are required  
Sign up in worship or call/email the  
church office by noon on November 27



## November Prayer Focus

### **Thanksgiving — Loving God**

During November, you are invited to pray this prayer of Thanksgiving.

#### **A SIMPLE PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

Thank you, Lord, for the blessings you have given me. You have provided me with more than I could ever have imagined. You have surrounded me with people who always look out for me. You have given me family and friends who bless me every day with kind words and actions. Amen!

**The Church Office:**  
will be closed Wednesday and Thursday,  
November 22 and 23 for the  
Thanksgiving Holiday



## Scriptures in the Storm

**Wednesday Night Adult Study  
November 29 & December 6  
6:30 pm - Family Life Center  
— Led by Connie Harrell —**



## Baptism

**This Sunday, November 19  
Candidate:  
Madison Frank**

### **Facts & Figures:**

**Sunday, November 12, 2023**

Weekly Budget Requirements .....	\$	6,884
Budget Receipts .....	\$	5,126
Budget Receipts to Date .....	\$	79,076
Expenses to Date .....	\$	68,290

### **Memorials ...**

**In memory of:** By Mr. and Mrs. Carol Baker, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Nance, Letha Turner, Ellen McGinnis, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Poindexter, and Susan Rape and family in memory of Doris Ramsey. By Mr. and Mrs. James Kohler in memory of Babs Simpson.

**In honor of:** By the Thursday Morning Prayer Group in honor of Bob Duncan. By Mr. and Mrs. Carol Baker in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Nance. By Mr. and Mrs. Ken Handy in honor of Ed Varney.

## Worship Nov. 19 — 10:30 am

Words of Welcome Dr. Chris Dawson  
 Call to Worship Dr. Chris Dawson  
 Gathering Music: *"Spirit of the Living God"*  
 Ordinance of Baptism: Madison Frank, *candidate*  
 Hymn: *"Draw Me Nearer"*  
 First Reading: Psalm 123 Dr. Melanie Williams  
 Hymn: *"As Sons of the Day and Daughters of Light"*  
 Second Reading: I Thess. 5: 1-11 Marissa Holsonback  
 Prayer Concerns Marissa Holsonback  
 Prayer for the People Marissa Holsonback  
 The Lord's Prayer  
 Hymn: *"Blessed Assurance"*  
 Children's Worship Ann Handy  
 Greet Stranger, Neighbor and Friend  
 Centering Piece: *"Seek First the Kingdom of God"* Choir  
 Sermon Text: Matthew 25:14-30 Dr. Chris Dawson  
 Sermon Dr. Chris Dawson  
 Prayer Dr. Chris Dawson  
 Hymn: *"Trust and Obey"*  
 Stewardship of Tithing and Fellowship  
 Sending Song: *"Non Nobis"*  
 Closing Voluntary Elaine Potter

## Worship November 26 10:30 AM

Words of Welcome Dr. Chris Dawson  
 Call to Worship Dr. Chris Dawson  
 Gathering Music: *"Jubilate Deo"*  
 First Reading: Psalm 95: 1-7a Dr. Melanie Williams  
 Hymn: *"Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"*  
 Second Reading: Ephesians 1: 15-23 Michelle Dawson  
 Prayer Concerns Michelle Dawson  
 Prayer for the People Michelle Dawson  
 Hymn: *"O Worship the King"*  
 Anthem: *"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"* Choir  
 Sermon Text: Matthew 25: 31-46 Dr. Chris Dawson  
 Sermon Dr. Chris Dawson  
 Prayer Dr. Chris Dawson  
 Hymn: *"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"*  
 Stewardship of Tithing and Fellowship  
 Sending Song: *"As We Leave"*  
 Closing Voluntary Elaine Potter

### This Week's Committees

**Livestreaming Equipment for Worship:** Trevor Dawson  
**Nursery:** Sara Cowan  
**Ushers:**  
 Tom and Ruby Coffey, Don Haver, Dannie Tuggle  
**Lay Leader:** Marissa Holsonback  
**Children's Worship:** Ann Handy  
**Money Counter:** Patti Duncan

### This Week's Committees

**Livestreaming Equipment for Worship:**  
 Tyler Holsonback  
**Nursery:** Brittany Potter  
**Ushers:**  
 Kathy Cole, Lorey and Carolyn White  
**Lay Leader:** Michelle Dawson  
**Money Counter:** Susan Bales



### Steeple Views

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

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## Sunday, November 19

9:30 am Bible Fellowship - Room 306  
 10:30 am Morning Worship - Sanctuary/Facebook

## Wednesday and Thursday, November 22 and 23

Church Offices Closed

## Wednesday, November 22

No Evening Activities

## Sunday, November 26

9:30 am Bible Fellowship - Room 306  
 10:30 am Morning Worship - Sanctuary/Facebook

## Tuesday, November 28

6:30 pm Lions Club Bingo - Family Life Center

## Wednesday, November 29

6:00 pm Children and Families Dinner - FLC  
 6:30 pm Children's Music  
 Adult Study - Family Life Center  
 6:50 pm Children's Discipleship  
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir - Choir Room

## Prayer Concerns

Carol /Sylvia Baker - Jon Mackay - Josh Handy  
 Dean Baskins - Pauline Funderburk - Mable Bivens  
 Neva Potter - Emily Massey - Dot Taylor  
 Lisa Simpson, niece of Joey Forbes  
 John Austin, brother of Barbara Austin  
 Linda Howell  
 Charles Penegar, brother of Max Penegar  
 Amy Jung, wife of Dr. Andy Jung  
 Jimmy Elms, son-in-law of Nancy Thomas  
 Randy Shute, son of Joy Shute  
 Melvie McManus, friend of Martha Melton  
 Gwen White, friend of Harvey/Diane Whitley  
 Beverly Miller, daughter of Carol & Sylvia Baker  
 Ted Baron, husband of a Sew Faithful Quilter  
 Albert Clifton, uncle of Mike Knight  
 Daniel Mackay, brother of Jonathan Mackay  
 The leaders and people of Ukraine and Russia, and  
 for peace to replace war  
 For peace between Israel and Hamas and for those  
 affected by the war



**Thursday, November 30**  
**2:30-7:00 p.m.**  
**Family Life Center**



The Board of Missions invites the FBC church family to join them in a **"Loving Beyond"** event for this holiday season. We are partnering with PruitHealth to sponsor an Angel Tree for their current residents. The Angel Tree is located in the Gathering Area. Please choose one of the angel tags from the tree and then write your name, contact number and angel number on the sheet located next to the tree. A list of requested items is on the tag. When returning your gifts, please place the angel's number on the outside of your bag. The Board of Missions will provide large blue bags to place the gifts in. Please mark the date you drop off the gifts beside your name on the sign up sheet. All gifts need to be dropped off no later than Wednesday, December 13.

Thank you for sharing love and kindness this Christmas with the residents of the PruitHealth facility. If you have questions, please contact either Ruby Coffey or Connie Harrell.

## PLEASE NOTE!

The monthly **Ladies Lunch** will not take place during November and December  
 The next Lunch will be held on  
 Wednesday, January 24



## Bingo for Christmas Bureau

The Greater Monroe Lions Club invites you to join them for a night of Bingo on Tuesday, December 28 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in our Family Life Center.

The only requirement is to bring an unwrapped toy or gift for a boy or girl age infant to 18. Refreshments will be served. Come and enjoy the evening while supporting our local Christmas Bureau.