



STEEPLE VIEWS

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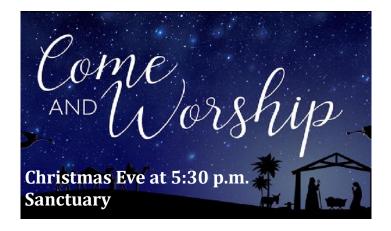
Thursday, December 21 6:30 p.m. - Sanctuary

This is a special worship service and time of reflection designed for those who are experiencing rief, sadness and/or loneliness during the Christmas season. If you know of someone who could benefit from this service, please invite them



Charlotte Queen City Ringers

in Concert Tuesday, December 12, 7:00 p.m. St. Luke's Lutheran Church



Facts & Figures:

Sunday, December 3, 2023

Weekly Budget Requirements	\$	6,884
Budget Receipts	. \$	8,156
Budget Receipts to Date	. \$	95,134
Expenses to Date	\$	87,331

December Prayer Focus

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.

Faith in Fiction Book Club

meets Monday, December 11, 6:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor Join them as they review Kristin Hannah's book

The Huntress



We welcome Faye Thibodeaux who joined on November 30 by statement. Welcome, Faye!



Names still remain on our Angel Tree for residents at PruittHealth. Our Board of Missions is asking for your help in taking one of the names from the tree and providing the gifts that are listed. All gifts need to be returned no later than Wednesday, December 13. Thank you for sharing love and kindness to the residents this Christmas season.

Memorials ...

In memory of: By Mr. and Mrs. Tex O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Herrell, and Mr. and Mrs. Joel Barham in memory of Doris Ramsey. By Mr. and Mrs. Jim Davis in memory of Doris Ramsey and Babs Simpson. By Katherine Cox in memory of Doris Ramsey, Babs Simpson, Faye M. Cox and Ray Sowder. By the Lottie Moon Group in memory of Doris Ramsey and Ray Sowder.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 10

9:30 am Bible Fellowship - Room 306

10:30 am Morning Worship - Sanctuary/Facebook

Monday, December 11

6:00 pm Faith in Fiction Book Club - Parlor

Tuesday, December 12

6:30 pm Board of Trustees - Conference Room

Wednesday, December 13

7:30 pm Chancel Choir - Choir Room

Prayer Concerns

Carol /Sylvia Baker - Jon Mackay - Josh Handy
Dean Baskins - Pauline Funderburk - Mable Bivens
Jim Griffin - Nancy Thomas - Emily Massey
Lisa Simpson, niece of Joey Forbes
John Austin, brother of Barbara Austin
Linda Howell
Charles Penegar, brother of Max Penegar

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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

Worship December 10 10:30 AM

Prelude Grant Hughes

Words of Welcome Dr. Chris Dawson

Call to Worship Dr. Chris Dawson

Gathering Music: "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"
Lighting of the Advent Wreath — PEACE
Hymn: "Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3: 1-12 Don Haver

Prayer Concerns Don Haver
Prayer for the People Don Haver

Hymn: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Anthem: "Creation Will Be at Peace" Chancel Choir Sermon Text: Isaiah 11: 1-10 Dr. Chris Dawson

Sermon Dr. Chris Dawson

Prayer Dr. Chris Dawson

Hymn: *"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"*

Stewardship of Tithing and Fellowship Sending Song: "Hope, Peace, Joy and Love"

Closing Voluntary Elaine Potter

This Week's Committees

Livestreaming Equipment for Worship:

Ben Potter

Nursery: Brittany Potter

Ushers:

Ken and Ann Handy, Tim McBride

Lay Leader: Don Haver

Money Counter: Harvey Whitley



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