



# STEEPLE VIEWS

First Baptist Church • Monroe • North Carolina

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## Blue Christmas Worship



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

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

## 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***



**Charlotte Queen City Ringers**  
in Concert

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

# Welcome!

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.



## 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

## 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  
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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<b>Vision Statement:</b> “First Baptist Church Monroe exists to Love God, Love Within, and Love Beyond”	