



STEEPLE VIEWS

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Community Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 12, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Church Courtyard

Join us for the egg hunt, fellowship, crafts,
food and fun for all ages!

FBC is partnering with High Octane

Rain cancels this event



Maundy Thursday

Stations of the Cross Service

April 17, 5:30 pm

Begins in the Sanctuary

Mission Trip ...

Those interested in a mission trip are asked to meet in the Church Parlor immediately following worship on Sunday, April 27 for details and to sign up.

Union County Crusade ...

Pastors and churches in Union County are invited to join in helping with a Crusade being held on May 2 at 6:00 p.m. at Cane Creek Park Amphitheater. The goal is for spreading the Gospel through outreach and community engagement. Pastor Charles Hines of Prospect Southern Methodist Church is the contact person. Hope is to transform lives and communities in a spirit of unity and purpose. This event can lead to stronger relationships, increased community engagement, and a renewed sense of mission among believers, while also reaching out to the non-believers in Union County.

For more information or to volunteer to help, contact Pastor Hines at 704-635-5133, or email him at americanrider13@gmail.com.

April Prayer Focus

Our Relationship with Jesus - Loving Within

During the month of April as we continue to walk this Lenten journey with our Savior, we're praying about our relationship with Jesus.

This is one of the most essential subjects of prayer. There's no higher priority than growing closer to Jesus.

It's time to get rid of any distractions as we seek to know Him more so we might thrive for His honor and glory.



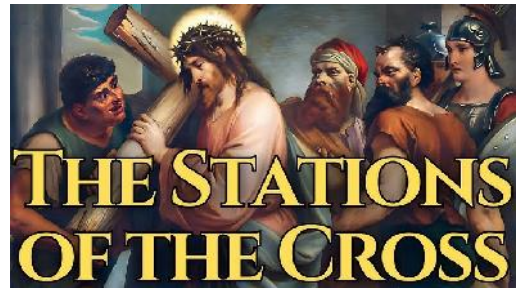
Spring Lunch and Fellowship

Sunday, April 27
following Worship

Join us for the lunch and fellowship featuring *marinated chicken breast, green beans, corn mac & cheese, salad, rolls, desserts*

Cost is \$10 for ages 12 & up, \$5 for ages 6-11
and free for ages 5 and under

Reservations are needed — call/email the church office by Monday, April 21 or sign up in worship



Community Stations of the Cross

Good Friday, April 17, 10:30 a.m.

The Stations will begin at First Presbyterian Church. The other stations include:

- Luther's Garden
- The Old Courthouse
- First Baptist Church
- Black's Memorial Presbyterian Church
- City of Monroe Cemetery
- Central United Methodist Columbarium Garden
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Following the walk, there will be a Good Friday Service in St. Paul's sanctuary.

4th Wednesday Lunch Bunch

Everyone is invited to have lunch and fellowship together on

Wednesday, April 23, at 11:30 a.m.

at Culver's Restaurant

Located on Old Charlotte Highway
across from Sun Valley High School

Facts & Figures:

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Weekly Budget Requirements	\$	6,875
Budget Receipts	\$	15,687
Budget Receipts to Date	\$	205,492
Expenses to Date	\$	205,117

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 13

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

Wednesday, April 16

6:00 pm Children's Dinner - Family Life Center
 6:30 pm Children's Discipleship Time
 Youth Discipleship Time
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir - Choir Room

Thursday, April 17

5:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service - Sanctuary

Friday, April 18

10:30 am Stations of the Cross - First Presbyterian

Quilting Retreat

Friday & Saturday, April 11 & 12

9:30 a.m. - Family Life Center

Drop by to see their latest creations!



Reggy Gaddy - Joe Harris - Joy Shute
 Frances Vaughan - Dot Bates - Josh Handy
 Mike Knight - Carol Findley

Randy Shute, son of Joy Shute
 Savannah Britt
 Gary Clontz
 Elliott Atwood, daughter of friends of Brittany Potter
 Paula Hightower, friend of Kiki Myers
 Joel Penegar, brother of Max Penegar
 Sam Goodwin, father of Sally Goodwin
 For peace between Ukraine and Russia
 For peace to take hold in the Middle East
 For doors to open for job seekers affected by recent unemployment

Worship - April 13 -10:30 AM

Words of Welcome	Dr. Chris Dawson
Call to Worship	Dr. Chris Dawson
Prayer of Confession/Assurance of Pardon	Dr. Dawson
Choral Response: "O How He Loves You and Me"	
Cantor: Hymn (St. Denio)	Dr. Melanie Williams
Scripture: Mark 11: 1-10	Dr. Chris Dawson
Processional Hymn: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"	
Praise Music: "Sing, Hosanna!"	Children's Choir
Cantor : Hymn (St. Denio)	Dr. Melanie Williams
Scripture: Mark 11: 15-19	Brittany Potter
Congregational Hymn: Hymn (St. Denio)	
Scripture: Mark 14: 12-14	Dr. Chris Dawson
Congregational Hymn: Hymn (St. Denio)	
Scripture: Mark 14: 32-41	Brittany Potter
Anthem: "Think of Me and Remember"	
Chancel Choir	
Hymn: "My Savior's Love"	
Scripture: Mark 14:43-48, 14:53-65; 15:1-15	Dr. Dawson
Duet: "What Wondrous Love Is This?"	
Scripture: Mark 15: 16-32	Brittany Potter
Quartet: "He Will Hold Me Fast"	
Scripture: Mark 15: 33-41	Dr. Chris Dawson
Cantor: Hymn (St. Denio)	Dr. Melanie Williams
Handbells: "Were You There?"	Chancel Ringers
Call to Respond	Dr. Chris Dawson
Palm Sunday Charge	Dr. Chris Dawson
Hymn: "When I Survey"	Congregation/Chancel Choir
Choral Benediction: "Agnus Dei"	Chancel Choir
Closing Voluntary	Elaine Potter

This Week's Committees

Livestreaming Equipment for Worship:

Carolyn White

Nursery: Debby McBride

Ushers: Ken and Ann Handy, Tim McBride

Lay Leader: Brittany Potter

Money Counter: Jim Griffin, Harvey Whittle



Steeple Views

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

Thrive Assessment Inventory

FBC Monroe Church Family,

I wanted to update you on the Assessment Inventory many of you took to create the groundwork for where we are headed on this thriving journey; to see where our strengths are and the areas we need to address. First, I want to thank the 30 participants who filled out the survey. Here's a snapshot of feedback. We are most effective in the category of Authentic Community. Remember, Authentic Community is the foundation on which a thriving church family can build, and our foundation is strong. Our weakest links are being a Collaborative Partner, Being Intergenerational, and Being Flexible. I believe our HCT Leadership Team recognized that before we received these results, and that is why there was a focus on Collaborative Partnerships to receive the \$3K grant from CBFNC and partner with the Council on Aging here in Monroe.

As we have completed 7 months in this process, I want you to know I'm excited for the next steps. In May, Lisa Dinkins is going to lead our church family conversation about being Intergenerational, but also in May, the leadership team will travel to Greensboro for a retreat to inform us of strategies we can implement to become the fully thriving church family God intends us to be. Then in June, our guide on this thriving journey, Dr. Timothy Brock will lead our session about Being Formed to be more Christ-centered. Thank you for your continued prayers and I hope you will continue to or commit to participate in the final 2 months of this joint effort with CBFNC. I'm looking forward to the good things God has store for the FBC Monroe church family.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Chris

From the Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee is recommending Ben Potter for the newly formed position of FBC Monroe Ministry Apprentice. A ministry apprenticeship is a program that offers hands-on experience and mentorship in a specific ministry area, helping individuals grow in their calling and develop skills for future ministry roles, often through a combination of training and practical application. If approved by the FBC Monroe church family, Ben would start May 1st with a 90 day review period with a 1 year apprenticeship to follow, which would be from September 1st, 2025 to August 31, 2026. Below is listed the duties that will create the framework of this apprenticeship and this position will be at no cost to the church budget.

1. Coordinate and foster new opportunities for Christian Education including, but not limited to:
 - Biblical studies, theology, and church history enrichment opportunities for the FBC and greater Monroe communities;
 - Meetings/gatherings/outreach to those who are skeptical of the Christian faith and/or who have been hurt by the church.
2. Explore, create, and curate intentional discipleship groups within the church.
3. Assist with miscellaneous tasks that contribute to the overall accessibility and reach of the church (website improvement, community networking, visitor outreach, etc.).
4. Preach on an "as needed" basis, if asked.
5. Help alleviate the burden of miscellaneous tasks that the Senior Pastor needs to delegate.

From the Board of Trustees

The church's steeple has been a beacon at the end of Main Street for over 60 years and it's time we refurbish it and brighten the light it casts. We are asking you to join our members in donating extra funds so that necessary repairs and upgrades can be completed. We ask that you continue to support our church with regular donations and to make an impact with an extra amount given for this project.

One idea might be to give the amount you would normally spend on a meal or what you might spend on visits to coffee shops. The youth can play a part, too, by donating loose change or small bills.

Thank you for your continued support of this church and for helping to strive to be a light to others in this community.

Malachi 3:10 –

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."