



STEEPLE VIEWS

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FBC FAMILY DAY OF FUN AT CANE CREEK PARK SATURDAY, MAY 10TH

Everyone is invited to go to Cane Creek to enjoy a day of fishing, playgrounds for kids, putt putt, paddle boats, canoeing, kayaking, hiking, or just sitting around talking and laughing

Bring fishing gear (if you like), sandwiches and drinks for you and your family and join us at 9:00 a.m.

Some snacks provided

Car entry fee is \$4.00

Invite family and friends!

FBC Monroe Church Family ...

With the announcements of retirement on August 31 from our Ministry Coordinator, Kathy Cole, and our accompanist, Elaine Potter, the Personnel Committee is asking for your help. Kathy has served this church family for more than 55 years and will be a tough act to follow. While Elaine has served here at FBC Monroe a little over 2 years, she has been an accompanist, playing both piano and organ, in a church setting for more than 40 years and that skill set is very difficult to replace. We need to be in prayer about the candidates God is preparing to step in and these very large shoes. If YOU are interested in either position or you know someone who may be interested, contact Pastor Chris by email at cdawson@fbcmonroenc.com. Let us continue strive to thrive for God's honor and glory.

— Grace and Peace,
Pastor Chris

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.

Quarterly Church Meeting

Wednesday, April 30, 6:30 p.m.

In addition to regular reports, the Personnel Committee will present a recommendation for approval that Ben Potter fill the role of the newly formed position of FBC Monroe Ministry Apprentice. This ministry offers hands-on experience and membership 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, Ben will start May 1st with a 90 day review period with a 1 year apprenticeship to follow, which would be from September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026. This will be no cost to the budget. Duties will include:

1. Coordinate and foster new opportunities for Christian Education;
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, such as website improvement, community networking, visitor outreach, etc.
5. Preach on an "as needed" basis, if asked; and
6. Help alleviate the burden of miscellaneous tasks that the Senior Pastor needs to delegate.

From the Trustees ...

The Church Steeple has been a beacon at the end of Main Street for over 60 years and is in need of repairs and upgrades. Trustees are asking you to join our members in donating extra funds so that the necessary repairs can be completed. This should be over and beyond your regular donations to the church budget. Thank you for your continued support of FBC!

From the Mission Board ...

The Counselor at Rock Rest Elementary School is asking for our help in providing things for 44 of their students to use during the summer months. These 44 students (5 who are pre-K, with a total of 19 boys and 25 girls) are the recipient of the food packs we provide them each week during the school year. Suggested items include:

- bubbles - sidewalk chalk—balls - games
 - cards (such as Uno) - art supplies—Hot Wheels
- Please in the Gathering Area by Sunday, May 18.

Facts & Figures:

Sunday, April 20, 2025

Weekly Budget Requirements	\$	6,875
Budget Receipts	\$	2,955
Budget Receipts to Date	\$	214,132
Expenses to Date	\$	218,958

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 27

9:30 am Bible Fellowship - Room 308
 10:30 am Morning Worship - Sanctuary/Facebook
 11:30 am Spring Fellowship Lunch - FLC

Wednesday, April 30

6:00 pm Children's Dinner - Family Life Center
 6:30 pm Children's Discipleship
 Youth Discipleship
 Quarterly Church Meeting - FLC
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir - Choir Room

Thursday, May 1

6:30 pm Faith and Fitness - FLC/Courtyard

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.



Reggy Gaddy - Joe Harris - Joy Shute
 Frances Vaughan - Dot Bates - Josh Handy
 Joel Myers - Mike Knight

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 27 -10:30 AM

Words of Welcome Dr. Chris Dawson
 Call to Worship Dr. Chris Dawson
 Choral Introit: Credo from "GOSPEL MASS" Choir
 Scripture: Psalm 150 Dr. Chris Dawson
 Hymn: "When In Our Music God Is Glorified"
 Scripture: Acts 5: 27-32 Crystal Brantley
 Sharing Prayer Concerns Crystal Brantley
 A Moment of Prayer
 Prayer for the People Crystal Brantley
 Lord's Prayer
 Hymn: "We've A Story to Tell to the Nations"
 Anthem: Acclamation from "GOSPEL MASS" Choir
 Sermon Text: John 20: 19-31 Dr. Chris Dawson
 Sermon Dr. Chris Dawson
 Prayer Dr. Chris Dawson
 Hymn: "O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"
 Stewardship of Tithing and Fellowship
 Sending Song: "He Is Lord"
 Closing Voluntary Elaine Potter

This Week's Committees

Livestreaming Equipment for Worship:
 Trevor Dawson

Nursery: Brittany Potter

Ushers: Kathy Cole, Lorey and Carolyn White

Lay Leader: Crystal Brantley

Money Counter: Susan Bales



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

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to...



May Anniversaries:

- 17 - Ken and Ann Handy
- 18 - Gary and Elaine Potter
- 28 - Joe and Denice Harris

May Birthdays:

- 1 - Tim Harrell
- 5 - Michelle Dawson
- 6 - Brittany Potter
Frances Vaughan
- 7 - Jim Davis
- 8 - Letha Turner
- 10 - Eric McManus
- 11 - Jimmy Taylor
Cole Tyson
- 13 - Ken Handy
- 17 - Drew Bailey
- 18 - Pat Herrell
- 23 - Gene Herrell
- 25 - Alyson Dinkins
- 29 - Melody Hawkins
Boe McBride



Remembering Our Homebound Members

Below is a list of our homebound members. Please remember them daily in prayer, as well as their family members. They enjoy receiving cards and notes from their church family. If you need addresses, contact the church office

Mable Bivens
Evelyn Cassels
Jean Duck
Pauline Funderburk
Reggy Gaddy
Johnny Gregory
David Kimbrell
Martha Melton
Phyllis Overton
Joy Shute
Dr. Jimmy Taylor
Nancy Thomas
Libby Totty
Claire Trowbridge
Pat Turner

May 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:00 pm Faith and Fitness, FLC/Courtyard	2	3
4	5	6 6:00 pm Board of Deacons, Parlor	7 6:00 pm Children's Dinner/Activities 6:30 pm Youth Discipleship 6:30 pm Adult Study 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	8	9 9:30 am Quilting Retreat, FLC	10 9:30 am Quilting Retreat, FLC
11	12 6:00 pm Faith in Fiction Book Club, FLC	13 6:30 pm Board of Trustees, Conf. Room	14 6:00 pm Children's Dinner/Activities 6:30 pm Youth Discipleship 6:30 pm Adult Study 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	15 6:00 pm Faith and Fitness, FLC/Courtyard	16	17
18	19	20	21 6:00 pm Children's Dinner/Activities 6:30 pm Youth Ice Cream 6:30 pm Adult Study 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	22	23	24
25 8:45 am Family Thrive Conversation, FLC	26 Memorial Day Church Offices Closed	27	28 11:30 4th Wed. Lunch Bunch 6:00 pm Children's Dinner/Activities 6:30 pm Adult Trivia Night 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	29	30	31