



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!



Wednesday, May 28, 6:30 p.m.
Family Life Center
Hosted by Tim McBride

**BAKED POTATO & SALAD BAR
PROVIDED AT 6:00 P.M.**
— NO CHARGE —

Reservations are needed
Sign up in worship or call/email
the church office

*Join us for a fun night of
fellowship and trivia!*

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 Elaine has served this church a little more than two years. We need to be in prayer about the candidates God is preparing to step in and fill 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's continue to strive to thrive for God's honor and glory.

— Grace and Peace,
Pastor Chris

Wednesday Opportunity May 14, 6:30 p.m. in Room 308 Mental Health Awareness

"Caring for the Vessel God Gave You"
Karen K. Lemon, *facilitator*

Our earthly world of 24-hour news, cell phones and politics on top of life in general brings challenges and stress. During this time we will explore ways to care for our emotional selves, which will help take care of the physical bodies God created for us. We will also talk briefly about why caring for our vessels is necessary!

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.

May Prayer Focus

Being Intergenerational - Loving Within

During the month of May, as we continue to walk this thriving journey, we're praying about being an intergenerational church family.

This is one of the 6 core principles for being a thriving church family, and we need to be praying that God will open the door of opportunities where every generation feels valued, every generation has a voice, and every generation is part of the ministry here at FBC Monroe.

As a church family, this should be our prayer so we might thrive for God's honor and glory.

Facts & Figures:

Sunday, May 4, 2025

Weekly Budget Requirements	\$	6,875
Budget Receipts	\$	1,905
Budget Receipts to Date	\$	221,137
Expenses to Date	\$	224,720

Worship - May 11 - 10:30 AM

Words of Welcome Dr. Chris Dawson
 Call to Worship Dr. Chris Dawson
 Gathering Music: "He Is Lord"
 Anthem: "Jesus Loves Me" Children's Choir
 Scripture: Psalm 23 Dr. Melanie Williams
 Hymn: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"
 Scripture: Revelation 7: 9-17 Brittany Potter
 Sharing Prayer Concerns Brittany Potter
 A Moment of Prayer
 Prayer for the People Brittany Potter
 Lord's Prayer
 Hymn: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"
 Anthem: "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" Choir
 Sienna Mercurio, Lauren Seaford, flute
 Sermon Text: John 10: 22-30 Dr. Chris Dawson
 Sermon Dr. Chris Dawson
 Prayer Dr. Chris Dawson
 Hymn: "God Has Spoken By His Prophets"
 Stewardship of Tithing and Fellowship
 Sending Song: "He Is Lord"
 Closing Voluntary Elaine Potter

Worship - May 18 - 10:30 AM

Words of Welcome Dr. Chris Dawson
 Call to Worship Dr. Chris Dawson
 Gathering Music: "He Is Lord"
 Scripture: Psalm 148 Dr. Melanie Williams
 Hymn: "Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him"
 Scripture: Revelation 21: 1-6 Carolyn White
 Sharing Prayer Concerns Carolyn White
 A Moment of Prayer
 Prayer for the People Carolyn White
 Lord's Prayer
 Hymn: "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"
 Children's Worship Ann Handy
 Greet Stranger, Neighbor and Friend
 Choral Response: "In the Family of God"
 Anthem: "Holy Imagination" Chancel Choir
 Sermon Text: John 13: 31-35 Dr. Chris Dawson
 Sermon Dr. Chris Dawson
 Prayer Dr. Chris Dawson
 Hymn: "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"
 Stewardship of Tithing and Fellowship
 Sending Song: "He Is Lord"
 Closing Voluntary Dr. Melanie Williams

This Week's Committees

Livestreaming Equipment for Worship:
 Ben Potter

Nursery: Debby McBride

Ushers: Ken and Ann Handy, Tim McBride

Lay Leader: Brittany Potter

Money Counters: Jim Griffin, Harvey White

This Week's Committees

Livestreaming Equipment for Worship:
 Tim Harrell

Nursery: Sara Cowan

Ushers: Tom/Ruby Coffey, Don Haver, Dannie Tuggle

Lay Leader: Carolyn White

Children's Worship: Ann Handy

Money Counter: Patti Duncan



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

From Pastor Chris

As the pastor of FBC Monroe, I'm thankful to be a part of this church family. I'm especially thankful when a person feels called into ministry because of the nurturing environment that exists within this church family.

On April 30, at our Quarterly Business Meeting, this church family unanimously voted to have Ben Potter fill a brand-new role within our ministry staff: FBC Monroe Ministry Apprentice. Ben approached me and asked if he could work with me in a ministry capacity and it would not have a negative impact on the budget; meaning Ben's willing to take on this role without compensation.

With this church family's overwhelming approval, I then made a motion to pursue forming an Ordination Council to ordain Ben Potter into the Gospel Ministry later this summer. Again, this church family unanimously approved this request.

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you for your faithfulness, commitment, and constant prayers to live out our vision statement: to Love God, Love Within, and Love Beyond. Because of you, Ben Potter has been given the opportunity to continue exploring his calling while serving a church family whom he loves and we love him, and Brittany, and Boyce and Neva.

Grace & Peace,

Chris

Faith in Fiction Book Club

The Book Club will meet Monday, May 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. You are invited to join them as they review and discuss Randall Kenan's book ***A Visitation of Spirits***

4th Wednesday Lunch Bunch

May 28 - 11:30 a.m.

Gus' Restaurant

Everyone is invited to have lunch and fellowship together ... Invite a friend!

Thrive Family Conversation

Sunday, May 25, 8:45 a.m.

Family Life Center

Everyone is encouraged to attend as the church family discusses being an ***Intergenerational Church***

Prayer Concerns

Joe Harris - Frances Vaughan - Dot Bates

Josh Handy - Christa Tyson - Mike Knight

Randy Shute, son of Joy Shute

Savanah Britt

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 11

9:30 am Bible Fellowship - Room 308

10:30 am Morning Worship - Sanctuary/Facebook

Monday, May 12

6:00 pm Faith in Fiction Book Club - FLC

Tuesday, May 13

6:30 pm Board of Trustees - Conference Room

Wednesday, May 14

6:00 pm Children's Dinner - Family Life Center

6:30 pm Children's Discipleship

Youth Discipleship

Mental Health Awareness - Room 308

7:30 pm Chancel Choir - Choir Room

Thursday, May 15

6:00 pm Faith and Fitness - FLC/Courtyard

Sunday, May 18

9:30 am Bible Fellowship - Room 308

10:30 am Morning Worship - Sanctuary/Facebook

Wednesday, May 21

6:00 pm Children's Dinner - Family Life Center

6:30 pm Children's Discipleship

Youth Ice Cream Fellowship - High Octane

Advocacy for the Homeless - Room 308

7:30 pm Chancel Choir - Choir Room

Wednesday, May 21, 6:30 p.m.

Room 308

David's Advocacy for the Homeless

Join us to learn about this faith-based ministry that works with those who live in tent communities, on the streets or who are rehoused. It will be led by ***Mary Garceau***, who is the CEO.

PLEASE NOTE

This is a two week issue of Steeple Views