



STEEPLE VIEWS

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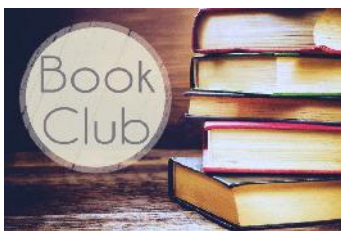
Three “Loving Within” Training Opportunities

Pastor Chris will be leading three training opportunities for the coming church year. On Monday, July 28 at 6:30 p.m., there will be a training session for those interested in working in the nursery with our children on Sunday mornings, and those interested in livestreaming our worship services. On Tuesday July 29 at 6:30 p.m., there will be a training session for anyone interested in working with children and youth discipleship opportunities on Sundays and Wednesdays. The final training session will be Wednesday, July 30 at 6:30 p.m. for those interested in teaching the adults in Bible Fellowship on Sunday mornings, and for leading mid-week worship on Wednesday evenings.



FUN FAMILY NIGHT!

Children and families are invited to a fun night of playing and watching the movie “*Space Jam*” this coming Friday, July 25, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Popcorn provided!



The Faith in Fiction Book Club members invite you to join them on Monday, August 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center to review and discuss Joy Calloway’s book *Sing Me Home to Carolina*

Memorials ...

By Mr. and Mrs. Ken Handy and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Herrell in memory of Autumn Tussing.

Facts & Figures:

Sunday, July 20, 2025

Weekly Budget Requirements	\$	6,875
Budget Receipts	\$	3,365
Budget Receipts to Date	\$	304,698
Expenses to Date	\$	315,084

Called Church Meeting

The Board of Trustees is requesting to have a Called Business Meeting on Wednesday, August 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center to discuss and vote on renting the church facilities to Christ Hills Presbyterian Church of America (PCA). This is a church plant for the PCA denomination and Pastor Trent Thomas, who will attend the meeting, has met with me and the Trustees to see if partnering locally, a thriving church characteristic, with FBC Monroe is an option. Please put the above date on your calendar, and if you have any questions, don’t hesitate to reach out to me, and you can do your own research by searching Presbyterian Church of America (PCA) to see who they are and what they believe.

— Grace & Peace,
Pastor Chris

Thank You...

First Baptist Church Family:

A heartfelt THANK YOU to those who sent cards, prayers, texts and emails to us on the death of my granddaughter, Autumn Tussing. She was a special young woman and will be greatly missed by many.

— Gods Love & Grace,
Aileen Sowder

Quilting Retreat

Friday & Saturday, August 8 & 9

9:30 a.m. - Family Life Center

— for anyone who enjoys sewing —

August Prayer Focus

Healing - Loving Within & Loving Beyond

The month of August is considered National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM), which raises awareness about the importance of vaccines and how they can help prevent serious diseases. If you’re like me, you’re not a big fan of shots; however, when we get immunized, we’re taking our responsibility to look out for our own health AND the health of others seriously. As Christ-followers, Jesus told us the 2nd greatest commandment, after Loving God completely, was loving the stranger, neighbor, and friend as we love ourselves.

To me, that means we, as the FBC Monroe church family, should prioritize and pray for Healing; physically, emotionally, and spiritually, for ourselves, and more importantly, for others.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, July 27
9:30 am Bible Fellowship - Room 308
10:30 am Morning Worship - Sanctuary/Facebook

Sunday, August 3
9:30 am Bible Fellowship - Room 308
10:30 am Morning Worship - Sanctuary/Facebook

Tuesday, August 5
6:00 pm Board of Deacons - Parlor

Wednesday, August 6
6:30 pm Called Church Meeting - FLC
7:00 pm Board of Missions - Conference Room

Thursday, August 7
6:00 pm Faith and Fitness - Courtyard/FLC

Friday and Saturday, August 8 and 9
9:30 am Quilting Retreat - Family Life Center

Reminder!

This is a two-week issue of Steeple Views
Please keep this copy for the next two weeks to
check for “happenings”



Joe Harris - Frances Vaughan - Dot Bates
Pauline Funderburk - Martha Melton
Dr. Jimmy Taylor - Josh Handy - Ed Varney
Savanah Britt
Elliott Atwood, daughter of friends of Brittany Potter
Joel 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

Sunday Worship - July 27
10:30 AM

Words of Welcome Dr. Chris Dawson
Call to Worship Dr. Chris Dawson
Gathering Music: “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”
Scripture: Psalm 138 Dr. Chris Dawson
Hymn: “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”
Scripture: Colossians 2: 6-19 Connie Harrell
Sharing Prayer Concerns Connie Harrell
A Moment of Prayer
Prayer for the People Connie Harrell
Lord’s Prayer
Hymn: “Sweet Hour of Prayer”
Greet Stranger, Neighbor and Friend
Choral Response: “I Am the Body of Christ”
Solo: “It Is No Secret” Michelle Dawson
Sermon Text: Luke 11: 1-13 Dr. Chris Dawson
Sermon Dr. Chris Dawson
Prayer Dr. Chris Dawson
Hymn: “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”
Stewardship of Tithing and Fellowship
Sending Song: “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”
Closing Voluntary Dr. Melanie Williams

This Week’s Committees

Livestreaming Equipment for Worship:
Carl Hamilton

Nursery: Brittany Potter

Ushers: Kathy Cole, Lorey and Carolyn White

Lay Leader: Connie Harrell

Money Counter: Susan Bales



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



Happy Anniversary:

- 1 - Stewart and Libby Totty
- 3 - Lorey and Carolyn White
- 12 - Tom and Ruby Coffey
- 14 - Harvey and Diane Whitley
- 22 - Tim and Debby McBride
- 28 - John and Jo Holland

Happy Birthday

- 2 - Dot Taylor
- 4 - Mike Knight
- 6 - Fred Starkey
- 10 - Johnny Gregory
- 11 - Shirley Bullard
Kathy Cole
- 14 - Helen Dinkins
- 16 - Gary Potter
- 20 - Joey Forbes
Harvey Whitley
- 28 - Dot Bates
Carl Hamilton



Below is a list of our current homebound members. Please remember them daily in prayer, and please take a moment to send them a note or card.

Barbara Austin
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

August 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 6:00 pm Board of Deacons, Parlor	6 6:30 pm Called Church Meeting, FLC 7:00 pm Board of Missions, Conf. Room	7 6:00 pm Faith and Fitness, Courtyard, FLC	8 9:30 am Quilting Retreat, FLC	9 9:30 am Quilting Retreat, FLC
10	11 6:00 pm Faith in Fiction Book Club, FLC	12 6:30 pm Board of Trustees, Conf. Room	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 6:00 pm Faith and Fitness, Courtyard/FLC	22	23
24	25	26	27 11:30 am 4th Wed. Lunch Bunch	28	29	30
31 8:45 am Thrive Meeting, FLC						