



STEEPLE VIEWS

First Baptist Church • Monroe • North Carolina

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Church-wide Fall Fellowship Lunch

Sunday, October 5, 11:30 am

Join us for our Fall Fellowship Lunch!

Menu:

fried chicken, hashbrown casserole,
green beans, corn, rolls, desserts

Cost:

\$10 for ages 12 and up, \$5.00 for ages 6-11
free for ages 5 and under

Reservations:

Sign up in worship, or call/email the
church office by noon on September 29



Sunday, September 21 during Worship
Candidate: *Cindy Helms*

Congratulations

Congratulations to Crystal Brantley on the birth
of a grandson, Levi Samuel Brantley, on Sunday,
September 7.

Quilting Retreat

September 12 & 13
9:30 am
Family Life Center



Memorials ...

In memory of: By Carol Tyson in memory of
Carlton Tyson. By Mr. and Mrs. Ken Handy in
memory of Joe Harris.

Facts & Figures:

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Weekly Budget Requirements	\$	6,756
Budget Receipts	\$	4,180
Budget Receipts to Date	\$	4,180
Expenses to Date	\$	6,376

Faith in Fiction Book Club



The Faith in Fiction Book Club will meet for
lunch this Sunday, September 14 from
12:00-3:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center
They will review Donna Everhart's book
The Moonshiner's Daughter

Fall
Bazaar

Saturday, October 11, 11:00 am-5:00 pm

Need volunteers to bring baked goods (both
sweet and savory) take & bake meals,
arts and crafts, and folks to staff the event
You can also help by making a cash donation ...
mark your check "Fall Bazaar"

Pumpkins will be available for purchase!
There will be a special area set up for
children's activities

Bring your camera for a photo op, as the front
of the church will be decorated for fall

To volunteer to help at the Bazaar, contact
Brittany Potter (704-252-0713)

To volunteer to bring food, arts & crafts, sign up
at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COA4DAFAE23A7FEC16-58031688-fbcmonroe>, or use the form in Sunday's
worship guide

Proceeds will go for mission causes

September Prayer Focus

Spiritual Leadership - Cultivating Leaders

During September, as we begin a new church
year, we're joining together to pray to God for
our FBC Monroe spiritual leadership and our
continuing effort to thrive.

All of us are called to be spiritual leaders in one
way or another; this month let's ask the Holy
Spirit to fill us with the strength and wisdom
lead this church family and others closer to God!
Let's pray for our leaders who are taking a time
of rest, new leaders: stepping into new roles or
leading for the first time, as well as returning
leaders — that they would have blessing and en-
durance in their roles as they serve.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 14

- 9:30 am Bible Fellowship - Room 308
- 10:30 am Morning Worship - Sanctuary/Facebook
- 12:00 pm Book Club - Family Life Center

Wednesday, September 17

- 6:00 pm Showing of *The Chosen* - Room 308
Children/Youth & Families Dinner - FLC
- 6:30 pm Children's Music
- 6:45 pm Children's Spiritual Formation
Youth Bible Study
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir - Choir Room

Thursday, September 18

- 6:00 pm Faith and Fitness - FLC/Courtyard

Worship - September 14 - 10:30 AM

- Prelude Nicholas Skaggs
- Words of Welcome Dr. Chris Dawson
- Call to Worship Dr. Chris Dawson
- Choral Introit: *"The Gathering"*
- Scripture: Psalm 14 Dr. Melanie Williams
- Hymn: *"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*
- Scripture: I Timothy 1: 12-17 Brittany Potter
- Sharing Prayer Concerns Brittany Potter
- Prayer for the People Brittany Potter
- Lord's Prayer
- Hymn: *"He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought"*
- Children's Worship (ages 3-7) Debby McBride
- Greet Stranger, Neighbor and Friend
- Choral Response: *"I Am the Body of Christ"*
- Centering Piece: *"The Lord Is My Shepherd"* Choir
- Sermon Text : Luke 15: 1-10 Dr. Chris Dawson
- Sermon Dr. Chris Dawson
- Prayer Dr. Chris Dawson
- Hymn: *"I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"*
- Stewardship of Tithing and Fellowship
- Sending Song: *"As We Leave"*
- Postlude Nicholas Skaggs

Quarterly Church Meeting
Wednesday, September 24, 6:30 p.m.
Family Life Center
Reports from
church treasurer and clerk
boards and committees



- Frances Vaughan - Dot Bates
- Martha Melton - Dr. Jimmy Taylor
- Vivian Roberts - Josh Handy - Ed Varney
- The family of Joe Harris in his death
- Richard Poindexter, former member
- Savanah Britt
- Elliott Atwood, daughter of friends of Brittany Potter
- Sam Goodwin, father of Sally Goodwin
- For peace between Ukraine and Russia
- For peace to take hold in the Middle East

This Week's Committees
Livestreaming: Ben Potter
Nursery: Crystal Brantley
Ushers: Ken and Ann Handy, Tim McBride
Lay Leader: Brittany Potter
Children's Worship: Debby McBride
Money Counter: Jim Griffin, Harvey Whitle



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From Pastor Chris

FBC Monroe Church Family,

As you know, we have recently finished our official Helping Churches Thrive journey with CBF of NC, but we continue our own thriving journey emphasizing the characteristics of thriving and embracing strategies to help us perpetuate thriving such as Rev. Ben Potter leading on 2 Mid-week Worship sessions on biblical hospitality Nov. 5th and 12th, and then the Mission Board is arranging a hands-on hospitality ministry event for Nov. 19th.

So, I'm writing this letter to inform you of those opportunities as well as sharing with you that CBF of NC leadership has asked me to be a Helping Churches Thrive Guide for FBC High Point who was accepted into their 2nd cohort which begins this weekend and continues through June/July of 2026.

That means I will be attending the Opening Retreat this weekend (Sept. 11 & 12), the May 2026 Celebration Retreat, attend a monthly Zoom call, and lead 2 HCT sessions at FBC High Point, with the first session being Sunday, Oct. 19, and I will be asking Rev. Potter to preach here that Sunday. While it has not been confirmed, I will most likely lead the second and final session in June of 2026.

I just wanted to keep you in the loop and express my thanks for allowing me to serve our larger CBF of NC family in this way. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me and I would love to offer any clarification you may need. Know that I love you and am humbled to serve alongside of you.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Chris



**Living Proof Live
2025 Simulcast**
featuring Beth Moore

Inviting all ladies (and your friends!) to join
us for rest, renewal and fellowship

Saturday, Sept. 27, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church Monroe
109 W. Morrow Avenue
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Register by Sept. 18
\$40 per person, non-refundable (includes lunch)

Register here	Pay with Venmo @Michelle-Dawson-64	Pay with Cash App \$MichelleD0505
		

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