



# STEEPLE VIEWS

First Baptist Church • Monroe • North Carolina

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



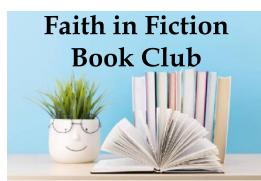
### Memorials ...

**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



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* 



## 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/
10C0A4DAFAE23A7FEC16-58031688fbcmonroe, 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 returnleaders — that they would have blessing and endurance 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

## **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 P

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 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

## 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



# Steeple Views First Baptist Church

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

## 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 thing and embracing strategies to help us perpetuate thriving such as Rev. Ben Potter leading on 2 Mid-week Worship sessions on biblical hospitality Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, and then the Mission Board is arranging a hands-on hospitality ministry event for Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>.

So, I'm writing this letter to inform you of those opportunities as well as sharing wit 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 2<sup>nd</sup> cohort which begins this weekend and continu through June/July of 2026.

That means I will be attending the Opening Retreat this weekend (Sept. 11 & 12), t May 2026 Celebration Retreat, attend a monthly Zoom call, and lead 2 HCT sessions at FI High Point, with the first session being Sunday, Oct. 19, and I will be asking Rev. Potter 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 reach out to me and I would love to offer any clarification you may need. Know that I love yand am humbled to serve alongside of you.

Grace and Peace,

**Pastor Chris** 

