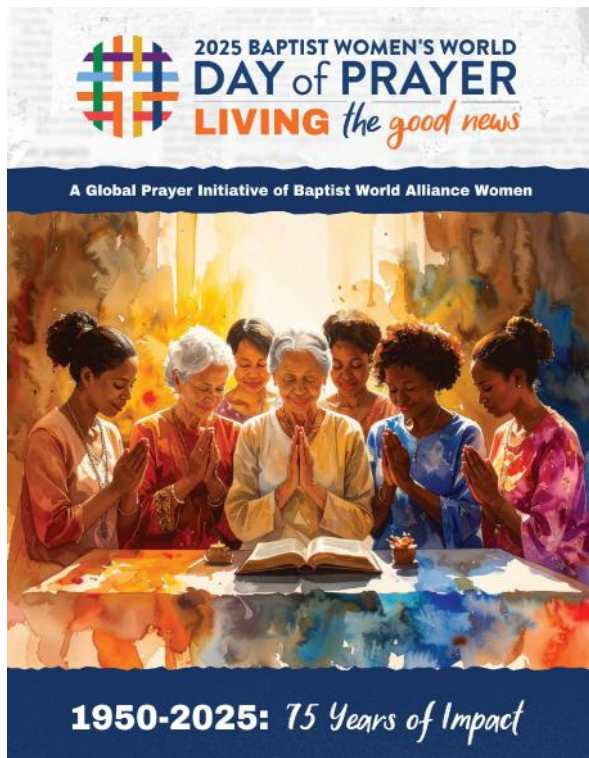




STEEPLE VIEWS

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BAPTIST WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Monday, November 3, 2025 6:00 pm FBC Monroe (Please enter the church parking lot from Houston Street which is located behind First Baptist Monroe.) 2025 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer "Living the Good News" A Global Prayer Initiative of Baptist World Alliance Women 1950-2025: 75 Years of Impact .



Donations of baby/body wipes, socks, hot hand packs, gloves, toboggans, toilet paper, Slim Jims, chips, candy, cookies, peanut butter and cheese crackers are needed by Sunday, October 26 for a BUCKET ministry for the homeless through the Dave's Advocacy for the Homeless.

The following items are needed also by Sunday, October 26 for a MEAL for residents of Cotton Street Apartments: Large cans of chicken, cans of chicken broth, pack/boxes of biscuit mix, cans of green beans/peas/mixed vegetables. Please leave all donations in the Gathering Area. Thank you for helping!

October Prayer Focus

Strength - Loving God & Authentic Community

During October, we're joining together before God to pray for strength as we continue to be authentic community for God's honor and glory.

Each of us reaches the end of our own strength at some point. It could be because of a physical illness that zaps our strength. It could be mental or emotional strain that causes depression or a feeling of loneliness. It's difficult to have faith when it seems nothing we do matters

As we continue our Thriving journey, it's important to remember we serve a God who has promised to be with us through the Holy Spirit, and being authentic community means we support one another and discover ways we can help others along the way.

This is why it's critical to ask God to fill us with His strength! We can also pray for others, who are feeling exhausted, to receive God's strength also.

Memorials ...

Given by George and Kathy Malouf and Susan Bales in memory of Jimmy Taylor. Given by Susan Bales in memory of Mike Knight. Given by Judy Little in memory of Pauline Funderburk.

Facts & Figures:

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Weekly Budget Requirements	\$6,756
Budget Receipts	\$6,770
Budget Receipts to Date	\$29,927
Expenses to Date	\$34,956

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 19
9:30 am Bible Fellowship - Room 308
10:30 am Morning Worship - Sanctuary/Facebook

Wednesday, October 22
11:30 am Wednesday Lunch Bunch at Mayfair
(everyone is welcome to attend)
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

Friday, October 24
6:00 pm Rotten Lemons Mom's Meet-up Event, FLC

Monday, November 3
6:00 pm WMU Prayer Event, FLC

NEW BIBLE FELLOWSHIP GROUP
Sunday's 9:30-10:00am in the
Conference Room
CONNECT. GROW. LEARN
Following the Revised Common Lectionary
All ages welcome!



Frances Vaughan - Dot Bates
- Josh Handy - Ed Varney
Richard Poindexter, former member
Savanah Britt
Elliott Atwood, daughter of friends of Brittany
Potter
For peace between Ukraine and Russia
For peace to take hold in the Middle East
Those affected by recent shootings in our country

Worship - October 19, 10:30 AM

Prelude Nicholas Skaggs
Words of Welcome Rev. Ben Potter
Call to Worship Rev. Ben Potter
Gathering Music: "Only Believe"
Centering Music: "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"
and "Peace Like a River" Children's Choir
Scripture: Psalm 121 Dr. Melanie Williams
Hymn of Praise: "Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above"
Scripture: 2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4:5 Cindy Helms
Sharing Prayer Concerns Cindy Helms
A Moment of Prayer Church Family
Prayer for the People & Lord's Prayer Cindy Helms
Hymn: "For Your Holy Book We Thank You"
Children's Worship (ages 3-7) Liz Hamilton
Greet Stranger, Neighbor and Friend
Choral Response: "I Am the Body of Christ"
Anthem: "Word of God, Speak" Choir
Sermon Text : Matthew 13:24-30 Rev. Ben Potter
Sermon Rev. Ben Potter
Prayer Rev. Ben Potter
Hymn: Standing on the Promises
Stewardship of Tithing and Fellowship
Sending Song: "As We Leave"
Postlude Nicholas Skaggs

This Week's Committees

Livestreaming: Matt McGraw
Nursery: Sara Cowan
Ushers: Tom & Ruby Coffey, Don Haver, Danny Tuggle
Lay Leader: Cindy Helms
Children's Worship: Elizabeth Hamilton
Money Counter: Patti Duncan



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