



STEEPLE VIEWS

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Christ has set us *free*...

Together

- Gal. 5:1; Heb. 10:24-25



cbf North Carolina Annual Gathering

March 19-20, 2026
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You're invited to Annual Gathering 2026, where we will celebrate and explore our intentional calling of being **"Free Together"** over the course of two days. Come experience the joy of connection and belonging as we worship, learn, share stories and celebrate together about how God is at work in our churches and communities across the state.

This isn't just for pastors or church leaders. It's for **everyone** who loves their church, values community or is simply curious about CBFNC. If you are interested in attending and would like more info, go to cbfnc.org/annual-gathering.



Sally Goodwin

FBC Monroe supports and affirms women in ministry in all roles. February is "Women In Ministry Month". On Sunday it will be our honor to have Sally Goodwin lead us in worship.

Sally is a school counselor at Central Academy of Technology & Arts. For most of her 27 years as a school counselor she has worked here, in Union County. She has had two adventures of a lifetime working in American Schools overseas: at the American School of Dubai and at Colegio Franklin Delano Roosevelt America School of Lima, Peru. Sally loves to travel when she can, and enjoyed her time as a swim coach at CATA. Sally loves this church family and sees it as an honor to serve as a deacon here at First Baptist Monroe.

Please pray for Sally as she prepares to share God's Word with us on Sunday morning.

Looking for a Loving Home

Our sweet cat, Lina is looking for a new and wonderful home.

Lina's Story- She was found as a very small kitten at a gas station. Lina got to come home to several new brothers and sisters. Sadly, she was the youngest of the bunch by about 10 years. Over the past 3 years she has lost all her siblings and is now all alone. Lina is an amazing sweet cat and is looking for a home where she doesn't feel all alone anymore.

- 3 years old
- Spayed
- Indoor Only
- No declawing, please
- Fully updated on vaccines
- Health and a little Chunky



February Prayer Focus

Attitude – Loving Within/Spiritual Formation

Our prayer topic for the month of February is forgiveness. The definition of forgiveness is the action or process of forgiving or being forgiven.

No matter what side of the forgiveness equation we happen to be on (hint: we're on both sides), we need God's strength and grace to receive, and offer forgiveness.

Let's come before God and reflect on His forgiveness, as we try to exercise forgiveness for others in our own lives.

Memorial Service . . .

There will be a memorial service for John McMullen here at First Baptist Church this Saturday, February 21st at 1:00pm. Please continue to pray for Pat and her family during this difficult time. If you would like to send condolences to Pat, her address is: 7308 Danay Drive, Kernersville, NC, 27284.

Worship - February 22, 10:30 AM

Prelude Nicholas Skaggs
 Words of Welcome Dr. Chris Dawson
 Call to Worship Dr. Chris Dawson
 Gathering Music: Hymn #479 *O How He Loves You and Me!*
 1st Lectionary Reading: Psalm 32 Dr. Melanie Williams
 Hymn #34 *Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart*
 2nd Lectionary Reading: Romans 5:12-19 Brittany Potter
 Sharing Prayer Concerns
 A Moment of Prayer Church Family
 Prayer for the People Brittany Potter
 The Lord's Prayer Church Family
 Hymn of Assurance: #706 *How Blest Are the People*
 Greet Stranger, Neighbor and Friend
 Choral Response: *I Am the Body of Christ*
 Centering Piece: *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* Choir
 Sermon Text: Matthew 4:1-11
 Sermon Sally Goodwin
 Prayer Sally Goodwin
 Hymn of Response: Hymn #464 *I Lay My Sins on Jesus*
 Stewardship of Tithing and Fellowship
 Sending Song: *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*
 Postlude Nicholas Skaggs

Facts & Figures: 02/15/2026

Weekly Budget Requirements.....\$6,756
 Budget Receipts.....\$6,245
 Budget Receipts to Date.....\$142,922
 Expenses to Date.....\$156,796

A memorial was given in memory of John McMullen to the general budget by Carol Tyson.

Church Calendar

Wednesday, February 18

6:30pm Ash Wednesday Service, *FLC*
 7:30pm Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*

Sunday, February 22

9:30am Bible Fellowship
 10:30am Morning Worship - *Sanctuary/Facebook*
 8:00pm "One In a Million" Priscilla Shirer (Zoom)

Wednesday, February 25

11:30am Lunch Bunch - Gus' Family Restaurant
 6:30pm Adult Bible Study, 6:30pm - *Room 308*
 7:30pm Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*

Sunday, March 1

9:30am Bible Fellowship
 10:30am Morning Worship - *Sanctuary/Facebook*

Team Leaders - February 22

Livestreaming: Trevor Dawson; Nursery: Tami Delmee

Children's Worship Leader: Liz Hamilton

Worship Leader: Brittany Potter

Money Counter: Patti Duncan

Ushers: Kathy Cole, Carolyn White, Lorey White

PRAYER LIST:

Please pray for Pat McMullen and family in the death of her husband, John. Also continue to pray for the following: Dot Bates, Jim Griffin, Josh Handy, Jan Hearn, Neal Hinson, Aileen Sowder, Ed Varney, Frances Vaughn, Elliott Atwood, Savannah Britt, Sam Goodwin, Ruth Ann Hall, Savanna Humphries, Reggie Maner, Beverly Miller (daughter of Carol & Sylvia Baker), Richard Poindexter, Linda Southard, Kenan Thomas, for peace in the United States, peace to take hold between Russia and the Ukraine, and in the Middle East.



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