



STEEPLE VIEWS

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• April Prayer Focus • Rest/Sabbath – Loving Within

During the month of April, we'll be praying about rest, or Sabbath.

This is an essential part of every person's life; especially, as we transition from the burden of remembering all Jesus went through during this Lenten/Easter season.

Without rest, we'll become exhausted, discouraged, & burnt out.

God calls us to rest; let's pray that He'll empower us to slow down, breathe, & focus on Him.

Announcement:

I am pleased to report that the earnings from the trust holding the investment for the R. Spence Helms & Annie Lee Smith Scholarship program were enough in 2025 to provide funds for granting scholarships in 2026. Scholarships for available to "college students of families who are members of the First Baptist Church of Monroe". Applications are available from Marsha in the office.

- Joel Myers, Treasurer

Prayer List

Elliott Atwood
Dot Bates
Ray & Gerry Casner
Sam Goodwin
Josh Handy
Jan Hearn
Lily Jones
Reggie Maner

Beverly Miller
Carly Rife
Linda Southard
Aileen Sowder
Kenan Thomas
Ed Varney
Frances Vaughn
Rylee Zarate

For peace between Ukraine and Russia, in the Middle East, and in the United States.

Facts & Figures ~ April 19

Weekly Budget Requirements \$6,756
Budget Receipts.....\$3,775
Budget Receipts to Date.....\$225,005
Expenses to Date.....\$220,216

Memorials: no memorials this week.

Honorariums: In honor of Michelle Dawson given by Jean Duck.

Team Leaders ~ April 26

Livestreaming Trevor Dawson
Nursery Brittany Potter
Money Counter Susan Bales
Ushers Kathy Cole & Carolyn & Lorey White
Worship Leader Harvey Whitley



Sunday evening gathering:

May 3 - June 28

[Amos: An Invitation to the Good Life](#)

Sunday Worship

April 26, 2026 ~ 10:30 am

Prelude Elaine Potter
 Words of Welcome Dr. Chris Dawson
 Call to Worship Dr. Chris Dawson
 Choral Introit Choir
"Acclamation" from Gospel Mass by Robert Ray
 First Lectionary Reading: Acts 2: 42-47
 Dr. Melanie Williams
 Hymn of Praise #108 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*
 Second Lectionary Reading: 1 Peter 2: 19-25
 Harvey Whitley
 Sharing of Prayer Concerns
 Moment of Prayer Church Family
 Prayer for the People Harvey Whitley
 The Lord's Prayer
 Hymn of Assurance #500
I Will Sing the Wondrous Story (v.1,2,&3)
 Great Stranger, Neighbor, & Friend
 Choral Response *I Am the Body of Christ*
 Centering Piece Choir & Sophia Ackerman, soloist
"Credo (I Believe in God)" from Gospel Mass
 by Robert Ray
 Sermon Text John 10: 1-10
 Sermon Dr. Chris Dawson
 Prayer Dr. Chris Dawson
 Hymn of Response #522
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
 Stewardship of Tithing & Fellowship Church Family
 Sending Song #768 (v.5) *I Come with Joy*
 Postlude Elaine Potter

Church Calendar

Wednesday, April 22

11:30am 4th Wednesday Lunch Bunch — *The Derby*
 6:00pm Family/Children's Dinner — *FLC*
 6:30pm Children's Discipleship
 6:30pm Adult Spiritual Formation — *Rm 308*
 7:30pm Choir Practice — *Choir Room*

Sunday, April 26

9:30am Bible Fellowship — *Rm.308 & Conference Rm.*
 10:30am Worship Service — *Sanctuary*
 11:30am Church-wide Spring Lunch — *FLC*

Wednesday, April 29

6:00pm Family/Children's Dinner — *FLC*
 6:30pm Children's Discipleship
 6:30pm Quarterly Business Meeting — *FLC*
 7:30pm Choir Practice — *Choir Room*

Thurs. April 30 - Sat. May 2 — Pastor Chris out for Helping Churches Thrive Guide Retreat

Sunday, May 3

9:30am Bible Fellowship — *Rm.308 & Conference Rm.*
 10:30am Worship Service — *Sanctuary*

Tuesday, May 5

6:00pm Board of Deacons Meeting — *Parlor*

Wednesday, May 6

6:00pm Family/Children's Dinner — *FLC*
 6:30pm Children's Discipleship
 6:30pm Adult Spiritual Formation — *Rm. 308*
 7:30pm Choir Practice — *Choir Room*

Monday, May 11

6:00pm Book Club — *FLC*

Tuesday, May 12

6:30pm Board of Trustees Meeting — *Conference Rm.*

Loving Within Opportunity:

The church preschool is in need of a microwave. If anyone in our church family has a spare microwave and is willing to donate it to the preschool, please reach out to Patti Duncan.

THANKS!

Announcement:

Women's Bible Study & Fellowship opportunities for the rest of the year.

We are hoping it might be possible to continue a similar schedule/approach each year.

If you have ideas or would like to help plan/lead, please let us know! The more, the merrier! - Lisa Dinkins

Jan/Feb	Winter Bible Study	
April 24-25	Beth Moore Living Proof Live Event (if registered)	
May 3-June 28	Summer Bible Study (Amos: An Invitation to the Good Life)	
August 29	Half-day gathering (details TBD)	
Nov 1-Nov 22	Pre-Advent Bible Study	... same pattern for 2027



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