



STEEPLE VIEWS

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July 1 - Chris Dawson
July 4 - Bob Bullard
July 6 - Denice Harris
July 10 - Marsha Sexton
July 11 - Stephanie McManus
July 12 - Ed & Faye Varney
July 15 - Joyce Forbes
July 15 - Matt & Lisa Dinkins
July 18 - Gerry Casner
July 20 - Melanie Williams
July 23 - Scott Dinkins
July 26 - Reggy & Barbara Gaddy
July 31 - Bobby Griffin



Preschool Summer Camps

The FBC Monroe Weekday Preschool is holding five summer camps for children ages 2 years to 8 years old. Contact Angela Ammons for more information or to register.

Week 3 – July 6-9
Week 4 – July 13-16
Week 5 – July 27-30



Dear First Baptist Monroe Church,

I would like to thank you for selecting me as the recipient of your scholarship. I am truly grateful for your generosity and support as I continue my education.

Your assistance will help ease the cost of tuition, books, and other expenses that I might have during my time at Wingate University. This will allow me to focus on school without having to worry about whether or not I will be able to afford it.

I am thankful to be a part of such a caring and supportive community. This has encouraged me to keep working hard and pursue my dreams to the fullest extent possible.

Thank you again for this scholarship and know that it will not go to waste and I am blessed to be given this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Trevor Dawson



Loving Within Training

Keep an eye out for Loving Within training opportunities in late July. This is a great time to step forward to serve at FBCM in one of our ministry areas.

If you are currently serving, thank you! If you are not currently serving but would like to get involved, please contact the pastor and plan to attend one of the training sessions. Many hands make light work.

- Livestream Ministry Team
- Nursery
- Children's Worship Team
- Ushers
- Teaching (Bible Fellowship, and Wednesday Discipleship Training for children, youth and adults)
- Money Counters

Sunday Morning Worship

July 5, 2026 ~ 10:30 AM

Prelude	Elaine Potter
Words of Welcome	Dr. Chris Dawson
Call to Worship	Dr. Chris Dawson
Gathering Music	Adam Dinkins
Patriotic Medley	
First Lectionary Reading	Dr. Chris Dawkins
Psalm 145: 8-15	
Hymn of Praise #669	
"God of Grace, God of Glory"	
Second Lectionary Reading	Michelle Dawkins
Romans 7: 15-25	
Sharing of Prayer Concerns	
Moment of Prayer	
Prayer for the People	Michelle Dawkins
The Lord's Prayer	
Hymn of Assurance #472	
"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"	
Children Leave for Children's Worship	
Greet Stranger, Neighbor, and Friend	
Choral Response	
"The Body of Christ"	
Centering Piece	Choir
"The Savior Is Waiting" – Ralph Carmichael	
Sermon	Dr. Chris Dawson
Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30	
Prayer	Dr. Chris Dawson
Hymn of Response	
"This Is My Song"	
Stewardship of Tithing & Fellowship	
Sending Song	
"As We Leave" – Leslie Halfacre	
Postlude	Elaine Potter

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Team Leaders ~ July 5

Livestreaming	Thomas Bailey
Nursery	Grace Newton
Worship Leader	Michelle Dawkins
Children's Worship	Sara Cowan
Money Counter	Sheila London
Ushers	Scott Dinkins, Sheila London, Joel Myers

July Prayer Focus

Freedom in Christ – Loving God

During the month of July, as we celebrate the freedom of our nation, I would like the FBC Monroe church family to pray for Freedom in Christ, Loving God.

I believe it's necessary for our church family to have a better understanding of what that means.

Freedom in Christ means we're promised eternal salvation through the sacrifice of our lord and savior, Jesus Christ, who, through grace and mercy, has forgiven us of our sins.

God freely gives us Freedom in Christ to share with others; let's pray that He'll give us opportunities to show our Love for Him and share a message of true freedom found in Jesus.

Elliott Atwood	Bob Bullard
Ray & Gerry Casner	Reggy Gaddy
Sam Goodwin	Liz Hamilton
Ann Handy	Don Haver
Jan Hearn	Burt & Nancy Humphries
Lily Jones	Beverly Miller
Jerone Mungo	Linda Southard
Aileen Sowder	Kenan Thomas
Ed Varney	Faye Varney
Rylee Zarate	

Those affected by the earthquake in Venezuela
For peace between Ukraine and Russia, in the Middle East, and in the United Sates

Facts & Figures ~ June 28

Weekly Budget Requirements	\$6,756
Budget Receipts	\$7,720
Budget Receipts to Date	\$277,343
Expenses to Date	\$277,281



Memorials this week:
In memory of Dot Bates, Josh Handy, & Frances Vaughan
In memory of Frances Vaughan by Mr. and Mrs. Gene Herrell



Ladies!

Join us for the Going Beyond Simulcast with Priscilla Shirer on Saturday, August 22, from 8:30AM-4:30PM. (This replaces the previously published August 29 event.)

Invite a friend and plan to join us for a day of spiritual growth, fellowship, and encouragement alongside other women in our church and community.

Cost: \$30 per person

Registration is required by August 3. Checks can be made out to FBC Monroe with a note "Going Beyond," or you can pay online.

FBC Book Club

The next meeting of the FBC Book Club is Monday, July 13th at 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center. This month's book is "Beach House Rules" by Kristy Woodson Harvey.



We welcome Spenser Bates to our family of faith as a candidate for baptism on Sunday, July 26.

Quilting Retreat

The July quilting retreat will be Friday, July 10 and Saturday, July 11 at 9:30AM in the FLC.



Monday, July 6 – Thursday, July 9
9AM - Preschool Summer Camp 3

Friday, July 10 – Saturday, July 11
9:30AM - Quilting Retreat, FLC

Monday, July 13
6PM – Book Club. FLC
Beach Club Rules - Kristy Woodson Harvey

Monday, July 13 – Thursday, July 16
9AM - Preschool Summer Camp 4

Monday, July 13 – Sunday, July 19
Pastor Chris and family on vacation

Wednesday, July 22
11:30AM 4th Wednesday Lunch Bunch, TBD

Monday, July 27 – Thursday, July 30
9AM – Preschool Summer Camp 5

Mid to late July
Loving Within Training

Weekly Summer Schedule

- Sundays**
- 9:30AM Bible Fellowship, Conference Rm. & #308
 - 10:30AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
Nursery offered for babies and toddlers
 - 10:45AM Children's Worship, Children's Library



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Office Hours: M-W 8:30AM-4PM; Th 8:30AM-3:30PM

First Baptist Church Monroe exists to Love God, Love Within, and Love Beyond.