

## Announcements

### The Chosen

*The Chosen* will be shown on Thursday evenings during January and February at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center, and will be facilitated by Pastor Chris Dawson. This series focuses mainly on the adult life of Christ and his divine mission to bring salvation to all of humanity. Join us for this indepth look at the life of Christ and his divine purpose. Invite others to attend with you.

### “Come Catch Chris”

Catch Chris on Tuesday, January 3 between 5:45 and 6:30 p.m. in the food court at the Monroe Crossings Mall. This is an excellent time to have an informal conversation with him concerning anything that may be on your heart or mind.

### Church Offices Closed

The church offices will be closed tomorrow

### Quilting Retreat

The Sew Faithful Quilters will begin having their monthly Quilting Retreats again, after a two month break. It will be held in the Family Life Center on Friday and Saturday, January 13 and 14 beginning at 9:30 a.m. The quilters invite you to drop by any time to see the creations they are working on.

### Faith in Fiction Book Club

The Book Club will review and discuss the book, *Mad Honey*, written by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan, at their meeting on Monday, January 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor. You are invited to join them.



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## The Worship of God



January 1, 2023 at Ten-thirty in the Morning

### The Community Gathers Before God

#### Centering Thoughts for Worship

*Our God is a God of Light and Love. Out of fear, we sometimes hide our light and hold close our love. We forget that the light is from God, and it is not ours alone. We forget that the love God has given us is for all. God calls us to shine the light given us, and to share the love that is within us, for we are the Light of the World, and God is the Love that never fails.*

#### Words of Welcome

Dr. Chris Dawson

*If you are our guest today, we welcome you and ask that you complete a Visitor's Card available in the pew racks. Please include your address, phone number and email. If you are interested in learning more about our church, you are invited to note this on the card. Thank you and welcome to worship at First Baptist Church.*

#### Call to Worship

Dr. Chris Dawson

### The Community Gives Praise & Prayers to God

#### + Centering Music

Hymn No. 95

*"All Hail the Power"* (verses 1, 2 & 5)

CORONATION

#### First Lectionary Reading – Psalm 8

Dr. Chris Dawson

#### + Hymn of Praise

Hymn No. 353

*"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

DIX

#### Second Lectionary Reading - Philippians 2: 5-11

Sheila London

#### Sharing Prayer Concerns

Sheila London

**A Moment of Prayer** Church Family

**Prayer for the People** Sheila London

**The Lord’s Prayer**  
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

+ **Hymn of Assurance** Hymn No. 538  
“I Need Thee Every Hour” NEED

**Greet Stranger, Neighbor and Friend**  
**The Community Receives God’s Word**

**Sermon Text** – Luke 2: 15-21 Dr. Chris Dawson

**Sermon** Dr. Chris Dawson

**Prayer** Dr. Chris Dawson

**The Community Responds to God’s Call**  
+ **Hymn of Response** Hymn No. 151  
“Go Tell It on the Mountain” GO TELL IT

+ **Stewardship of Tithing and Fellowship** Church Family

+ **Musical Benediction** OLD HUNDREDTH  
“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

+ **Closing Voluntary**

**Ministers**  
All who follow Jesus

**Church Staff**  
Dr. Christopher S. Dawson, *Senior Minister*  
Marsha Sexton, *Business Manager*  
Kathy Cole, *Ministry Coordinator*  
Alyssa Metze, *Weekday Preschool Director*  
Madison Frank, *Music Intern*



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



**A Glance of our Financial Stewardship**

Weekly Budget Requirements .....	\$ 6,780
Budget Receipts December 18, 2022.....	\$ 7,418
Budget Receipts to Date .....	\$ 117,382
Expenses to Date .....	\$109,622



**This Week’s Committees**  
**Livestreaming Equipment** - Trevor Dawson  
**Nursery** – Ruby Coffey  
**Ushers** – Carol Findley, Sheila London, Joel Myers  
**Worship Leader** – Sheila London  
**Money Counter** – Sheila London

**Prayer Concerns**

Carol and Sylvia Baker  
Pauline Funderburk  
Dr. Gene Cook  
Vicki Johnson, sister-in-law of Denise Hopper  
Hailey Rice, family member of Carol Findley  
Laurence Bivens, father of Melody Hawkins  
Albert Clifton, uncle of Mike Knight  
Becky Shue, sister-in-law of Joyce Forbes  
Mike Starkey brother of Fred Starkey  
Jimmy Totty, brother of Stewart Totty  
Mike McBride, brother of Tim McBride  
Anita Johnson, friend of Carol Findley  
Emma Hemphill  
Daniel Mackay, brother of Jonathan Mackay  
The leaders/people of Ukraine and Russia, for peace to replace war



**Church Calendar**

**Sunday, January 1**  
10:30 am Morning Worship – *Sanctuary/Facebook*

**Monday, January 2**  
Church Offices Closed

**Tuesday, January 3**  
5:45 pm Come Catch Chris – *Food Court at the Mall*

**Wednesday, January 4**  
7:30 pm Board of Deacons – *Room 214*  
Board of Christian Education – *Conference Room*

**Thursday, January 5**  
6:30 pm *The Chosen* – *Family Life Center*

