

## Announcements

### Meal for Missions

On Sunday, February 19 immediately following worship, there will be a church-wide “Meal for Missions.” Cost will be a donation of your choice, which will be given to Turning Point. Menu will include spaghetti (prepared by some of our men), tossed salad, rolls, donuts and coffee for dessert (donuts are from the Donut House in Indian Trail). Reservations can be made by signing the form in today’s bulletin and dropping it in one of the offering plates as you leave worship. Join us for fellowship and lunch and help support Turning Point. The meal is being provided by the Event Committee.

### Church Kitchen Needs

The Trustees have approved raising funds for much needed equipment in the church kitchen. Proposal is for a new electric countertop convection oven, a six-burner gas cooktop range, and a stainless steel table, all totaling about \$2,500. Other expenses will be for electrical and removal of the old equipment. If you would like to help, please turn in a check and mark it for Kitchen Fund. The Event Committee thanks you!!

### Board of Missions

The Board of Missions is asking for donations of individually wrapped Valentine’s candy. The candy, along with cards, will be distributed to the residents at the Cotton Street Apartments on Saturday, February 11. Donations should be left in the Gathering Area no later than Wednesday, February 8.

### The Chosen

*The Chosen* will continue to be shown on Thursday evenings at 6:30 in the Family Life Center through the end of February. Join us as we look at the life of Christ as an adult and his mission of bringing salvation to humanity.



We welcome Andy Hale, Associate Executive Coordinator of CBF of North Carolina, as our guest speaker today.

Andy’s responsibilities at CBF include collaborating with the executive coordinator for the thriving CBFNC churches and clergy, developing innovative ministry with young adults and college students, and starting new faith communities and partnering with CBFNC ministry staff.

Before his current role, he served as the senior pastor of University Baptist Church of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the founding pastor of Mosaic Church of Clayton, North Carolina, and the associate pastor of First Baptist Church of Clayton, North Carolina. He also served on CBF Global staff as the church start specialist, as well as the creator and host of the CBF Podcast Conversation.

Andy is currently pursuing a Doctor of Leadership in global perspective from George Fox University, focusing on congregational thriving. He has degrees from Campbell University Divinity School and Campbell University in Buies Creek, North Carolina.

Andy has completed extended professional development programs with the Center for Congregational Health’s Young Leader Program, CBF Global’s Fellows Program and coaching certification through Coach Approach Ministry. He has led various organizational leadership roles, including consulting, coaching, workshop facilities, lecturing and design thinking initiatives. While his strengths focus on adaptive leadership, innovating organizational vision and administration, communication strategies uncharted situations, his passion is helping clergy, congregational leaders, and churches thrive. Andy is married to Jennifer Hale and they have two daughters, Madison and Aubrey-Anna.

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## The Worship of God



January 29, 2023 at Ten-thirty in the Morning

## The Community Gathers Before God

### Centering Thoughts for Worship

*Let us fill our hearts this day in faith to the One Who hears all prayers and holds close all those in need. God gathers each of us into His radiant presence and continually reveals His Son as our Savior. God brings healing to all wounds, makes whole all that is broken, and sheds light in every darkness so that all creation will see His glory and will know Christ.*

### 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 – Micah 6: 1-8

Madison Frank

### + Hymn of Praise

Hymn No. 17

*“Praise the Lord! O Heavens Adore Him”*

AUSTRIAN HYMN

### Second Lectionary Reading – I Cor. 8: 18-31

Melody Hawkins

### Sharing Prayer Concerns

Melody Hawkins

**A Moment of Prayer**

Church Family

**Prayer for the People**

Melody Hawkins

**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. 239

*“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”*

DUKE STREET

**Anthem**

The Chancel Choir

*“Bread of the World”*

by Dennis Eliot

**The Community Receives God’s Word**

**Sermon Text** – Acts 2: 42-47

Rev. Andy Hale

**Sermon**

Rev. Andy Hale

*“Discovering Relationships Under Bylaws and Constitutions”*

**Prayer**

Rev. Andy Hale

**The Community Responds to God’s Call**

**Ordinance of Communion**

*To receive Communion, please come forward using the center aisle, and return to your seat by using the side aisles – if you are unable to come forward, raise your hand and a deacon will serve you*

**+ Musical Benediction**

*“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”*

Dennis

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

**+ Closing Voluntary**

Elaine Potter

*+ Those who are able may stand*

**Ministers**

All who follow Jesus

**Church Staff**

Dr. Christopher S. Dawson, *Senior Minister*

Marsha Sexton, *Business Manager*

Kathy Cole, *Ministry Coordinator*

Elaine Potter, *Accompanist*

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 January 22, 2023.....	\$ 1,806
Budget Receipts to Date .....	\$ 159,423
Expenses to Date .....	\$ 137,004



**This Week’s Committees**

**Livestreaming Equipment** - Trevor Dawson

**Nursery** – Brittany Potter

**Ushers** – Don Haver, Stephanie McManus, Melody Hawkins

**Worship Leader** – Melody Hawkins

**Money Counters** – Annette Kilby, Jim Griffin

**Prayer Concerns**

Carol and Sylvia Baker

Pauline Funderburk

Katie Mackay

Dr. Gene Cook

Hailey Rice, family member of Carol Findley

Debby Haver, family member of Don Haver

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

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 29**

9:30 am Bible Fellowship – *Family Life Center*

10:30 am Morning Worship – *Sanctuary/Facebook*

**Wednesday, February 1**

6:30 pm Youth Group – *Room 308*

7:30 pm Chancel Choir – *Choir Room*

Board of Missions – *Conference Room*

Board of Deacons – *Room 214*

**Thursday, February 2**

6:30 pm *The Chosen* – *Family Life Center*

