



STEEPLE VIEWS

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Reminder to those who have reservations of the lunch this Sunday following worship
This will be Logan Williams' last Sunday with First Baptist as Music Intern
Thank you Logan for your service to First Baptist ... we will miss you!
We ask for prayers for Logan as he heads to Carnegie for graduate studies

Journey to Jerusalem

Tom Coffey will continue his photographic recount of his and Ruby's trip to the Holy Land last fall
Join him each Wednesday evening through May at 6:30 p.m. in Room 308 as he shares their experiences

Memorials ...

In memory of: By Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Kilby, Nancy Thomas, Susan Bales, and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Nance in memory of Fred Simpson and Dr. Ken Murray. By Mr. and Mrs. Ken Handy, Timothy Belflowers, and Gerri Kessel in memory of Dr. Ken Murray. By Ellen McGinnis and Lisa Harpe in memory of Fred Simpson.

Blood Drive ...

There will be a Blood Drive in the Family Life Center on Friday, June 3 at 2:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help with signing people in, giving out drinks/snacks, etc. If you can help, please contact Harvey/Diane Whitley, or Mike/Frances Knight.



I am pleased to announce that funds are available to distribute scholarship grants from the R. Spence and Annie Lee Smith Helms Scholarship Fund for the 2022-23 school year. College students of families who are members of First Baptist Church of Monroe can apply. Applications are available in the church office and the completed forms should be returned to the church office by June 1.

— Joel Myers, Church Treasurer

“Loving Beyond” Event ...

The Board of Missions needs your help in providing requested items from the residents of the Cotton Street Apartments. They regularly receive food packs from Heart for Monroe (which we help deliver), but have additional needs, which are:

- Toiletries**
- Toilet paper**
- Crackers/chips**
- Pop Tarts/cereal/grits**
- Canned fruits and vegetables**

If you would like to provide one or more of these items, please bring them to the Gathering Area by June 12.

Graduates ...

Parents, if you have either a son or daughter who is graduating from high school or college this year, please call the church office. A complete list of graduates will be published in the newsletter around the first of June. T

“Spending Daily Time With God in His Word”

This scripture readings for May 14-20 are as follows:

May 14 - I Samuel 15:1-16:23; John 8:1-20; Psalm 110:1-7; Proverbs 15:8-10

May 15 - I Samuel 17:1-18:4; John 8:21-30; Psalm 111:1-10; Proverbs 15:11

May 16 - I Samuel 18:5-19:24; John 8:31-59; Psalm 112:1-10; Proverbs 15:12-14

May 17 - I Samuel 20:1-21:15; John 9:1-41; Psalm 113:1-114:8; Proverbs 15:15-17

May 18 - I Samuel 22:1-23:29; John 10:1-21; Psalm 115:1-18; Proverbs 15:18-19

May 19 - I Samuel 24:1-25:44; John 10:22-42; Psalm 116:1-19; Proverbs 15:20-21

May 20 - I Samuel 26:1-28:25; John 11:1-53; Psalm 117:1-2; Proverbs 15:22-23

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 15

9:30 am Bible Fellowship - Rooms 214 / 318
 10:30 am Morning Worship - Sanctuary/Facebook
 11:00 am Church-wide Lunch - Family Life Center

Wednesday, May 18

5:45 pm Children's Families Dinner - FLC
 6:30 pm Children's Activities
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir - Choir Room



Ed Varney - Jan Hearn - Jon and Katie Mackay
 MaryAnn Clifton, aunt of Mike Knight
 Dana Hinson
 Debby Haver, cousin of Don Haver
 Phil and Teresa Bowman, family of Max Penegar
 Mike McBride, brother of Tim McBride
 Shirley Clanton, friend of Frances Knight
 Becky Shue, sister-in-law of Joyce Forbes
 Bill Thaxton
 Emma Hemphill
 Daniel Mackay, brother of Jonathan Mackay
 Kevin Casner, son of Ray and Gerry Casner
 The leaders and people of Ukraine and Russia, and for
 peace to replace war
 All those affected by Covid-19

Facts & Figures:

Sunday, May 8, 2022

Weekly Budget Requirements	\$	7,786
Budget Receipts	\$	4,241
Budget Receipts to Date	\$	246,282
Expenses to Date	\$	248,358

Worship May 15 - 10:30 a.m.

Words of Welcome	Dr. Chris Dawson
Call to Worship	Dr. Chris Dawson
Opening Music	Chancel Choir
1st Lectionary Reading: Psalm 148	Logan Williams
Hymn: "Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him"	L. Williams
2nd Lectionary Reading: Revelation 21: 1-6	Carol Findley
Sharing Prayer Concerns	Carol Findley
A Moment of Prayer	
Prayer for the People	Carol Findley
Lord's Prayer	
Hymn: "Soon and Very Soon"	Logan Williams
Children's Worship	Denise Hopper
Anthems	Chancel Choir
Sermon Text: John 13: 31-35	Dr. Chris Dawson
Sermon	Dr. Chris Dawson
Prayer	Dr. Chris Dawson
Hymn of Response: "The Gift of Love"	Logan Williams
The Stewardship of Tithing & Fellowship	
Musical Benediction	Logan Williams
Closing Voluntary	Beth Adams

This Week's Committees

Livestreaming Equipment for Worship:

Trevor Dawson

Ushers:

Tom and Ruby Coffey, Don Haver, Dannie Tuggle

Worship Leader:

Carol Findley

Children's Worship Leader:

Denise Hopper

Money Counter:

Patti Duncan



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

May Board Reports

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, May 10. After the meeting was called to order, Pastor Chris Dawson led in prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

Following the financial report, it was announced that the contract for having the roof replaced has been signed.

Two representatives from the American Red Cross toured the church to verify it can be used as an emergency evacuation facility.

Discussion followed about needed repairs to the pipe organ. The Trustees have received the name of a person who might possibly do the repairs. The congregation will be notified when more information is available.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Bales

Board of Deacons

The FBC Board of Deacons met Sunday, May 1. After the meeting was called to order, an inspiring devotion based on Isaiah 40:28-31 was shared by one of our deacons. Then the minutes from our April meeting were approved.

Deacons shared any concerns about their deacon families and there was some brainstorming for possible deacon candidates for our new church year beginning September 1. Deacons signed up to be Worship Leaders for June-July-August. There are still dates available, so please consider serving in this capacity if asked.

Dates to remember were shared:

Sunday, August 7 Deacon Picnic

Saturday, August 20 All Boards Meeting

Deacon Training Session included two chapters from *Don't Sing Songs to a Hurting Heart* - Chapter 9 "Words that Hurt, Not Heal", and Chapter 10 "Pink Thinking" (Pollyanna Theology).

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Grace and Peace,
Vickie Tuggle

Board of Missions

On May 4, 2022, the Mission Board met, and we finalized our May Love and Beyond Lunch for the 12 teachers/staff at Monroe Middle School for Teacher Appreciation. The lunch was catered by Moe's Southwest Grill, and we also provided cupcakes and tea.

Back in April when we delivered food bags to Cotton Street, we asked each resident what are 5 things that they never get in their food bags but would really like to have. After getting the totals, the top 5 items were eggs, breakfast items, paper products, crackers/chips, and fruits/vegetables. An upcoming Mission will be to put together a "Market" on wheels, so to speak, and have the residents to come and pick out a few of these items. Another activity we are planning is to have an ice cream truck or Pelicans there at the same time as the "Market."

The Mission Board is planning to help provide bottled water for Field Day at Monroe Middle and we also discussed new candidates for the Mission Board for the upcoming year.

Please remember to keep all those on our weekly prayer list in your prayers.

Thank you to all those that take their time to pack/deliver 55 food bags to Rock Rest Elementary School. You are a true blessing.

Respectfully,
Crystal Brantley