

Announcements

Church-wide Christmas Luncheon

Join us for our Christmas Luncheon which will be held on Sunday, December 11 at 11:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center. Reservations are needed. A reservation form is included in today's worship bulletin. If you plan to attend, please fill in the information and drop it in an offering plate as you leave worship today.

Thanksgiving Offering

Each person connected to First Baptist is encouraged to give an extra gift to God during the month of November. This gives us an opportunity to carry out the first part of our vision statement by showing Our Love for God, and thanking him for all He does and has done for us. This offering will go to the General Budget, which supports the other two elements of our vision statement of Loving Within and Loving Beyond. Envelopes are included in today's bulletin.

Ladies Lunch

Baptist women are invited to have lunch together this Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. at Napoli Restaurant. Bring a spouse or friend. Goal is to have a time of fellowship and conversation. You do not have to be a church member or member of any group to join us for this lunch!

You're Invited

The Greater Monroe Lions Club will sponsor a Christmas Bingo in the Family Life Center this Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Purpose is to collect toys for the Union County Christmas Bureau. So, bring an unwrapped toy or toys and join them for fun and fellowship. Desserts will be provided.

Drop-in Celebration

You are invited to a drop-in at the home of Katherine Cox to celebrate her 90th birthday this Friday, November 25 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Her address is 2501 Foxmoor Drive, Monroe 28110.

Polar Express Movie Night

The Children's Ministry Team will sponsor a Polar Express Movie Night on Friday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Invite your children, grandchildren and/or neighborhood children to attend. The Ministry Team is asking for donations of hot chocolate and cookies, which can be placed in the Gathering Area.



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The Worship of God



November 27, 2022 at Ten-thirty in the Morning

The Community Gathers Before God

Centering Thoughts for Worship

Advent is the season of watching and waiting for Christ's return. It is not passive, but actively waiting, and watching for signs that Christ is returning in our world and in our lives in a new way. As we prepare for Christmas, remember how Christ came into our world in an unexpected way ... as a newborn child. So, Christ will come again in an unexpected way, but we must be ready.

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. 106

"Jesus, Name Above All Names" (Sing 3 times)

HEARN

Musical Meditation

Chancel & Children's Choirs

"Morning Star"

by John Kemp

Advent Reading & Lighting of the Advent Wreath – Hope

+ **Hymn of Praise** Hymn No. 133
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” VENI EMMANUEL

Lectionary Reading – Isaiah 2: 1-5 Jim Griffin

Sharing Prayer Concerns Jim Griffin

A Moment of Prayer Church Family

Prayer for the People Jim Griffin

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. 135
“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” HYFRYDOL

Anthem Chancel and Children’s Choirs
“Night of Silence” by John Ferguson

The Community Receives God’s Word

Sermon Text – Matthew 24: 36-44 Dr. Chris Dawson

Sermon Dr. Chris Dawson

Prayer Dr. Chris Dawson

The Community Responds to God’s Call

+ **Hymn of Response** Hymn No. 562
“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” DIX

+ **Stewardship of Tithing and Fellowship**

+ **Musical Benediction**
“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” OLD HUNDREDTH
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** Beth Adams



Ministers

All who follow Jesus

Church Staff

Dr. Christopher S. Dawson, *Senior Minister*
Beth Adams, *Accompanist*
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 November 13, 2022..... \$ 2,851
Budget Receipts to Date \$ 86,842
Expenses to Date \$ 73,102

This Week’s Committees

Livestreaming Equipment - Trevor Dawson
Nursery – Brittany Potter
Ushers – Kathy Cole, Lorey and Carolyn White
Worship Leader – Jim Griffin
Money Counters – Susan Bales, Annette Kilby

Prayer Concerns

Ray and Gerry Casner in the death of their son, Kevin Casner
Dr. Gene Cook
Luke Brantley, grandson of Crystal Brantley
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, November 27
9:30 am Bible Fellowship Joint Class – *Family Life Center*
10:30 am Morning Worship – *Sanctuary/Facebook*

Tuesday, November 29
6:30 pm Lions Club Christmas Bingo – *Family Life Center*

Wednesday, November 30
11:30 am Ladies Lunch – *Napoli Restaurant*
6:00 pm Children & Families Dinner – *Family Life Center*
6:30 pm Children’s Discipleship
Adult Discipleship – *Room 214*
7:30 pm Chancel Choir – *Choir Room*

Thursday, December 1
2:30 pm Blood Drive – *Family Life Center*

Friday, December 2
6:00 pm Polar Express Movie Night – *Family Life Center*

