



# STEEPLE VIEWS

First Baptist Church • Monroe • North Carolina

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## Church Calendar

### Sunday, December 16

- 8:30 am Prayer Ministry Team - *Parlor*
- 9:40 am Bible Fellowship
- 10:30 am Child Care - *Nursery*
- 10:45 am Service of Worship - *Sanctuary*
- 11:00 am Youth Provide Lunch at Community Shelter
- 6:00 pm Community Children's Concert - *Sanctuary*

### Wednesday, December 12

- 6:30 pm Youth/Children Christmas Caroling
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir



## Christmas Eve CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Join us Christmas Eve at  
5:00 or 11:00 p.m. for  
our Christmas Eve Worship

Featuring Christmas Carols, Communion,  
Reading of Scripture and Special Music,  
with Karla Davis Johnson, soloist at the  
11:00 pm service



## Bible Fellowship December 30

All adults are invited to join us for Bible Fellowship at 9:40 on Sunday, December 30 in the Family Life Center. Babs Simpson will present an inspirational lesson featuring the Board of Christian Education's theme for 2018-2019 entitled, **LIGHT** — Living Into God's Holy Transformation.



The backpacks will be  
delivered to  
the Broyhill Children's Home on  
Wednesday, December 19  
It will not include a  
Children's Party, however



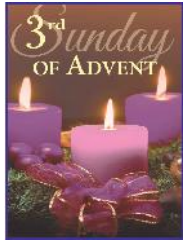
Congratulations to Jacob and Brittany Austin on the birth of their daughter, Sophie Louisa, on December 5. Proud grandparents are Mike and Kim Morgan.

**There will be no  
Wednesday evening  
regular activities on  
December 19 or  
December 26**

## Community Children's Choir Concert



The Community Children's Choir will present a concert during this holiday season. It will be held this Sunday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. in our sanctuary, under the direction of Keegan Britain, former Choral Scholar



## The Worship of God

Sunday, December 16  
10:45 a.m.

**Sermon by Dr. Chris Dawson**

*"A New Mother: Mary"*

**Antem by the Chancel Choir**

### THIS WEEK'S COMMITTEES

**Bible Fellowship Greeters:** Joy Agape Class  
**Security:** Gathering Area-Nathan Hopper Narthex-Don Haver and Dannie Tuggle. Parking Area Greeter: Larry Tuggle  
**Nursery:** Chrissy Bassler, Jennifer Hissam  
**Worship & Wonder:** Libby Totty  
**Ushers:** Dannie Tuggle, Don Haver, Ruby and Tom Coffey  
**Offertory:** Dot Taylor, David Lowery, Jon Mackay, Don Haver  
**Money Counters:** Libby Totty

### Thank You ...

The Lottie Moon/Poovey and Helen Fling Women on Missions thanks their members and church family for the support of our Holiday Bake Sale for Global Missions. Because of your participation, over \$900 was raised in support of international missions.

— Thank you,  
Ann Handy & Sheila London

### Youth and Children ...



Wednesday, December 19, 6:30 p.m.

### 2019 Flower Calendar

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in 2019 either in memory or honor of someone, please sign up on the Flower Calendar near the church office  
Cost: \$60.00

### Prayer Concerns

Angie Baskins - Mary Lou Gamble - Joe Litaker  
 Sam Sain - Dr. Ken Murray - Mary Wade  
 Jane Benton - Tom Coffey  
 Audrey Bales - Melody Hawkins - Dr. John Hearn  
 Sheriff Eddie Cathey & family in the death of his wife  
 Betty McWhorter, sister of Carol Tyson  
 Glenda Poindexter, former member  
 Missy Walters, daughter-in-law of Nancy Walters  
 Junie Tuggle, mother of Larry Tuggle  
 Betty Jo Hawkins, sister-in-law of Jane Hawkins  
 Kevin Casner, son of Ray and Gerry Casner  
 Jane McNeely-Sowell, friend of Carolyn White  
 Wayne Barnhill, brother of Diane Whitley  
 Dewitt Fincannon, brother of Letha Turner

### Facts & Figures:

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Bible Fellowship Attendance.....	-0-
Worship Attendance .....	-0-
Weekly Budget Requirements .....	\$ 8,360
Budget Receipts .....	\$ -0-
Budget Receipts to Date .....	\$ 103,455
Expenses to Date .....	\$ 105,787



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



Dear FBC Monroe Family:

I am writing this letter to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. During the Advent season, we turn our hearts and minds to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who was born as a baby to become the sacrificial atonement for all people. Here at FBC Monroe, our ministry reaches people in our community through our partnership with Monroe Middle School, our service to Rock Rest Elementary, and sharing our time and talents to be the hands and feet of Jesus through so many other ministries like the Appalachian Backpack Ministry where we gave over 50 backpacks to boys and girls at the Broyhill Children's Home in Clyde, NC.

The wise men gave the boy Jesus gold, frankincense, and myrrh as gifts in recognition of his deity and royalty. They were mere seekers without any commitment to Jesus Christ, except they knew he was special because the signs in the heavens had informed them as such. As true Christ followers, we should be more committed to Jesus' message, and as we approach Christmas Day, the day of celebration of our Savior's birth, please consider, as the wise men did, what gift you will give the Christ child.

Together, we can continue making a difference in the lives of those we live near, and serve, and with whom we share Christ's love. May you remember not only gifts for your earthly family but also remember sharing a gift with your heavenly family, so we can continue to grow God's kingdom here on this earth. You might consider, as part of your end of year gift, adding an extra week's tithe to make up for the Sunday we missed on December 9 because of the wintry weather brought on by Winter Storm Diego.

May God's Hope, Peace, Joy and Love fill your hearts and minds this season!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Chris Dawson