

### Prayer Concerns

Angie Baskins - Mary Lou Gamble

Audrey Bales - Jane Benton

Sandra Casner, daughter of Ray and Gerry Casner

Frances and Alvin Robinson, parents of Annette Kilby

Ann and Steve Herring, friends of Janet McGuirt

Missy Walters, daughter-in-law of Nancy Walters

Betty McWhorter, sister of Carol Tyson

Phil Bowman, nephew of Max Penegar

Betty Jo Hawkins, sister-in-law of Jane Hawkins

Kevin Casner, son of Ray and Gerry Casner

Wayne Barnhill, brother of Diane Whitley

Dewitt Fincannon, brother of Letha Turner

### Church Calendar

#### Sunday, February 3

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*

12:00 pm Church-wide Fellowship Lunch - *Family Life Center*

1:00 pm Nursery Volunteer Training - *Parlor/Nursery*

Board of Deacons - *Room 309*

2:00 pm Chancel Ringers - *Handbell Room*

#### Monday, February 4

1:00 pm Crafters on Mission - *Craft Room*

6:00 pm Faith in Fitness - *Family Life Center*

#### Tuesday, February 5

5:45 pm Youth Ministry Team - *Multipurpose Room*

7:00 pm Board of Christian Education - *Parlor*

#### Wednesday, February 6

5:30 pm Family Fellowship Meal - *Family Life Center*

*Menu: roast pork, potatoes, cabbage, pintos, bread, dessert*

6:15 pm Youth Study/Fellowship - *Room 310*

6:20 pm Prayer Meeting - *Family Life Center*

Children's Bible Fellowship - *Room 302*

6:30 pm Adult Study - *Family Life Center*

Young Adult Bible Fellowship - *Parlor*

7:15 pm Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*

Board of Missions - *Room 309*

#### Friday and Saturday, February 8 and 9

9:30 am Quilting Retreat - *Family Life Center*

### Announcements

#### Church-wide Luncheon

You are invited to join us for a Church-wide Luncheon in the Family Life Center immediately following worship this morning. Cost is \$10.00 for ages 12 and up, \$4.00 for ages 5-11, and free for those 4 and under.

#### Baptist Women in Ministry Celebration

You are invited to this event to be held Sunday, February 10 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. It will include a documentary film and panel discussion by 3 guests. There will also be a time for questions and answers on some of the elements portrayed in the film, and the state of women in ministry across Baptist life and how we can support, equip, and encourage churches and individuals in the calling of women. Other churches and women in the community are invited to join us. It is free and childcare will be provided.

#### Nursery Volunteers

All nursery volunteers are invited to attend a training session today immediately following the Church-wide Luncheon. It will be held in the Parlor and Nursery.

#### Flower Calendar

If you would like to provide flowers for Sunday Worship in 2019 either in memory or honor of someone, sign up on the Flower Calendar outside of the church office. Cost remains at \$60.00.

#### Mid-Winter Young Adult Retreat February 15-17

The retreat is open to all college-aged young adults. Cost will be \$60 for students, which includes lodging and meals. First Baptist will help with the cost for our college students. Included will be worship, group discussions, break-out sessions, and more. If interested, contact Josh Owens.

#### Quilting Retreat

The First Baptist Sew Faithful Ministry Team is sponsoring a Quilting Retreat this coming Friday and Saturday in the Family Life Center. It will begin both days at 9:30 a.m., and is open to anyone who enjoys sewing, regardless of skill level. For reservations or additional information, contact Kiki Myers.

#### CBF NC Annual Gathering

This year's Gathering will be held at First Baptist Church in Greensboro on March 28 and 29. If you would like to go to represent First Baptist, please register online at [cbfncag.com](http://cbfncag.com).

## The Worship of God



3 February 2019 at Ten Forty-five in the Morning

### The Community Gathers Before God

#### Centering Thoughts for Worship

*In God we find our rest and refuge, and put our hope and trust in Him, for He is faithful and true. God hears our prayers and knows our hurts. In times of doubt and disbelief, God has given us one another for strength and courage, and binds us together in love as the body of Christ.*

#### Words of Welcome

Dr. Dawson

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

#### Call to Worship

Rev. Matt Dinkins

#### Opening Voluntaries

The Chancel Ringers

*"A Joyful Peal"*

by Patricia Hurl

*"Mysterium on 'Veni Emmanuel'"*

arr. John Behnke

#### Reading of the Old Testament - Jeremiah 1: 4-10

Rev. Dinkins

#### † Hymn of Praise

Hymn No. 498

*"I Love to Tell the Story"*

HANKEY

*Children Age 3 - Grade 2 are invited to leave for Worship & Wonder*

**Reading of the Epistle** – I Corinthians 13: 1-13 Richard Collins

**Prayer for the People** Richard Collins

**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. 558  
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" BEECHER

**Anthem at the Offering** The Chancel Ringers  
"A Festive Piece on 'Good King Wenceslas'" arr. John Behnke

† **The Doxology** OLD HUNDREDTH  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*The congregation is asked to stand at the moment the Offertory Ushers pass their pew. This act of presentation to God enacts our self-offering and gratitude to God.*

† **Prayer of Dedication** Barbara Austin, *Deacon*

**The Word of God is Proclaimed and Heard**

**Sermon Text** Dr. Dawson  
Colossians 1: 11-13

**Sermon** Dr. Dawson  
"Physical Transformation: Muscular Endurance"

**Prayer** Dr. Dawson

**The Congregation Responds to the Word of God**

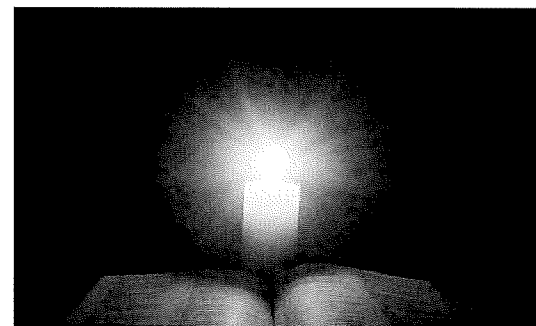
† **Hymn of Response** Hymn No. 656  
"Make Me a Blessing" SCHULER

† **Benediction** Dr. Dawson

† **Closing Voluntary** Dr. Belflowers, *organ*

† Those who are able may stand

**Loose Change Offering**  
The Loose Change Offering for February will benefit the Union County Community Shelter



**LIGHT: Living Into God's Holy Transformation**  
First Baptist Church Christian Education theme for 2018-2019

**Today's Committees**

**Security:** Gathering Area: Ken Handy. Narthex: Don Haver, Dannie Tuggle.  
Parking Area Greeter: Tim McBride  
**Nursery:** Chrissy Bassler  
**Children Worship & Wonder:** Josh Owens  
**Ushers:** Gerry Casner, Joel Myers, Lee Hyde, Jon Mackay  
**Offertory:** Barbara Austin, Diane Simpson, Carolyn and Lorey White



Personal listening devices are available for worship.  
Please see and request one from an usher.

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**Ministers**

All who follow Jesus

**Church Staff**

Dr. Christopher S. Dawson, *Senior Minister*  
Rev. Joshua K. Owens, *Associate Minister*  
Dr. Timothy D. Belflowers, *Minister of Music & Organist*  
Marsha Sexton, *Business Manager*  
Kathy Cole, *Ministry Coordinator*  
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**Vision Statement:**  
*First Baptist Church Monroe exists to  
Love God, Love Within, and Love Beyond*