



# STEEPLE VIEWS

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Dear Congregation:

I want to thank you for the cookies and beverages following Mary Nash's service. The tables and flowers were beautiful. We appreciate all of and the kindness and thoughtfulness shown to us and everybody who attended.

— Peace & Blessings,  
Lynda Rape and family

Dear Scholarship Selection Committee:

I wanted to reach out and thank everyone for selecting me as one of the recipients for this year's scholarship. It is a very big help and greatly appreciated. I'm entering my junior year at Wingate studying exercise science and in just a couple of years I will begin PT school, so every little bit is a big help. Thanks again for all you do.

— Bayley Dawson

Church Family & Scholarship Committee:

As I approach my final year of college at Point University as an Interior Design major and also obtaining a minor in Psychology, I wanted to formally thank you for all the ways that each of you have supported me over the past 8 years — including financially. Throughout my 4 year college I have been selected as one of the recipients of the R. Spence and Annie Lee Smith Helms Scholarship each year that it has been offered. It has made a significant impact in helping afford a college education and reduce student debt, which I am so grateful for. Your support in every way always has and will continue to be so appreciated!

— With love,  
Sydney Dawson

Dear Church Family:

A sincere Thank You to our FBC family. The cards, texts, phone calls, visits and food are truly appreciated. I know you loved Mom as much as we did. Thank you for making this difficult more bearable.

— Yours in Christ,  
The Morgan & Austin families

A heart-felt thank you to all those who attended and helped in anyway with the Deacon's Luncheon honoring our Older Generation members this past Saturday. To those who attended, who brought food, who helped serve and cleanup, and to Grant Hughes and Randy Taylor for providing the music ... without each of you, this special event would not have been possible. Bless each of you for helping us honor these special members of our church family.

— The Board of Deacons



### August Anniversaries:

- 1 - Stewart and Libby Totty
- 2 - Joe and Jessie Ruth Litaker
- 3 - Lorey and Carolyn White
- 9 - Hill and Phyllis Overton
- 10 - Jacob and Brittany Austin
- 12 - Tom and Ruby Coffey
- 14 - Harvey and Diane Whitley
- 22 - Tim and Debby McBride  
Ken and Jane Murray
- 28 - John and Jo Holland
- 29 - Johnny and Susie Taylor

### August Birthdays:

- 2 - Dot Taylor
- 4 - Mike Knight
- 6 - Fred Starkey
- 8 - Artie Melton
- 10 - Johnny Gregory
- 11 - Shirley Bullard  
Kathy Cole
- 12 - Edward Lowery  
Richard Lowery
- 14 - Helen Dinkins  
Brynn Purcell
- 16 - Reece McManus
- 18 - Marshall Lowery
- 20 - Joey Forbes  
Harvey Whitley
- 21 - Sylvia Baker
- 23 - Joe Litaker
- 28 - Dot Bates
- 29 - Kendall Latham
- 31 - Larry Brock



FBC Weekday Preschool is looking for Godly, loving, and fun individuals to join their preschool team for the 2021-22 school year! The positions available are Transitional Kindergarten Lead Teacher and 3's Lead Teacher. Experience working with preschool age children is required for both positions. Teaching experience is required and experience as a K, 1st, or 2nd grade teacher is preferred for the Transitional Kindergarten Lead Teacher position. For more information on how to apply, visit their website at <https://fbcmonroenc.com/employment> or contact the director, Alyssa Metze, at msalyssaprek@gmail.com.

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, July 25

10:30 am Morning Worship  
Sanctuary/Facebook

### Monday-Thursday, July 26-29

9:00 am Weekday Preschool Summer Camp

### Sunday, August 1

10:30 am Morning Worship  
Sanctuary/Facebook  
5:00 pm Board of Deacons Picnic  
Bethlehem Methodist Arbor

## Memorials ...

**In memory of:** Given by Mr. and Mrs. Larry Tuggle and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Kilby in memory of Angie Bean. By Mr. and Mrs. Carol Baker in memory of Lula Coley and Pearl Meredith.

## Prayer Concerns

Ken Murray - Carol Tyson - Joey Forbes  
Joy Shute - Ray Sowder

Susan Bales in the death of her mother, Audrey Bales  
Fred & Babs Simpson in the death of their daughter-in-law, Patti Simpson  
Gerri Kessel in the death of her husband, Al Kessel  
The family of Jessie Purnell in her death  
Emma Hemphill, family member of Chris Dawson  
Suzanne Jewell Unruh, daughter of Judy Jewell  
Kevin O'Neill, brother of Tex O'Neill  
Daniel Mackay, brother of Jonathan Mackay  
Bill Geouge, brother of Ted Geouge  
Connell O'Neill, son of Tex and Eleanor O'Neill  
Kevin Casner, son of Ray and Gerry Casner

## Facts & Figures:

### Sunday, July 18, 2021

Weekly Budget Requirements .....	\$ 7,856
Budget Receipts .....	\$ 3,721
Budget Receipts to Date .....	\$ 305,552
Expenses to Date .....	\$ 299,588

## Worship July 25 — 10:30 a.m.

Opening Music	Grant Hughes
Words of Welcome	Dr. Dawson
Call to Worship	Dr. Dawson
Opening Hymn: "We Gather Together"	Grant Hughes
Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3: 14-21	Dr. Dawson
Prayer for the People	Dr. Dawson
Lord's Prayer	
Anthem	Grant Hughes
Sermon Text: John 6: 1-21	Dr. Dawson
Sermon	Dr. Dawson
Prayer	Dr. Dawson
The Stewardship of Tithing	Dr. Dawson
Dismissal	Dr. Dawson
Musical Benediction	Grant Hughes

## This Week's Committees

### Livestreaming Equipment for Worship:

July 25 - Matt Lowery  
August 1 - Michelle/Trevor Dawson

### Worship Leaders:

July 25 - Chris Dawson  
August 1 - Carolyn White

### Money Counters:

July 25 - Annette Kilby, Susan Bales  
August 1 - Libby Totty, Sheila London



## Steeple Views

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

# July Board Reports

## Board of Trustees

The Trustees met on July 13 for their regular monthly meeting. All members were present but one. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Chris Dawson. The minutes of the last meeting were approved, and the Financial Report was presented by the Treasurer. The Board noted the decrease in contributions, as usually happens during the summer months. The Trustees expressed concern and the desire for the membership to realize expenses continue during the summer and, therefore, they encourage members to continue the support of the ministry and missions of the church during these months.

The Church Clerk noted the membership was stable with no changes and the total active, inactive and non-resident membership totals 558. The Chair of Building and Grounds gave a report on the improvements and needed changes in the building and grounds. Work on the basement issues will begin this week. The security cameras approved last month have been installed. The possible installation of a fire alarm system for the Educational Building and Sanctuary was discussed, but no action taken.

The August meeting will be held during the All Boards Retreat on August 21. Newly elected Trustees for the coming year will be invited to attend.

Respectfully,  
Gene Herrell, Chair

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## Board of Missions

As I write this we are getting ready for our second "Loving Beyond" event. Thank you to everyone who has participated in these missions opportunities. Our last event for the summer is scheduled for Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. That night we plan to deliver food bags to the senior adults living in the Cotton Street Apartments behind Monroe Middle School. More information will be made available as we get closer to the event.

The Missions Board is collecting school supplies for the Union County Human Services "School Supplies Drive". Items requested are: new backpacks for boys and girls (K-12), loose leaf paper (wide and college-ruled), composition books, #2 pencils, blue or black pens, crayons, colored pencils, markers, glue sticks, pencil sharpeners, scissors for kids, 12" rulers, pencil boxes and pouches, 1" and 1½" binders, binder dividers, 2-pocket folders, highlighters, and erasers. A bin will be placed in the gathering area for your donations.

We are continuing our food packs ministry for students at Rock Rest Elementary School again this year. Deliveries will start in September. If you are interested in helping pack or deliver bags, please contact one of the Missions Board members.

Thanks again for the many ways you continue to support our missions efforts. It is a blessing to serve alongside you!

Ruby Coffey  
704-219-0123

# August 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  5:00 pm Board of Deacons Picnic, Bethlehem Methodist's Arbor	2	3	4  6:30 pm Board of Missions, FLC	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13  9:30 am Quilting Retreat, FLC	14  9:30 AM Quilting Retreat, FLC
15  10:45 am Deacon Ordination Service	16	17	18  6:30 pm Pack food bags for the Cotton Street Apts., FLC	19	20	21  9:00 am All Boards Retreat, FLC
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				