

Today's Committees

Security: Gathering Area: Nathan Hopper. Narthex: Don Haver, Dannie Tuggle. Parking Area Greeter: Jim Griffin
Nursery: Lindsay Owens
Greeter: Kathy Cole
Ushers: Lorey White, Sylvia Baker, Barbara Austin, Aileen Sowder
Offertory: Barbara Austin, Diane Simpson, Jon Mackay, Larry Tuggle



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Church Staff

Dr. Christopher S. Dawson, *Senior Minister*
Rev. Joshua K. Owens, *Associate Minister*
Dr. Timothy D. Belflowers, *Minister of Music & Organist*
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Prayer Concerns

Angie Baskins - Mary Lou Gamble - Nancy Walters
Ann Wild - Dr. John Hearn - Glenda Poindexter
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Eric, family member of Jean Duck
Ben Nash, former member
Martin Burkes, brother of Aileen Sowder
Amanda Thomas, Weekday Preschool teacher
Jane McNeely-Sowell, friend of Carolyn White
Wayne Barnhill, brother of Diane Whitley
Dewitt Fincannon, brother of Letha Turner

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 29

8:30 am Prayer Ministry Team - *Parlor*
9:20 am Coffee Fellowship - *Gathering Area*
9:40 am Bible Fellowship
10:30 am Child Care - *Nursery*
10:45 am Service of Worship - *Sanctuary*

Wednesday, August 1

6:30 pm Youth Ministry Team

Friday, August 3

7:00 pm Family Movie Night - *Courtyard*

Announcements

Nurting Faith for Bible Fellowship

It's time to renew subscriptions for Nurting Faith teaching material. To renew or subscribe, please turn in a check to the church office (made payable to First Baptist Church) for \$18.00 to cover the 2018-2019 church year. If you wish to cancel your subscription, please notify the church office.

Youth Ministry Team

Members of the Youth Ministry Team are asked to meet this coming Wednesday evening at 6:30.

Family Movie Night

There will be another Family Movie Night in the Courtyard on Friday, August 3. The event begins at 7:00, with the movie "Moana" being shown at 8:00. Feel free to bring a picnic supper for your family. Drinks, water and snacks will be provided.

The Worship of God



10th Sunday after Pentecost

29 July 2018 at Ten Forty-five in the Morning

The Community Gathers Before God

Centering Thoughts for Worship

Do not be afraid – God speaks these words to us in Scripture time and again. God leads us through the wilderness, through the waters, through the fires and beyond. He continues to make a way when the world has unjustly thrown us off course, when the walls of division are constructed to block us. He takes us by the hand and leads us forward, even when there seems to be no path. Let us continue to follow God through the valley and into freedom, hope, and most of all, into His eternal love.

Words of Welcome

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

Opening Voluntary

Dr. Belflowers, organ

Reading of the Psalm – Psalm 145: 10-19

Rev. Owens

† Call to Worship

Rev. Owens

† **Hymn of Praise** Hymn No. 356
"All Creatures of Our God and King" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Old Testament Reading – II Samuel 11: 1-15 Rev. Owens

Prayer for the People Rev. Owens

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. 353
"For the Beauty of the Earth" DIX

Anthem at the Offering *The Summer Choir*
"Prayer for Guidance" by Allen Pote

† **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** Rev. Owens

The Word of God is Proclaimed and Heard

Sermon Text Dr. Dawson
I Kings: 1-3

Sermon Dr. Dawson
"A New King: Solomon"

Prayer Dr. Dawson

The Congregation Responds to the Word of God

† **Hymn of Commitment** Hymn No. 635
"He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought" HE LEADETH ME

A Time of Blessing & Sending Forth

Rev. Owens: Chris, we all pray God's blessings on and for you and your family as you depart today for this sabbatical time of renewal.

Church Family: **As you journey, we ask God to guide you in all you do, in all that you will experience, and that you will be eager to return to us.**

Pastor: May God's wisdom, God's peace and God's Spirit be with us all as I depart from you for a short season to renew my calling, to learn more of how to best lead you in the ways of continued growth in mission, in spirit, and in the anticipation of more folks being a part of our church family and its ministries.

Church Family: **May you experience the gift of physical, emotional, and spiritual growth on your sabbatical, and may you come back refreshed and excited for all that God is preparing you and us to do in our community and beyond!**

Pastor: I pray, that in my absence, as all of you continue to minister to each other and our community, that God would lead you to know more and be more committed to doing those things that make for a thriving church, who indeed continues to grow in spirit and truth.

Church Family: **We will pray for you and your family, for Rev. Owens, our staff and church leaders, that we might all be strengthened and renewed in this time.**

Pastor: During my time of renewal, I will also pray for all of you, and use my time faithfully to renew and strengthen me to serve as your Senior Pastor. I look forward to the ways God will use our shared growth in ministry together.

Tim McBride: As chairperson of the Personnel Committee, Chris, we send you off with our blessing and our continuing prayers, and in 5 weeks, we look forward to your return.

Rev. Owens: Let's pray:
Spirit of God, descend upon our hearts. Renew Chris, for his ministry among us as our Senior Pastor, through this time set aside for reflection, renewal, study and prayer, the stimulation sought by a renewing respite from daily tasks and routines of the last 6 years of ministry here at FBC Monroe. Keep Chris and his family, and all of us steadfast in our faith, joyful in our calling, and excited for what you will do through us and with us during this time while we are gone from one another. Amen.

† **Benediction** Dr. Dawson

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

† Those who are able may stand

Loose Change Offering
The Loose Change Offering for July will benefit the Sew Faithful Ministry Team of First Baptist Church

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SERVING AND LEARNING TOGETHER