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WARE IT IS

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Ever feel life is out of sync? As of this writing, Kevin Barrett is with a group of men on a mission trip in Romania. At the beginning of their journey, things got a little out of sync when they were interrupted by a worldwide technological mishap. We were reassured that they had arrived safely when I received a group text on Sunday telling us the team had been in worship from 3:00 - 7:00pm!

Back in Monroe on Sunday morning, things proved to be a little out of sync when I got the news that the follow-up email for our Dine Around had not made it to everyone. When the start of supper arrived on Sunday evening, the rain we had been praying for greeted us at 5:00pm as we were bringing our dishes into the fellowship hall! Nevertheless, we had a great evening together - despite things starting out a little out of sync.

Being out of sync carried over to my personal life Monday morning. I usually arrive at the gym at 6:00am, but I just couldn't seem to get there before 6:15am. Once back home, Teri and I had planned to be on the road by 9am for an overnight outing, but I think we pulled out of the driveway closer to 10am. My stars simply refused to align. But as you know, some days are like that.

If you've been in worship the past couple of Sundays, you know the disciples struggled with their lives being out of sync. When they went away with Jesus for a time of rest, they were greeted by thousands who Jesus insisted on feeding. After supper had been served, Jesus forced the disciples to immediately head back home - a trip which proved to be completely out of sync as they encountered strong winds along the way.

I can't help but wonder what the disciples felt like in the moment. Were they tired, excited, frustrated, confident in Jesus, irritated, confused? And how did those emotions compare to how they felt sometime later when they looked back on where they had been, all they had experienced, and what God had accomplished?

I'm not one to blame God when technology disrupts my day or when I simply can't get out the door on schedule. At the same time, I believe God is always working His plan through all of our choices. Which brings up questions which have been debated throughout the ages - Are we truly free? (I believe we are.) Is God sovereign? (Absolutely!) Do those two truths always live comfortably side by side? (No, they don't.)

How is your day going? Better yet, how is this season in your life going? Is it feeling out of sync? out of sorts? Some days, weeks, and months are like that. But rest assured, God knows exactly where we are and what we are going through - and He is working in us and in our circumstances to bring His Kingdom a little closer. That, my friends, is great news!

August 4, 2024

We'll finish up our Lakeside Summer on August 4th. In our Sunday morning service we will recognize our 1st and 7th graders with new Bibles (register for your child [here](#), or student [here](#) to receive a Bible).

On Sunday evening we will return for a praise and worship time at 5pm followed by a low country boil supper. Our praise and worship time will include baptism for new believers, believers who have never been immersed, and believers who were immersed but did not understand the meaning of their baptism. If you'd like to register for baptism, click [here](#) and a pastor will be in touch with you.

Learning, Loving & Living Like Jesus,
Todd

Flip-Flop Sunday

Join us as we step up for our new year in Sunday School on Aug 4. Bring a pair of flip-flops to donate to Operation Christmas Child boxes.



Preschool and Kids Ministry

PRESCHOOL WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

JULY 28: TEAM LEADER: MORGAN BROWN

One Sunday

Infants:

Kaitlin Bradshaw
Cathy Gleaton
Jill Harkins

Toddler/2's:

Camie McGaughey
Ashley Smith

3-5 year olds:

Buddy Leach



Please pray and encourage our College Students doing full-time ministry this summer!

Lily Jennings - FBC Monroe
Will Bowick - FBC Monroe
Hayden Melton - FBC Monroe
Emily Music - Fuge Camps
Ben Ellerbee - JH Ranch
Daniel Harkins - JH Ranch
Allie Harkins - JH Ranch
Sara Bryan - JH Ranch
Julia Waldo - JH Ranch

FIRST GRADE

BIBLE PRESENTATION

August 4, 2024

register at fbcmonroe.com



BIBLE PRESENTATION

August 4, 2024

upcoming 7th Graders

register at fbcmonroe.com



CPR TRAINING

Monday, Aug 5

9am

Cost: \$30



Visit fbcmonroe.com
for details &
registration
Registration deadline:
July 29



Church Conference

August 7, 2024

6:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Normal Activities for Family Ministries

BLESSING OF OUR EDUCATORS

(Including support staff & homeschool teachers)

JULY 28



Prayer List

IMMEDIATE CARE:

Kevin Barrett & Romania Mission Trip Team
 John & Frankie Beckum
 Mary Brown (mother of Wally Brown)
 Lori Brown (daughter of Willene McNeal)
 Penny Carithers (sister of Linda Head)
 Sally Deese
 Jenny Ferguson (sister of Julie Sargent)
 Shirley Guhl
 David Hicks (friend of Willene McNeal)
 Lois Kemper (friend of Susanne Young)
 Ron Plaster
 Beverly Potter
 Tariq Shakoor
 John Vaughn (son-in-law of Susanne Autry)
 Eric Webb
 Virginia Wheeler (friend of Claudia Phillips)
 Eddie Young (son of Elizabeth Young)
 Shelia Young

ONGOING CARE:

Doris Adams
 Norma Barnes
 Alan & Jayne Bolton
 Bobby & Judy Burrow
 Gail Carrell
 Tyrone Carrell
 Leigh Clark (daughter of Willene McNeal)
 Margaret Cooper (mother of Steve Akery & Rita Millians)
 Diane Davis
 Susan Ferguson (friend of Vickie Gasaway)
 Dianne Gove
 Boyce Hall (brother in law of Todd & Teri Ware)
 Sherry Hanes
 Roemelle Holloway
 Shirley Johnson
 Ann Jones (mother of Teri Ware)
 Kathy Kamienski
 Scarlett Kitchens
 Jayson Lowe (brother of Stacy McCullers)
 Barbara Malcom
 Ricky Mathis
 Ruth McClellan (friend of Suzanne Young)
 Faye Morgan
 George & Rachel Moyers
 Gloria Potter
 Juan Prado
 Richard Purcell (friend of Tim Anderson)
 Trisha Rackley
 Steve Reynolds
 Bob Richards
 Sherlene Shiver
 Harry Simmons, Jr.
 Tappey Squires
 Joshua Stachowicz (grandson of Evelyn Barganier)
 Barry Stone (husband of Sharyn Stone)
 Dennis & Carol Story
 Steve West
 Mark Wilkinson, Sr. (friend of Herbie Malcom)

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY TO:

-Cathy Gleaton at the passing of her mother, Elizabeth Roberts.

-Wally Brown at the passing of his father, Jack Brown.

GIFTS

In Memory of Beverly Rohrbaugh
 given by Bo & Tammi Rahrabuagh
 to the General Fund

FLOWERS

This week's flowers are placed in the sanctuary in memory of John Spence by Annabelle, Sheri Hawes & Family, and Byron Spence & Family.

GREETERS FOR JULY 28

Janet Nelon, Helen Mullins,
 Stanley Brown, and Claudia Phillips

UPCOMING

ONE SUNDAY, JULY 28

9:15am Sunday School
 10:30am ONE Sunday Service in Sanctuary

SUNDAY, AUG 4

Lakeside Finale! - register [here](#)

WEDNESDAY, AUG 7

Church Conference in the Fellowship Hall

NEW SERVICE TIMES BEGIN AUGUST 11

8:30am Early Service in Sanctuary
 9:45am Sunday School
 10:50am Informal Service in Fellowship Hall
 11:00am Traditional Service in Sanctuary

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

BIRTHDAYS

JUL 28 - AUG 3

28 Jack Ellerbee
 28 Abbie Jones
 29 David Alligood
 29 Teresa Bell
 29 Claudia Phillips
 29 Steve Reynolds
 30 Randy Camp
 30 Lisa Nash
 30 Elizabeth White
 31 Steven Ellison
 31 Stacy McCullers
 1 Joe Graham
 1 Shirley Guhl
 1 Obie Hughes
 3 Melissa Akery
 3 Hollis Crummey
 3 Sarah McDevitt
 3 Gena Searcy
 3 Brian Shinn

DEACONS OF THE WEEK JULY 25 - 31

Alex Roberts & Mike Eckles

MISSION PARTNER OF THE WEEK

Walton Country Christian Learning Center

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK

Robert Sells (Richard's Brother)
 PO Box 753
 Social Circle, GA 30025

LAST WEEK

July 21, 2024

WEEKLY FINANCIAL NUMBERS

Weekly Budget Required	\$32,874.44
Weekly Budget Receipts	
Sunday Offerings	\$24,166.85
Online Giving	\$6,610.00
Stock Gifts	\$0.00
Budget Required to Date	\$953,358.76
Budget Received to Date	\$910,119.50
Designated Gifts	\$1,970.00
Give to Go Goal	\$75,000.00
Give to Go YTD	\$109,000.43

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Adults	238
Students	17
Kids	25
Preschool	27
Total	307



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OFFICE HOURS

8:30am-5:00pm Monday-Thursday
8:30am-1:00pm Friday

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AFTER-HOURS

On-Call Pastor Care Number
706-389-9804
July 26-28
Bruce Baggett

BRUCE BAGGETT Associate Pastor
ALEX BOSKOFF Early Worship Leader
MARIA BRANNEN Minister to Children
KYLE BROWN Minister to Students
CHRIS BRYAN Informal Worship Leader
DARLENE CHRISTIE Director of Weekday School
BROOKE GOUGE Family Ministry Assistant

JOE GRAHAM Church Administrator
KIM HENSEL Ministry Assistant
CARROL HOLMAN Financial Secretary
CURTIS MURDOCK Traditional Worship Leader
GLORIA NGUYEN Minister to College and Young Adults
TODD WARE Senior Pastor

Lakeside Finale
August 4th

5 pm Praise & Worship
6 pm Low Country Boil

Sign-Up Here!

NEW SERVICE TIMES

BEGINNING AUGUST 11:

8:30 EARLY WORSHIP IN SANCTUARY

10:50 INFORMAL WORSHIP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

11:00 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP IN SANCTUARY