



First Baptist Monroe

THE VISION

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WARE IT IS

Todd Ware
Senior Pastor

Teri and I were able to pull away for a few days this past weekend. The weather was perfect and we enjoyed some downtime. On Sunday morning I ventured out to a nearby church before making it back to watch our online services. I find being a guest in church is an important reminder of what it's like when people choose to walk in our doors on a Sunday morning. I've spent my entire life in church, but I still find it intimidating to be on someone else's turf!

My visit reinforced what I already knew. Being a welcoming church must be an intentional effort. Our parking lot greeters are absolutely key. Having people welcome you and speak to you on the way to the pew are as essential as the music and the sermon on the first visit. That said, our Connections Team needs your help. We need you to serve one time a month either as a parking lot greeter, welcome desk worker, or door greeter. Click [here](#) to sign up and Ginger Whitley, our Connections Team leader, will be in touch with you.

As for watching our service online, Teri and I were able to catch a portion of our Informal & Traditional services. We are presently not livestreaming our Early Service due to needing more volunteers to help on the Tech Team. The tasks aren't complicated and you'll be trained until you're comfortable. If you're willing to be a part of the Tech Team, click [here](#) and our Tech Team leader, Pat Malcom, will be in touch with you.

I ended up listening to Sunday's sermon a couple of times. Kyle did a great job challenging us from the life of Gideon. We are blessed to have Bruce and Kyle on staff as faithful preachers of the Word of God!

Home Alone & Fun Run "Turkey Trot"

You're invited to join us in our McDaniel Street parking lot at 9:00am on Thanksgiving Day for a stroll through Pollock Subdivision. The marked course is a mile long, but feel free to do more! At noon we'll enjoy turkey and desserts together in the fellowship hall as we watch a little football on the big screens. If you'd like to join us, click [here](#). The deadline for signing up is next Tuesday at noon. Be sure to invite a friend to join us!

Special Christmas Worship

We'll decorate the sanctuary for Christmas during our Hanging of the Green service this Sunday evening at 6:00pm. On December 1 our Sanctuary Choir will lead us in worship during a combined worship at 10:30am. I'm looking forward to both of these services as we begin our journey to the manger.

The Cookie Thing

Last year Lisa Nash put together the largest collection of cookies First Baptist has ever seen. She's leading the effort again this year as we follow up the Hanging of the Green with The Cookie Thing in the fellowship hall. All you have to do is bring a dozen cookies to the fellowship hall this Sunday morning or on your way to the Hanging of the Green service. It's going to be a great evening!

Learning, Loving & Living Like Jesus,
Todd

PRESCHOOL WORSHIP

VOLUNTEERS

NOV 24: TEAM LEADER:

LISA GARRETT

8:30 Team

Infants:

 Ginny Hughes

Toddler/2's:

 Jessica Hartman

3-5 year olds:

 Jessica Head

11:00 Team

Infants:

 Kirsten Nash

Toddler/2's:

 Rita Millians

3-5 year olds:

 Volunteer Needed



The Remembrance Brunch

December 7

11am

for Widows/Widowers

register at fbcmonroe.com or in the church office

NOVEMBER

- 20th - Registration Opens for Surge (DNOW)
- 28th - Home Alone Thanksgiving Meal

REGISTER

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DECEMBER

- 1st - Deadline to register for Student Ministry Ski Trip
- 5th - Downtown Monroe Christmas Parade
- 7th - The Remembrance Brunch
- 10th - Volunteer at the OCC Processing Center
- 12th - Deadline to order a Christmas Poinsettia for the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall

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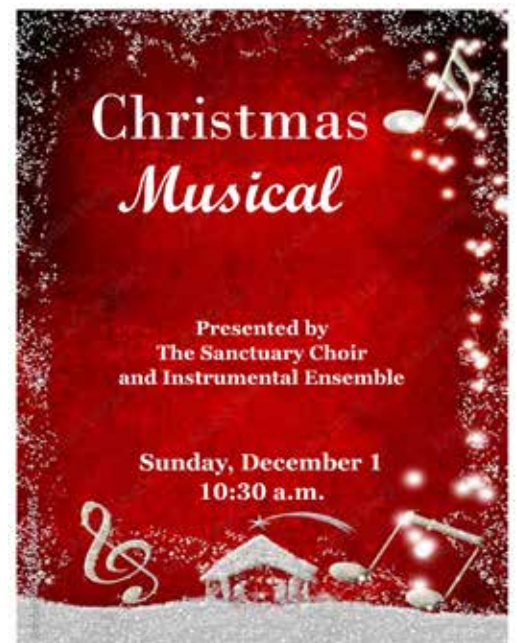
OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 24th - 6 PM - Hanging of the Green & The Cookie Thing!
- 28th - 9 AM- Turkey Trot - Meet in the XA Parking Lot

DECEMBER

- 1st - ONE Sunday & Christmas Musical
- 21st - Christmas Angel Delivery
- 24th - 4 PM & 6 PM - Christmas Eve Services
- 25th - 10:30 AM - Christmas Day Service
- 29th - ONE Sunday



Prayer List

IMMEDIATE CARE:

Disaster Relief Communities
 Lori Brown
 Elizabeth Cabaniss
 Don Culpepper (friend of Stanley Brown)
 Sally Deese
 Russ Dillard
 Jenny Ferguson (sister of Julie Sargent)
 Tommy Gill (brother of Peggy Jordan)
 Rick Gove
 Brenda Jett (aunt of Caprice Jones)
 Lindsey Gregory (friend of Debra Smith)
 Shirley Guhl
 Kati Haggerty (niece of Sharon Rothrock)
 David Hicks (friend of Willene McNeal)
 Bruce Millians
 Rachel Moyers
 Juan Prado
 Charlotte Sizemore
 Bill Stone (father of Barry Stone)
 John Vaughn (son-in-law of Susanne Autry)
 Libby Williams (daughter of Shirlene Huff)
 Betsy Yancey
 Shelia Young

ONGOING CARE:

Doris Adams
 Susanne Autry
 Norma Barnes
 Alan & Jayne Bolton
 Bobby & Judy Burrow
 Penny Carithers (sister of Linda Head)
 Gail Carrell
 Tyrone Carrell
 Margaret Cooper (mother of Steve Akery & Rita Millians)
 Diane Davis
 Dianne Gove
 Sherry Hanes
 Chris Hooks
 Roemelle Holloway
 Shirlene Huff
 Shirley Johnson
 Kathy Kamienski
 Lois Kemper (friend of Susanne Young)
 Jayson Lowe (brother of Stacy McCullers)
 Ruth McClellan (friend of Suzanne Young)
 Maggie McGaughey
 Willene McNeal
 George Moyers
 Shawn Phillips
 Trisha Rackley
 Jim Register
 Steve Reynolds
 Bob Richards
 Tariq Shakoor
 Sherlene Shiver
 Tappey Squires

Joshua Stachowicz (grandson of Evelyn Barganier)
 Barry Stone (husband of Sharyn Stone)
 Dennis & Carol Story
 Bruce Wainwright (neighbor of Todd & Teri Ware)
 Steve West
 Mark Wilkinson, Sr. (friend of Herbie Malcom)
 Eddie Young (son of Elizabeth Young)

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Bud & Gloria Nguyen at the birth of their daughter Chloe Elizabeth! Big brother is Elijah Charles.

GIFTS

In Memory of Verna Lovgren
 given by
 The Family of Jr. & Sarah Walker
 to the General Fund

In Memory of Ronald L. Stephens
 given by Ronald Stephens
 to the Benevolence Fund

GREETERS FOR NOVEMBER 24

8:30 Gayle Smith & Wade Millans
 10:50 Stanley Brown & Claudia Phillips
 11:00 Charlie & Tricia Brown

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

No Wednesday Activities

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

9:00am Fun Run/Turkey Trot
 12:00pm Home Alone Thanksgiving Meal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

BIRTHDAYS NOV 24 - 30

24 Kyle Brannen
 24 Sherry Hanes
 24 Mike Malcom
 24 Nicolas Prather
 25 Todd Ware
 27 Kelly Bryan
 27 Hedy Piper
 28 Sherri Jennings
 29 Dianne James
 30 Ben Garrett
 30 David Johnson
 30 Don McCullers
 30 Carol Story
 30 Landon Workman

DEACONS OF THE WEEK NOV 21 - 27

Chris Meeks & Glenn Hughes

MISSION PARTNER OF THE WEEK

Joshua Stachowicz - Missionary to Germany

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK

Sue Songer
 Belmont Village Senior Living
 4315 Johns Creek
 Suwanee, GA 30024

LAST WEEK

November 17, 2024

WEEKLY FINANCIAL NUMBERS

Weekly Budget Required	\$32,874.44
Weekly Budget Receipts	
Sunday Offerings	\$21,643.85
Online Giving	\$4,100.00
Stock Gifts	\$0.00
Budget Required to Date	\$1,512,224.24
Budget Received to Date	\$1,407,241.51
Designated Gifts	\$1,565.15
Give to Go Goal	\$75,000.00
Give to Go YTD	\$119,463.43

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Adults	263
Students	17
Kids	24
Preschool	24
Total	328



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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
November 22-24
Maria Brannen

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

*Hanging of
the Green & the
Cookie Thing!*

NOVEMBER 24 6 PM

With cookie fellowship time afterward
(each family bring a dozen cookies
to the Fellowship Hall Sunday morning
or before the service.)

HOME ALONE^e
2024

Spend Thanksgiving with
your Family of Faith
Turkey Carving begins at Noon!
Register @ fbcmonroe.com
by November 25

Join us for the
Turkey Trot
before we eat!!!

McDaniel St.
Parking Lot
9:00am