



First Baptist Monroe

THE VISION

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WARE IT IS

Todd Ware
Senior Pastor

During our early service this past Sunday our son Zachary had a health episode which required medical attention. I am thankful for the team of people who responded immediately, helped stabilize his condition, and transported him to his house. Zachary, Chelsea, Teri and I are extremely thankful for the incredible level of care and compassion he received. It was a beautiful picture of the body of Christ at work.

Zachary has been at Emory Hospital in Decatur since early Monday morning. They have run several tests on him including CT scans, MRIs, and a 24 hour EEG. He is scheduled for indepth eye exams.

I often hear that one of the greatest strengths of our church family is the connectedness & compassion of our people. First Baptist folks care for one another and respond when there is a need. Our family has been on the receiving end of such love and concern. We are thankful for your countless prayers, texts, calls, and offers of assistance. You are truly a great church family!

Operation Christmas Child

We have entered into the season of putting together shoeboxes for children around the world. It was last year that I first heard the phrase, "Gospel Opportunity Shoebox." I love that description. Truth is, many of our boxes will not reach their destinations by this Christmas but will be given to kids throughout 2026. Regardless of when they are received by a child, each box will be accompanied by the good news of Jesus' love for them. As we have been learning in our "Walk Through Romans" sermon series, everyone needs the Gospel and the Gospel is for everyone - including children. A simple shoebox is a great opportunity to pass along the Good News.

There are different ways of putting together a box. You can pick up one from the church and fill it at your convenience, you can fill one online by clicking [here](#), or you can meet at the church on Saturday morning, November 8, at 9:00am to be a part of our Shoebox Packing Party. Kids are going to learn about Jesus because of our efforts!

Leadership Luncheon with Cheryl & Tim - November 9

I began my article by talking about FBC Monroe being connected and compassionate. This doesn't happen by accident. We desire for all of our people to experience "authentic community." Being connected happens by being part of a small group - whether that be a Sunday School class or discipleship group.

On November 9 we will welcome two leaders who will challenge us to raise the bar in our efforts to connect people with one another. Cheryl Markland, Children's Minister Specialist with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and Tim Smith, Director of Missions for the Floyd County Baptist Association, will bring an immense amount of expertise that will help us to better connect as a church family.



Cheryl Markland

The luncheon is for all leaders who work with adults, students, children and/or preschoolers and will begin at 12:30pm. Lunch will also be provided for leaders' families - we only ask that you register by clicking [here](#). I'm looking forward to learning from Cheryl & Tim!



Tim Smith

Learning, Loving & Living Like Jesus,
Todd

PRESCHOOL WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

OCTOBER 26

TEAM LEADER:

LESLEY BOWICK



8:30 Team

Infants:

Keeley Garrett

Toddler/2's:

Jessica Hartman

3-5 year olds:

Jessica Head

11:00 Team

Infants:

Patsy Kilgore

Toddler/2's:

Rita Millians

3-5 year olds:

Roger Brannen

REGISTRATION LINKS

- Preschool Care Champion!
(Sunday School or Worship Volunteers)
- Tech Team Hero!
(Audio or Video Support)

OCTOBER

- 24th - Parent's Night Out
- 26th - First on Last (New Members Class)
- 30th - Wayfarers Apple Trip

NOVEMBER

- 9th - Leadership Training Lunch
- 14th-16th - DNOW
- 20th - FBC Christmas Tea (Thursday)
- 21st - FBC Christmas Tea (Friday)
- 20th or 21st - Men In Black (serving at Tea)

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A NOTE FROM SARA POWELL

Dear Church Family,

My heart is full with thankfulness for all of you. Thank you for all of your cards, prayers & gifts on my retirement. You hold a special place in my heart!

May God's blessing be on each of you.

Sara

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Sean Henley
322 Tall Oaks Dr.
Monroe, GA 30655



Cason & Mary Claire
Howard
420 Etten Dr.
Monroe, GA 30655



Hailey Myers
2095 Woodlake Blvd.
Monroe, GA 30655



David & Kim Word
1881 Rivermist Dr.
Monroe, GA 30655

DNOW

NOVEMBER 14-16

WORSHIP TEAM: ZEAL HOUSE

\$40 PER STUDENT

REVIVAL SURVIVAL

Wayfarer Mature Adult Trip to



OCTOBER 30

SIGN UP@FBCMONROE.COM

Prayer List

IMMEDIATE CARE:

Bill Atwell (neighbor of Claudia Phillips)
Stephen Barrett (cousin of Maria Brannen)
Alex Boskoff
Michael Boswell (cousin of Morgan Brown)
Mike Breedlove (father of Brock Breedlove)
Ricky Brooks
Leon Durden (father of Holly Roberts)
Ronald Epperson (brother of Scarlett Kitchens & Marsha Millions)
Ashley Frady (niece of Marci Millions)
Dave Gelsthorpe
Andrew Gezik (son of Darlene Sturgis)
Jennifer Griner
Sheri Hawes
Tony Jones (father of Cledus Jones)
Deedra Leach
Willene McNeal
Faye Morgan
Ashlyn Parrot (friend of Karen Brown)
Richard Peeples (friend of Claudia Phillips)
Shawn Phillips (son of Claudia Phillips)
Leon & Hedy Piper
Don & Betty Porterfield (sister in law of Frankie Beckum)
Thomas Queen (friend of Ja.R. Harwell)
Annabelle Spence
Zachary Ware

ONGOING CARE:

Elliot Arce
Virginia Ashmore
Barbara Baggett
Norma Barnes
Frankie Beckum
Alan Bolton
Dawn Bovard
Beatrice Brannen (mother of Roger Brannen)
Bobby & Judy Burrow
Gail Carrell
Barbara Collingsworth (mother of Pam Bruder)
Trammell Davis
Larry & Barbara Feind (parents of Karen Harvey)
Tommy Frix (brother in law of Richard & Donna Adcock)
Ginny Gregg
Shirley Guhl
Kati Haggerty (niece of Sharon Rothrock)
Boyce Hall (brother in law of Todd & Teri Ware)
Chris Hooks
Tracy Howard (son of Peggy Howard)
Dakota Ivey (friend of Herbie Malcom)
Lois Kemper (friend of Susanne Young)
Jayson Lowe (brother of Stacy McCullers)
Barbara Malcom
Ruth McCellan (friend of Susanne Young)
Cindy McDaniel (friend of Tena Alligood)
Valerie Puglesse (friend of Susanne Young)
Steve Reynolds
Christian Shiver

Sandra Singleton (mother of Shannon Givens)
Kitty Smith
Sue Songer
Barry Stone (husband of Sharyn Stone)
Dennis & Carol Story
Arthur Vavquez (nephew of Elliot Arce)

GIFTS

In Memory of Russ Bailey
given by Mr. & Mrs. Hal Breedlove
given to the General Fund

CHRISTIAN LOVE & SYMPATHY TO:

The families of Steve Akery & Rita Millions at the passing of their mother, Margaret Cooper.

FLOWERS

This week's flowers are placed in the sanctuary by Shannon Dominy in memory of her mother, Sheila Young and her brother, Matthew Young.

GREETERS FOR OCTOBER 26

8:30 Hayes & Emily Salley
10:50 Stanley Brown & Claudia Phillips
11:00 Charlie & Tricia Brown

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

5:00pm Wednesday Meal
5:30pm Bible Drill Youth/High School
5:45pm Bible Drill Kids 4th - 6th Grade
6:15pm Discipleship Classes for all ages
7:15pm Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY MEAL, OCTOBER 29

Salad Bar, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Wild Rice,
Glazed Carrots, Rolls, Dessert
Kids: Chicken Sandwiches
Helpers: Nancy Hightower, Steve Brown,
Norma Oliver

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

BIRTHDAYS

OCT 26 - NOV 1

26	Camille Malcom
26	Wesley Sisk
26	Vernette Smith
27	Sue Kamienski
27	Graham Lucas
28	Jody Gelsthorpe
28	Sherron Mills
28	Amy Prine
28	Gwen Queen
29	Barbara Hood
29	Danny Martin
30	Jackie Bailey
30	Pat Bailey
30	Monica Spratlin
31	Kim Hensel
1	Nell Adcock
1	Greg Nash
1	Jessica Thompson

DEACONS OF THE WEEK OCT 23 - 29

Charles Coker & Jerry Harkreader

WEEKLY MISSIONS PRAYER PARTNER

FBC Camp Serve

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK

Gail Carrell 678-221-6714
690 Riverbend Rd. SE
Monroe, GA 30655

LAST WEEK

October 19, 2025

WEEKLY FINANCIAL NUMBERS

Weekly Budget Required	\$34,826.21
Weekly Budget Receipts	
Sunday Offerings	\$52,298.15
Online Giving	\$6,389.00
Stock Gifts	\$0.00
Budget Required to Date	\$1,462,700.82
Budget Received to Date	\$1,356,213.31
Designated Gifts	\$1,612.00
Give to Go Goal	\$75,000.00
Give to Go YTD	\$90,044.53

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Adults	222
Students	18
Kids	19
Preschool	22
Total	281



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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
October 24 - 26
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
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
MONICA SPRATLIN Director of Weekday School
TODD WARE Senior Pastor

Boxes Available Now!!!

Stop by the Church Office or pick
one up on Sundays and Wednesdays



Boxes Due November 9

Parenting with Purpose Breakfast

Building a Biblical Worldview in your family

Parents of preschoolers, kids and students
are invited to join us!



Cheryl Markland
Children's Ministry Specialist
Baptist State Convention of
North Carolina

Sunday, November 9th
9:30am in the Fellowship Hall

Leadership Training Lunch

for Adult, Students, & Children/Preschool
Volunteers



Cheryl Mackland

Sunday, November 9th
Noon



Tim Smith

register at fbcmonroe.com

REMINDER

fall back

DAYLIGHT SAVING
TIME ENDS
NOVEMBER 2