



First Baptist Monroe

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WARE IT IS
Todd Ware
Senior Pastor

So, the date is almost here! Our son Zachary and his fiance Chelsea are less than two weeks away from getting married. Theirs is a great story. Chelsea grew up in Texas, graduated from Texas A & M with a degree in physics and then moved to Florida to work for NASA. Zachary graduated from Truett-McConnell University in Cleveland, Georgia, with a degree in criminal justice and began working for the Walton County Sheriff's Office before taking a job with the Equal Opportunity Office at the University of Georgia.

About a year and a half ago they both found their way to a Pen-Pal program that gave endless possibilities of connecting with people from around the world. After viewing each other's profiles, they thought they would enjoy learning about each other's worlds. Neither initially viewed the endeavor as a matchmaking proposition.

After a couple of letters, the two decided to get to know each other on the phone. An in-person visit followed somewhat quickly. The next thing you know, Zachary is boarding a plane for Texas with a diamond ring in his pocket to ask Chelsea's dad for the blessing of marrying his daughter.

From the vantage point of a parent, it's been a beautiful story to watch unfold. The Lord's hand has been evident in bringing the two of them together. We are excited and honored that Chelsea Faye Ware, Lord willing!, will officially become part of the Ware Family next weekend.

For the past year they have worked hard to put together their wedding day. Without question, the most difficult part for them has been staying within their numerical limits for the reception. They wanted to invite everyone to attend, but doing so simply wasn't possible. They have expressed to me, however, the desire to pass along an invitation to our church family to join them for the wedding ceremony which will be a service of worship.

So, here is their invitation: The First Baptist family is invited to join Zachary Ware & Chelsea Taylor on April 27, 2024, at 2:00pm in the FBC Sanctuary for a service of worship where the two will enter into a Christian covenant of marriage. They would be honored by your presence, and hope you can attend!

Lunch on the Lawn

On Sunday, April 28th, we will have Sunday School at 9:15am and worship at 10:30am followed by Lunch on the Lawn. Everyone is asked to bring a side item based on the first letter of their last name. There is no charge, but we need to know you're coming. Register at <https://fbm.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2230136> or by calling the church office. (The list of things to bring can be found at the link above).

Watermarked

Last Wednesday churched and unchurched people met at the Briscoe Reservoir to witness five men proclaim their faith in Jesus through the waters of baptism. Their baptism preached the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. It also spoke of their dying to themselves and being raised to life in Christ. You could say the water "marked" them as belonging to Jesus. Several of these men are a part of our Wednesday evening Bible study. It was a wonderful time of celebrating the grace of God!



Learning, Loving & Living Like Jesus,
Todd

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Barbara Baggett
698 S. Broad St. #114
Monroe, GA 30655



Bobby & Amanda Linton
435 Tanners Bridge Rd.
Monroe, GA 30656
(Cade & Claire)

PRESCHOOL WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

APRIL 21: TEAM LEADER: HOLLY ROBERTS

8:30 Team

Infants:
Susan Blair
Toddler/2's:
Robin Miller
3-5 year olds:
Linda Head

11:00 Team

Infants:
Jill Harkins
Toddler/2's:
Volunteer Needed
3-5 year olds:
Ginger Whitley



VBS Team Meeting

April 24 **6:15 pm**
Room 410

BREAKER ROCK BEACH

GOD'S ROCK-SOLID TRUTH IN A WORLD OF SHIFTING SANDS

VBS 2024 JUNE 3-7

BREAKER ROCK BEACH

GOD'S ROCK-SOLID TRUTH IN A WORLD OF SHIFTING SANDS

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Do Jesus Stuff.

Get your t-shirt today for \$10 in the Fellowship Hall.
Sizes YXS - 3XL

Stay in the loop with

FIRST NOTES

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The Royce McNeal MISSIONS YARD SALE MAY 4

Accepting donations beginning April 29

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER AT FBCMONROE.COM

American Cancer Society **RELAY FOR LIFE**

RELAY FOR LIFE: SURVIVOR'S DINNER

April 26, 2024 at 5:00pm

Register at fbcm Monroe.com to serve or be served.

Prayer List

CRITICAL CARE:

Melissa Akery
 Sally Deese
 Stephen Doss (brother in law of Todd & Teri Ware)
 Jenny Ferguson (sister of Julie Sargent)
 Gwen Green (mother of Arielle Green)
 Shirley Guhl
 Boyce Hall (brother in law of Todd & Teri Ware)
 Sherry Hanes
 Ja.R. Harwell
 Kathy Kamienski
 Lois Kemper (friend of Susanne Young)
 Scarlett Kitchens
 Chuck Leathery
 Kay Legg (friend of Tim Anderson)
 Ricky Mathis
 Ruth McClellan (friend of Suzanne Young)
 Richard Purcell (friend of Tim Anderson)
 Marvin Reddish
 Kim & Tom Reichelderfer (daughter & son of Lois Reichelderfer)

Steve Reynolds
 Bob Richards
 Richard & Rosemarie Sells
 Tariq Shakoore
 Dale Shinn
 Ryan Stokes (grandson of Monroe & Trammel Davis)
 Shelia Young
 Drew Zarate (husband of Julia Workman Zarate)

ONGOING CARE:

Doris Adams
 Norma Barnes
 Alan & Jayne Bolton
 Winnifred Brown
 Bobby & Judy Burrow
 Gail Carrell
 Margaret Cooper (mother of Steve Akery & Rita Millians)
 Diane Davis
 Diane Gove
 Roemelle Holloway
 Shirley Johnson
 Ann Jones (mother of Teri Ware)
 Verna Lovgren
 Jayson Lowe (brother of Stacy McCullers)
 Barbara Malcom
 George & Rachel Moyers
 Gloria Potter
 Juan Prado
 Chuck Pratt (father of Amy Prine)

Trisha Rackley
 Sherlene Shiver
 Harry Simmons, Jr.
 Barry Stone (husband of Sharyn Stone)
 Dennis & Carol Story

CHRISTIAN LOVE & SYMPATHY TO:

The family of Verna Lovgren

GIFTS

In Memory of Bob Malcom
 given by Mr. Harry Arnold
 to the Mature Adult Fund

STAFF ANNIVERSARY

Chris Bryan - April 17 (11 years)

GREETERS FOR APRIL 21

8:30 Audrey, Gabby & Izzy Kimelman
 10:55 Mark & Ginger Whitley
 11:11 Mitch & Karen Shiver

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

8:30am Early Service in Sanctuary
 9:45am Sunday School
 10:55am Traditional Service in Sanctuary
 11:11am Informal Service in Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

5:00pm Wednesday Meal
 5:30pm Youth Bible Drill
 6:15pm Discipleship Classes for all Ages
 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY MEAL, APRIL 24

Salad Bar, Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes,
 Green Beans, Rolls, Dessert
Kids: Same
Helpers: Nancy Hightower, Steve Brown,
 Norma Oliver

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

BIRTHDAYS

APR 21 - 27

21 Bill Oliver
 22 Steve Colquitt
 22 Kristie McDevitt
 22 Patsy Squires
 23 Sarah Jones
 23 Sarah Snoddy
 24 Kevin Underwood
 26 Kayley Laseter
 26 Vickie Mathis
 26 Judy Moore
 26 Gloria Nguyen
 27 Johnny Gleaton

DEACONS OF THE WEEK APR 18 - 24

Alex Boskoff & Jimmy Richardson

MISSION PARTNER OF THE WEEK

Conestoga Ministries

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK

Verma Ellington
 Great Oaks of Monroe
 920 Highway 138 Room #224
 Monroe, GA 30655

LAST WEEK

April 14, 2024

WEEKLY FINANCIAL NUMBERS

Weekly Budget Required	\$32,874.44
Weekly Budget Receipts	
Sunday Offerings	\$21,772.04
Online Giving	\$6,290.00
Stock Gifts	\$0.00
Budget Required to Date	\$493,116.60
Budget Received to Date	\$452,240.95
Designated Gifts	\$2,670.00
Give to Go Goal	\$75,000.00
Give to Go YTD	\$99,940.43

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Adults	268
Students	17
Kids	23
Preschool	22
Total	330



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OFFICE HOURS

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

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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If you'd like to be added to the distribution list (print or digital) for The Vision, our weekly newsletter, please contact the church office (770-267-5904) or email Kim at kim@fbcmonroe.com.

AFTER-HOURS

On-Call Pastor Care Number
706-389-9804
April 19 - 21
Todd Ware

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

One Sunday & Lunch on the Lawn

Sunday, April 28th
Sunday School 9:15
Worship 10:30

Bring your stringed instruments for a pickin' & a grinnin' with the Stephens family.

There will be activities for children!

Drop off side dishes at the 301 House before Worship
Register at fbcmonroe.com by April 24th.