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WARE IT IS

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Senior Pastor

As a church, we are on a journey of learning truth, loving God and others, and living like Jesus. While on this journey, there are four steps we want to take together. We want to worship, connect, serve and share.

Worship is the way we express our love to God. It is rooted in His being perfect and good, and is our acknowledgement that only God is worthy of being the first priority in our lives. We worship God both individually and as a church family. How we do our work, relate to a neighbor, or treat complete strangers are all acts of individual worship. Corporately, Sunday morning worship is central to our life together because it is the one time a week we all meet around God's Word to lift our voices in praise and prayer to God. It is the first step of our journey together.

Our second step is to **connect**. Now more than ever people are isolating themselves. Just this morning I heard a news story about the challenges adults are having making friends. God desires for us to connect to other believers. Peter says we are God's chosen people, not God's chosen individuals. As a church, we desire for everyone to connect through a Sunday School class. Our classes meet from 9:45-10:45 each Sunday morning. Our Sunday School ministry holds our church family together. If you do not currently belong to a class, let me or Bruce, our associate pastor, help you take the next step of getting connected.

The third step is to **serve**. First Baptist Monroe loves serving others. We finished up the month of August collecting gas gift cards for the Christian Learning Center, and started September with an emphasis on buying ultrasounds for pregnant women through The Pregnancy Resource Center. Later this week a mission team will be traveling to Ghana to serve. Our serving also takes place within our church family. Our Sunday School teachers, deacons, Preschool, and tech team volunteers are examples of those who serve our church family. To serve others is to live like Jesus. All believers are called to follow in His steps.

The fourth step is to **share**. We desire for everyone to share their faith with others. Sharing may be as simple as inviting someone to church or as involved as helping someone through a challenging time and pointing them to Jesus as you do so. Everyone around us needs Jesus, and God wants to use us to share the good news of Jesus with them. When we worship, connect and serve, God will open the doors for us to share the Gospel.

Worship, Connect, Serve & Share - those are the four steps we are taking together on the journey of learning truth, loving God and others, and living like Jesus. Our goal is for everything we do as a church to help us take one or more of these steps.

How's your journey going? If you're reading but haven't yet joined the FBC Journey, I want to invite you to attend the next **First on Last** class on September 24th during the Sunday School hour. It's a class for those who are interested in learning more about the FBC Journey and how to join it. You can sign up online at fbcmonroe.com or by calling the church office.

Learning, Loving & Living Like Jesus,
Todd

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

David & Jackie Bailey
1632 White Oak Cove
Loganville, GA 30052



Ghana Mission Trip

September 7-16

Please pray for the team:

Dawn Clark, Charles Poole
Debra Smith, Rich Tuttle

DAD & ME

SEPTEMBER 13

6:15 KIDS AREA

3'S - 6TH GRADE

REGISTER AT FBCMONROE.COM

Please join us for a service honoring

TODD & TERI WARE

for their 25 years of ministry at
First Baptist Monroe

September 24 at 5pm in the sanctuary

PRESCHOOL WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

SEPTMEBER 10: TEAM LEADER: MAGGIE STEPHENS

8:30 Team

Infants:

Virginia Ashmore

Toddler/2's:

Keeley Garrett

3-5 year olds:

Julie Barker

Volunteer Needed

11:00 Team

Infants:

Kirsten Nash

Toddler/2's:

Shelly Blair

3-5 year olds:

Janet Nelson

Volunteer Needed



GIFTS

In Honor of Bruce & Beth Baggett

given by Mrs. Margaret Whitley
to the Mature Adult Fund

In Honor of Todd & Teri Ware

given by Mrs. Margaret Whitley
to the Give to Go Fund

In Memory of Billie Denton

given by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Martin
to the General Fund

In Memory of Ira Martin

given by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Martin
to the General Fund

In Memory of Charlotte Seymour

given by

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Walker
to the General Fund

Mrs. Margaret Whitley
to the Music Fund

In Memory of Frank Whitley

given by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Walker
to the General Fund

Prayer List

Doris Adams
 Margaret Akery (mother of Steve Akery & Rita Millians)
 Tim Anderson (father of Jill Harkins)
 Louis Arnold (friend of Larry & Carol Bradley)
 Barbara Baldwin (mother of Vicki Tuttle)
 Glenn Beckum (son of John & Frankie Beckum)
 Dot Blevins
 Alan & Jayne Bolton
 Carolyn Boswell (grandmother of Morgan Brown)
 Michael Boswell (family of Morgan Brown)
 Carol Bradley
 Bobby & Judy Burrow
 Gail Carrell
 Phyllis Clark
 Sidney & Edith Cooper (friends of Conrad & Norma Barnes)
 Tim Creech (cousin of Debra Smith)
 Diane Davis
 Jenny Ferguson (sister of Julie Sargent)
 Rachel Goins & baby Dallas
 Mark Granger (Son in law of Virginia Ashmore)
 Pat Hale
 Sherry Hanes
 Mike Hardy
 Tom & Martha Harlan
 Shirley Harper (mother of Jan Harmon)
 Taylor Harvey
 Nancy Hightower
 Roemelle Holloway
 Chris Hooks
 Dianne James
 Betty Johnson (mother of David Johnson)
 Kathy Kamienski
 Janice Kelley (sister of Judy Richardson)
 Max Laseter (father of Randall Laseter)
 Chuck Leathery
 Jamal Brooks Lewis (friend of Greg Solsrud)
 Verna Lovgren
 Jayson Lowe (brother of Stacy McCullers)
 Bob & Barbara Malcom
 Ruth McClellan (friend of Suzanne Young)
 Nevaeh Massey
 Thu Van McNeal (sister-in-law of Willene McNeal)
 Yvonne Morgan (mother of Vickie Gasaway)
 George & Rachel Moyers
 David Myers (cousin of Billy Myers)
 Dave Norvell
 James Paul (father of Maria Brannen)
 Hedy Piper
 Gloria Potter

Chuck Pratt (father of Amy Prine)
 Jeff Prine
 Kayce David Reyna (friend of Kathie Snead)
 Bob Richards
 Denise Sargent
 Janice Simpson (aunt of Satina Waites)
 Joshua Stachowicz (grandson of Evelyn Barganier)
 Barry Stone (husband of Sharyn Stone)
 Dennis & Carol Story
 Jo Thompson (mother of Greg Thompson)
 Matt Thompson (neighbor of Kevin Barrett)
 Martha Trollinger
 Joy Vaughan (sister of Patti Wilson)
 Virginia Wheeler (friend of Claudia Phillips)
 Mark Whitley
 Shelia Young

GREETERS FOR SEPTEMBER 10

8:30am Bonnie Bednarcik & Lynda Lee
 10:55am Edith McKay & Glenda Molton
 11:11am Randall & Sonya Laseter

FLOWERS

This weeks flowers are placed in the sanctuary by Willene McNeal in memory of Royce McNeal's birthday.

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

5:00pm Wednesday Meal
 5:30pm Youth Bible Drill
 5:45pm Kid's Bible Drill
 6:15pm Discipleship Classes for all Ages
 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY MEAL, SEPTEMBER 13

Salad, Lasagna, Broccoli, Garlic Bread, Dessert
Kids: Spaghetti
Helpers: Russell & Donna Ward, Laura Thompson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

BIRTHDAYS SEPT 10 - 16

10	Paulette Slaughter
11	Ginny Gregg
12	Mary Smith
14	Barbara Malcom
14	Patti Wilson
15	Stanley Brown
15	Wrynn Carson
15	Janice Hendley
15	Gail Sims
15	Bradley Smith
16	Caroline Thomas

DEACONS OF THE WEEK - SEPT 7 - 13

Mark Millians & Johnny Queen

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK

Bob & Barbara Malcom
 Great Oaks of Monroe Room 323
 920 Highway 138
 Monroe, GA 30655

LAST WEEK

September 3, 2023

WEEKLY FINANCIAL NUMBERS

Weekly Budget Required	\$32,511.00
Weekly Budget Receipts	
Sunday Offerings	\$22,227.00
Online Giving	\$6,525.00
Stock Gifts	\$0.00
Budget Required to Date	\$1,137,885.00
Budget Received to Date	\$1,037,420.71
Designated Gifts	\$2,799.00
Give to Go Goal	\$75,000.00
Give to Go YTD	\$58,356.00

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Adults	171
Students	7
Kids	18
Preschool	27
Total	223



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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
September 8 - 10
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

Pregnancy Resource Center



SEPTEMBER MISSIONS PARTNER
OUR GOAL: \$12,000
OR 240 ULTRASOUNDS
EACH ULTRASOUND COSTS \$50