



First Baptist Monroe

THE VISION

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WARE IT IS

Todd Ware
Senior Pastor

Back in 1868, George Selman, a member of our church, built a log house on his property on Alcovy Street and turned it over to black members of First Baptist who had been limited to worshipping from the balcony. They called the new church Colored Baptist Church of Monroe. The church would later be named Zion Hill. A small group would soon come out from Zion Hill to start Tabernacle Baptist Church. The two churches remained separate until 1947 when they merged as First African Baptist Church. The union would be short lived as two groups once again separated into First African Baptist Church and Tabernacle Baptist Church.

Today the two churches continue to thrive. First African Baptist is on Tyler Street on the north side of town and has been pastored by Rev. Edwin Beckles since 2012. Pastor Beckles followed Rev. Clarence Grier who led the church for more than four decades. Pastor Beckles is a dynamic communicator and has preached to our congregation several times over the past couple of years.

Tabernacle Baptist Church is located immediately behind First Baptist on the corner of Jackson and Washington Streets. The church was led by Rev. Daniel Ramey for twenty years prior to his untimely death at the end of last year. We had the privilege of having Pastor Ramey share with us during a men's prayer breakfast several years ago. This past Sunday Tabernacle Baptist installed Rev. Horice Willis III, to serve as the 14th pastor of their congregation. I'm looking forward to working alongside Pastor Willis.

We're 155 years removed from when Mr. Selman felt led to provide a meeting place for members of our church. His generosity was a significant contribution to the work of the Kingdom of God. If he were alive today, I believe Mr. Selman would be pleased with the ministry of both First African Baptist and Tabernacle Baptist. I think he would also be pleased with our commitment to missions as a church.

This week, as I'm typing, First Baptist is supporting a team of four who are ministering in Ghana, Africa. This month we are partnering with the Pregnancy Resource Center to provide ultrasounds for expectant mothers. Our focus on missions never stops. I encourage you to visit fbcmonroe.com and to read over our annual missions plan. You'll be thankful, and probably even surprised, for the many ways First Baptist is serving as we seek to live like Jesus.

We as a church are blessed with a rich history of missions and generosity. It is a privilege to have the opportunity to be a part of a faith community which has been serving others for nearly 200 years. If you are not already doing so, I encourage you to begin serving as the hands and feet of Jesus. Buy an ultrasound, serve at FISH, join the bereavement team, volunteer at the Pregnancy Resource Center, go on a mission trip - the options are endless! If you feel led toward an outreach we are not currently involved with, let us know how we can support you!

If the Lord hasn't come by 2178, who knows what Monroe and the world will look like in another 155 years. If the world is still spinning and First Baptist is still a faith community, may those who come behind us see evidence of faithful servants who desired to live like Jesus. While they won't know our names, by God's grace may they know the name of Jesus!

Learning, Loving & Living Like Jesus,
Todd

Ghana Mission Trip

September 7-16

Please pray for the team:

Dawn Clark, Charles Poole
Debra Smith, Rich Tuttle

Wayfarers Lunch

Thursday, September 28
noon - Fellowship Hall

Make a reservation by
Wednesday, September 27
online or the office.

SAVE THE DATE



First Baptist
Monroe

Saturday, October 14
10 am - 4 pm



more details soon

PRESCHOOL WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

SEPTMEBER 17: TEAM LEADER: KATHRYN SANDERS

8:30 Team

Infants:

Beth Johnson

Toddler/2's:

Donna Roberts

3-5 year olds:

David Johnson

Karen Paul

11:00 Team

Infants:

Callie Smith

Toddler/2's:

Lisa Garrett

3-5 year olds:

Kirsten Nash

Volunteer Needed



SPIRIT WEAR

FBC t-shirts for sale!

Two colors to choose from: gray or oatmeal.

Cost per t-shirt:

\$10 (s-xl) \$12 (2xl-3xl)

Stop by the church office,
while supplies last.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Render & Peggy Swygert
253 Club Drive
Monroe, GA 30655



STRANGERS

1 Peter

Fall Sermon Series

ZAXBY'S



Spirit Night

September 19, 2023

5 - 8 pm

- Come support FBC Weekday School!!!
- Must mention FBC Weekday School when ordering
- Put receipt in box in lobby
- Need 50 receipts to get a larger percentage of sales



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
 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)
 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)
 Shelia Young

CHRISTIAN LOVE & SYMPATHY TO:

-Joyce Wright in the passing of her brother in law, Harry Whitley.
 -Patti Wilson in the passing of her sister, Joy Vaughan.

FLOWERS

This weeks flowers are placed in the sanctuary to the Glory of God from a redeemed sinner.

GREETERS FOR SEPTEMBER 17

8:30am Tena Alligood & Penny Moon
 10:55am Paul & Helen Mullins
 11:11am Randall & Sonya Laseter

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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 20

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 20

Salad Bar, Orange Glazed Chicken, Wild Rice, Squash, Rolls, Dessert
Kids: Chicken Nuggets/Mac and Cheese
Helpers: Steve Brown, Nancy Hightower, Norma Oliver

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

BIRTHDAYS SEPT 17 - 23

| | |
|----|--------------------|
| 17 | Rosalyn Chapman |
| 17 | Sandra Fuller |
| 17 | Karen Shiver |
| 17 | Brody Sorrell |
| 18 | Hunter Melton |
| 19 | Judy Burrow |
| 20 | Hallie Cruce |
| 20 | Lou Anne Gunn |
| 21 | Bobby Carrell, III |
| 21 | Milisa Wise |
| 22 | Kaitlin Bradshaw |
| 22 | Daniel Snoddy |
| 22 | Joshua Workman |
| 23 | Conrad Barnes |
| 23 | Jim Register |
| 23 | Angie Smith |

DEACONS OF THE WEEK - SEPT 14 - 20

Adam Richardson & Alex Boskoff

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK

Lillian Cross
 Great Oaks of Monroe Room 220
 920 Highway 138
 Monroe, GA 30655

LAST WEEK

September 10, 2023

WEEKLY FINANCIAL NUMBERS

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|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Weekly Budget Required | \$32,511.00 |
| Weekly Budget Receipts | |
| Sunday Offerings | \$36,769.52 |
| Online Giving | \$9,330.00 |
| Stock Gifts | \$0.00 |
| Budget Required to Date | \$1,202,907.00 |
| Budget Received to Date | \$1,103,894.74 |
| Designated Gifts | \$4,236.03 |
| Give to Go Goal | \$75,000.00 |
| Give to Go YTD | \$59,156.00 |

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

| | |
|-----------------|-----|
| Adults | 239 |
| Students | 14 |
| Kids | 26 |
| Preschool | 28 |
| Total | 307 |



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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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PUBLICATIONS

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
September 15 - 17
Kyle Brown

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**

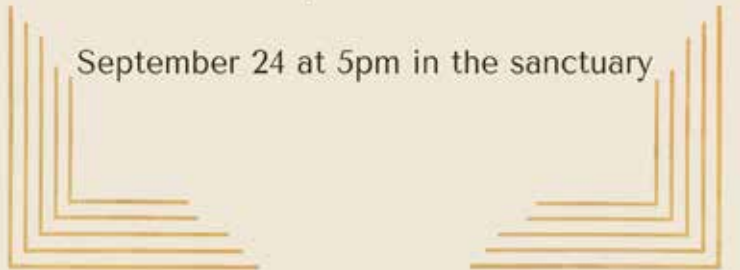


Please join us for a service honoring

TODD & TERI WARE

for their 25 years of ministry at
First Baptist Monroe

September 24 at 5pm in the sanctuary



GIFTS

SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

In Memory of George Baker, Jr.

given by Mrs. Shirley Johnson
to the General Fund

In Memory of Joyce Head

given by Mrs. Willene McNeal
to the General Fund

In Memory of Jim Hood

given by Mrs. Shirley Johnson
to the General Fund

In Memory of Tom Phillips

given by

Mrs. Willene McNeal
to the General Fund

Charlie & Christina Jordan
to the Missions Fund

In Memory of Charlotte Seymour

given by

Mrs. Phyllis Clark
Mrs. Shirley Guhl
Angela Mallard
Wilson & Angie Mallard
to the Floral Fun

Mrs. Shirley Johnson
Ms. Lois Long
Mrs. Willene McNeal
Levon Redding
Mrs. Barbara Webb
to the General Fund

In Memory of Lee Smith

given by

Mrs. Shirley Johnson
to the General Fund

Mrs. Lorraine Payne
to the Walton County CLC Fund

In Memory of Frank Whitley

given by

Sabra Higginbotham
Mrs. Shirley Johnson
Mrs. Willene McNeal
to the General Fund

Mrs. Lorraine Payne
to the Walton County CLC Fund

In Memory of Norrie Wright

given by Mrs. Shirley Johnson
to the General Fund