MISSION EMPHASIS
Our mission emphasis for the next four weeks is FISH4Kids and specifically the Backpack Buddies program. Our goal is to raise $5000 over the next four weeks. This would care for 50 children for an entire year! Remember, you can mail a check to the church office, you can give online or you can text FBMgiving to 77977. The need is even greater now to provide basic food items to those less fortunate. Please pray about what God would have you do, then give as He leads.

WEDNESDAY LIVE STREAM
Next Week Only - Our Wednesday evening live stream on July 22 will be at 7:00pm so that we can join our students in worship during the week of Love Where You Live. Nathan Durham from New Beginnings Bible Church will be speaking and Lydia Simonds will lead worship.

WELCOME HOME
We are glad to welcome Josh & Cindy Dubose and their family back to the states from Peru where they served as missionaries. The Dubose Family is staying in our 301 Hospitality House while they transition to a new ministry setting in Augusta, Georgia. We count it a privilege to be able to partner with them in the work of the Kingdom.
RISKY BUSINESS
Dr. Greg DeLoach
Teaching Pastor
Risky Business. Remember that movie starring Tom Cruise? I never saw it, but I certainly am familiar with the phrase. It sort of feels like risky business these days. Risky positions, risky behaviors, risky economy, risky lifestyles—all of this in a risky pandemic.

Risky. How does that word make you feel? Are you a risk taker or risk averse? On the whole I do not think others would describe me as a risky kind of person. There are a few things I do that may be considered risky: solo backpacking and a proclivity for sashimi come to mind. Otherwise I assess my risks and act accordingly. For some it may look like my actions are risky, but for others it may look as though I am “playing it safe.”

Jesus once said to his disciples that they are being sent into a risky world—“...sheep amidst wolves...” and as disciples they are to be “wise as serpents and gentle as doves.” (Matthew 10:16)

I wonder how those words of Jesus speak of you as you deal with others. Where are you gentle with those who either need your compassion or those that need to experience an alternative way of responding? Where are you wise when it comes to understanding and responding to the world’s complex challenges?

These words of Jesus do not take away the risk. Indeed, Jesus calls it out—there are wolves out there! I find these words do help us mitigate the risks. We are at a season where many are needing the wisdom and gentleness of Christ in their lives. I pray that each of us be faithful to live into these words of Christ.

I, too, am working to figure this out in my own life, with my work with Mercer University, my service to FBC Monroe, and my devotion to my family. To that end, with what I pray is seeking the wisdom and gentleness of Christ, I will continue to preach and teach remotely by way of video. This, of course, is not ideal, but for this season it is best for all concerned. I need to protect the health of my family as well as each of you. I am disappointed that for right now I cannot be with you in person. I miss the handshakes and the hugs. I miss your laughter at my feeble attempts at humor. I miss seeing your expressions in worship and in prayer. But I want to be—must be—wise and gentle in all of my responsibilities and with all of my relationships.

May I selfishly ask that you continue to support my family and me in prayer? None of this is easy and much of it is risky. Pray, too, for Pastor Todd and Teri. Todd bears the fruit of wisdom and gentleness as he guides our church during these risky days. It is a privilege to hold him up in prayer.

Yes, this life is risky business. But I believe in you. I believe in this church. And I believe that following Jesus will get us through to the other side.

Gratefully,
Pastor Greg
Prayer List
Aaron & Daisy Andrews
Doris Adams
Dot Blevins
Alan Bolton
Chuck Bradley
Brad Brownlow
Harold Burton
Peggy Burton
Connie Carrell
Mike Cash
Cody Clay and Parents Jimmy & Ellen
(nephew of Peggy Howard)
Mary Helen Clement (friend of Claudia
Phillips)
Gena Coggins
Harper Collins (granddaughter of
Shirley Collins)
Dax Conner and Parents Clint & Brittany
(friends of Kevin Barrett)
Tori Curlew (daughter of BJ Bennett)
Theodore Doss (nephew of Todd & Teri
Ware)
Samantha Edwards (granddaughter of
Jerry & Maxine Edwards)
Marge Ellison
Mary Fox
Bethany Harwick (friend of Marcy
Haymans)
Marcy Haymans
Ellen Hester
Abby Holley
Chris Hooks
Douglas Huff
Shirlene Huff
Chris Kitchens (son of Scarlett Kitchens)
Rosemary Mathews
Margie McElreath (mother of Darlene
Christie)
Edith McKay
Royce McNeal
Kip Mercer
Dan Mobley (father of Margie Briscoe)
Anthony O’Kelly
Jimmy Payne
Richard Peeples (friend of Claudia
Phillips)
Becky Peters
Cliff Peters
Mary Jayne Peters
Tom Phillips
Reba Plaster
Alan & Michele Pomerleau (friends of
Nancy Valentin)
Donna Reddish
Emily Salley
Susie Searcy (sister in law of Gena
Coggins)
Glenn Sizemore
Buzz Thompson

CONGRATULATIONS TO:
-Elliott & Elizabeth Austin and big
brother Brooks on the birth of Carolina
Grace Austin, born July 14, 2020. Proud
Grandmother is Linda Head.

FLOWER DEDICATION
This Sunday the Sanctuary flowers are
placed by Lynda Trail in Memory of Ed
Trail for his birthday 7/18 and in Honor of
Camie McGaughey for her birthday 7/19.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL NUMBERS
Weekly Budget Required $325,111.00
Weekly Budget Receipts
Sunday Offerings $22,312.13
Online Giving $7,149.00
Stock Gifts $0.00
Budget Required to Date $910,308.00
Budget Received to Date $777,575.90
Designated Gifts $4,995.00
Give to Go Goal $75,000.00
Give to Go YTD $47,765.00

WAYS TO GIVE:
Online
fbcmconroe.com Click “Give”
Mail
Send a check to
PO Box 351
Monroe, GA 30655
Text
Text fbmgiving to 77977

BIRTHDAYS
JULY 19-25
19 Georganne Murdock
19 Len Young
19 Alex Boskoff
19 Camie McGaughey
19 Scarlet Gary
20 Shannon Delchamps
20 Amber Tibble
21 Larry Songer
21 Donna Roberts
21 Ellis Kirby
21 Michael Thompson
21 Madison Brown
22 Jessica Underwood
22 Steve Brown
22 Gil Jordan
22 Audrey Burney
23 Sandra Etheredge
24 Carolyn Harkreader
24 Colby Bell
25 Betsy Yancey
25 Pam Blanford
25 Jimi Martin
25 Callie Smith

GIFTS
In Memory of Lorraine Mitchell
(Teresa West’s mother)
given by Atha Sunday School Class
to Love Where You Live

In Memory of Marc Marchant
given by Hannah Sunday School Class
to the Give to Go Fund

In Memory of Marc Marchant
given by Mr. & Mrs. George Hearn
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Malcom
to the Give to Go Fund

In Memory of Anita Doster
given by Mr. & Mrs. Bob Malcom
to the Give to Go Fund

DEACONS OF THE WEEK - JULY 16-22
Greg Nash & Keith Prather

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK
Gene Wild
GREAT OAKS OF MONROE
920 Highway 138
Monroe, GA 30655

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**FAMILY MINISTRY EVENT**

**PRESCHOOL, CHILDREN, AND STUDENTS**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 15
6:30 PM**

**FAMILY PICNIC!**

Bring your lawn chairs, snack dinner and hang out with us on the front lawn of the church. Kona Ice will be available for purchase.

*PLEASE NOTE THE LOCATION HAS CHANGED.*

**Now Hiring**

Interested? Email darlene@fbcmonroe.com

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