



First Baptist Monroe

# THE VISION

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## WARE IT IS

Todd Ware  
Senior Pastor

Last night our deacons had their last meeting of 2024. They still, however, have much ministry in front of them. They will be serving our widows and widowers at a special brunch this Saturday, and next week they will serve an appreciation dinner to FISH volunteers at an event we are hosting. On Christmas Eve they will be preparing and helping serve the Lord's Supper. In addition to these special service occasions, they will continue to call upon our sick and minister to those in our fellowship who are experiencing difficulties. Their contribution to the health of our congregation is immeasurable.

As I consider the life of Jesus, I am reminded that serving is leadership. No doubt, this is the opposite of how we usually see positions of authority. To most, being a leader means having others serve you. Not so with Jesus. He is clear in **Luke 22:25-27**:

**Jesus told them, "In this world the kings and great men lord it over their people, yet they are called 'friends of the people.' But among you it will be different. Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant. Who is more important, the one who sits at the table or the one who serves? The one who sits at the table, of course. But not here! For I am among you as one who serves.**

This past year Herbie Malcom has been the lead server. He has sacrificially given of himself to bless others. He has led the deacons in calling upon the sick, making hospital visits, being present for funerals, and countless others acts of service. Herbie will rotate off the deacon team in January, but his example of serving will continue to shape our deacon ministry in 2025. Other deacons who have given of themselves for the past three years include:

Steve Akery  
Chris Meeks

Kevin Barrett  
Jayson Melton

John Head  
Johnny Queen

Cledus Jones  
Russell Ward

I invite you to join me in thanking them for showing us that serving is leadership!

## An Incredibly Beautiful Room

Just in case you haven't visited the fellowship hall lately, I encourage you to do so. Donna Roberts and Andrea Reese worked their magic to create a beautiful space that enhanced our Christmas Ladies Tea & Home Alone Dinner. It continues to provide the perfect atmosphere for our Wednesday evening suppers & studies, and our Informal Worship services. Thanks Donna & Andrea!

## Gifts of Happiness & Healthcare

We have a goal of adopting 300 local kids for Christmas. You can pick up information on an "angel" in the office. Gifts are needed back by the 15th. We also have a goal of giving \$7,000 to FISH MD. These dollars will be used to provide needed healthcare to Walton County residents. Whether it's buyings gifts, giving toward healthcare, or both - I encourage you to embrace living like Jesus by being generous toward the needs of others.

## Remembering & Honoring at Christmas

We are looking to add a finishing touch to our beautiful sanctuary and fellowship hall for Christmas with the addition of poinsettias. You can sponsor a poinsettia for \$25 in memory or in honor of someone by clicking [here](#).

Learning, Loving & Living Like Jesus,  
Todd

## PRESCHOOL WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

DEC 8: TEAM LEADER:  
CHELSEA WARE

8:30 Team

Infants:

Beth Baggett

Toddler/2's:

Teri Head

3-5 year olds:

Buddy Leach

11:00 Team

Infants:

Sheryl Fambrough

Toddler/2's:

Lisa Brooks

3-5 year olds:

Elizabeth Austin

Ricky Brooks



## Poinsettias

Remember or honor a loved one & add a Christmas touch to our worship spaces.

50 poinsettias will be placed in our sanctuary and fellowship hall on December 15th & 22nd.

You can purchase a poinsettia online or in the church office for \$25.

Purchased plants may be picked up after our Christmas Eve or Christmas Day services.

## DECEMBER

- 5th - Downtown Monroe Christmas Parade
- 5th - Wayfarers (Senior Adult) Lunch
- 7th - The Remembrance Brunch
- 10th - Volunteer at the OCC Processing Center
- 12th - Deadline to order a Christmas Poinsettia for the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall
- 29th - First on Last Prospective Members Class

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## JANUARY

- 29th - Deadline for early registration for Surge (DNow)

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REGISTRATION LINKS

## OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

### DECEMBER

- 15th - Adopt-an-Angel totes are due
- 18th - Christmas Supper & Singing (No Family Ministries)
- 21st - Adopt-an-Angel Delivery
- 24th - 4 PM & 6 PM - Christmas Eve Services
- 25th - 10:30 AM - Christmas Day Service
- 29th - ONE Sunday

### JANUARY

- 5th - ONE Sunday - Youth Sunday

# We Do Jesus Stuff.



# Prayer List

## IMMEDIATE CARE:

Disaster Relief Communities  
 Karen Barrett  
 Lori Brown  
 Don Culpepper (friend of Stanley Brown)  
 Sally Deese  
 Jenny Ferguson (sister of Julie Sargent)  
 Lindsey Gregory (friend of Debra Smith)  
 Kati Haggerty (niece of Sharon Rothrock)  
 David Hicks (friend of Willene McNeal)  
 Bruce Millians  
 Rachel Moyers  
 Juan Prado  
 Bill Stone (father of Barry Stone)  
 Mike Timm  
 John Vaughn (son-in-law of Susanne Autry)  
 Libby Williams (daughter of Shirlene Huff)  
 Betsy Yancey  
 Shelia Young

## ONGOING CARE:

Doris Adams  
 Susanne Autry  
 Norma Barnes  
 Alan & Jayne Bolton  
 Bobby & Judy Burrow  
 Elizabeth Cabaniss  
 Penny Carithers (sister of Linda Head)  
 Gail Carrell  
 Tyrone Carrell  
 Margaret Cooper (mother of Steve Akery & Rita Millians)  
 Diane Davis  
 Russ Dillard  
 Rick & Dianne Gove  
 Shirley Guhl  
 Sherry Hanes  
 Chris Hooks  
 Roemelle Holloway  
 Shirlene Huff  
 Shirley Johnson  
 Kathy Kamienski  
 Lois Kemper (friend of Susanne Young)  
 Jayson Lowe (brother of Stacy McCullers)  
 Ruth McClellan (friend of Suzanne Young)  
 Willene McNeal  
 George Moyers  
 Shawn Phillips  
 Trisha Rackley  
 Jim Register  
 Steve Reynolds  
 Bob Richards  
 Tariq Shakoore  
 Tappey Squires  
 Joshua Stachowicz (grandson of Evelyn Barganier)  
 Barry Stone (husband of Sharyn Stone)  
 Dennis & Carol Story  
 Bruce Wainwright (neighbor of Todd & Teri Ware)  
 Steve West

Mark Wilkinson, Sr. (friend of Herbie Malcom)  
 Eddie Young (son of Elizabeth Young)

## CHRISTIAN LOVE & SYMPATHY TO:

Betsy Yancey at the passing of her daughter, Julie Wright

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Magdy & Amany Bassaly at the birth of their granddaughter, Elisabeth.

## GIFTS

**In Honor of BJ Bennett**  
 given by the Hannah SS Class  
 to the FISH MD Fund

**In Memory of Jim Hood**  
 given by Judy Bruce  
 to the General Fund

**In Memory of Laverne Simmons**  
 given by Mr. Harry Simmons, Sr.  
 to the General Fund

## GREETERS FOR DECEMBER 8

8:30 Mike & Sallie Eckles  
 10:50 Randall & Sonya Laseter  
 11:00 Anne Smith

## NEXT WEEK

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

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

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

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, DECEMBER 11

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

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## BIRTHDAYS DEC 8 - 14

8 Denise Sargent  
 9 Matt Bradshaw  
 9 Amelia Donaldson  
 9 Clay Satterwhite  
 9 Brad Smith  
 10 Daniel Donaldson  
 11 Regina Adcock  
 11 Avery Garner  
 11 Randall Laseter  
 11 Sandy Quinn  
 13 Andrew Harlan  
 13 Ramona Robison  
 14 Donna Colquitt  
 14 Nevaeh Massey

## DEACONS OF THE WEEK DEC 5 - 11

Sean Ellerbee & Greg Nash

## MISSION PARTNER OF THE WEEK

Faith In Serving Humanity (F.I.S.H.)

## SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK

Susanne Autry 770-267-5056  
 224 Boulevard  
 Monroe, GA 30655

## LAST WEEK

December 1, 2024

### WEEKLY FINANCIAL NUMBERS

Weekly Budget Required	\$32,874.44
Weekly Budget Receipts	
Sunday Offerings	\$41,481.70
Online Giving	\$4,140.00
Stock Gifts	\$0.00
Budget Required to Date	\$1,577,973.12
Budget Received to Date	\$1,600,015.65
Designated Gifts	\$28,684.52
Give to Go Goal	\$75,000.00
Give to Go YTD	\$135,872.95

### SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Adults	209
Students	19
Kids	22
Preschool	17
Total	267



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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  
December 6-8  
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

*A Christmas of  
Happiness & Health*

Adopt one of 300  
local Angels 

Drop by the Church Office this week!

 Give toward our  
\$7,000 FISH MD goal