

JANUARY 2025

# THE MONROE MESSENGER

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MONROE PH. 434-929-3764



**Happy New Year to Everyone!**

**May you have a prosperous New Year.** Wishing you a happy, healthy New Year. May the New Year bless you with health, wealth, and happiness. A year of new blessings!

## Announcements

### Seniors

No Senior Luncheon for the month of January.

The **2025 Annual Calendars** are located on the tables in both foyers. Of course some of the events have not been decided yet. Will let everyone know when the dates become available. Be sure to pick up a copy to take home with you.

**Christmas Poinsettias**: Thank you everyone for the order of the poinsettias. We had 54 in total this year. It kept me busy watering them, but it was worth it! I love to see them decorate our sanctuary along with our Christmas tree.

**Children's Christmas Party**: A big "thank you" goes out to everyone that helped make this a success.

**Christmas Cantata**: Everyone enjoyed the cantata this year. We would like to thank everyone for all the hard work they put into the cantata.

## Thank you

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the Prayers, Cards and Calls. We still feel connected to our church even if we cannot attend right now. Bless all of you and hope you have the best Christmas ever.

Sandra Dixon

Dear WMU Ladies & Children's Ministry Members,

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your help with our Thanksgiving meal at Park View Café. The twelve pies our WMU provided were both beautiful and delicious—our "neighbors" who ate them were so happy to have a slice of homemade goodness! Our Children's Ministry brought willing helpers—both parents and children—who packed up to go bags and helped serve and brighten the evening for our many patrons who miss having children and family with them. Our college interns who help serve had finished their semester, so it was a double blessing to have this help from our church. May the Lord bless you all!

Love,

Roberta Scrivener, Coordinator Park View Café

Dear Church & Deacon's,

The staff of First Baptist Church of Monroe would like to thank everyone for the Christmas Gift you gave to us this year. We really did appreciate it.

Love,

The Staff

**Announcements**

Our new **2025** budget has been presented. It will be on the website under the “members section” soon. We will have a copy of the new 2025 officers and the new Committees out on the website for your information soon. These are listed under the “members section” in case you need the information later. If you do not know the password to get on the site, please see Sylvia and she will be happy to give it to you.

The new 2025 tithe envelopes are ready for you to pick up. They are located in the foyer right beside the large bulletin board. You will need the new tithing envelopes for the reporting in 2025. Will be sending out the 2024 yearly statements in a few weeks. All of the envelopes will be counted on the last Sunday of December. If you want it counted for this year, you will need to get it in by the last Sunday, December 31st. This will help to get the information out to you sooner.

**Library News**–The Library Team would like to wish everyone a “Happy New Year”. Thank you all for all your support during the year. I have been able to purchase some new books but would like for you to suggest some new books this year and if you have a special DVD you would like added to the library. **I could use some volunteers to help in the library.** If you are interested in joining, let Sylvia Bradley know. Winter is a good time to take advantage of your Library. Again I say, if you have anything that you would like us to add to the Library, please see me. Let’s make 2025 the best! May God bless you all.

**MISSIONS UPDATE:**

\* **Our toy barrel** for Jericho Baptist literally overflowed with presents for needy area children and was much appreciated!

\***Lottie Moon:** We are still collecting money for this mission. We will be giving out the final total next month and announcing it to the church soon.

\***WMU:** We are planning to start the monthly Women’s Missionary Group back in January. Our monthly schedule will be listed on the new yearly calendar. Our first meeting consists mostly on our plans for our monthly missions for the year. We will also be making plans for our “Baptist Women’s Day on February 16th. Our annual Ladies Tea Party will be on Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 PM. We have not decided on the speaker yet but will let everyone know soon. We hope we will have a good participation from our women at the church. If you would like to join our meetings, we meet once a month the third Wednesday in the month at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall. We would love to see more of our ladies of the church get involved with this committee. If interested, please see Sylvia Bradley or Lisa Robertson or just show up!!!!

**We would like to wish everyone a Happy & Healthy  
New Year!**

**Upcoming dates:**

We will be having **Baptist Men's Day**– Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> and Jacob Saulnier will be the speaker. The **Baptist Women's Day**– will be on Sunday, February 16. The speaker has not been decided yet. Please mark these dates on your calendar so you can be sure to join us. We will have more details later for the special speakers.

**Nursery Workers for January–Sunday Morning Service**

January 5– Sherry & Seaborne Patterson

January 12–Kristin Moorefield & Mia Scruggs

January 19–Allison Oswald, Kyleigh Butler, Emery Morris

January 26–Wanda & George Beverley

**Note:** If you are unable to work in the nursery on your scheduled day, please try to switch days with someone, or contact one of the substitute workers. The schedule will be posted on the small bulletin board outside the sanctuary and the nursery. We also have it posted on the website under the “Members section”.

**Meals on Wheels**

January 8–14

Team 1

**Anniversaries for January**

Becky & Rod Bryant 1/4

Jack & Vivian Lyons 1/28

**Welcome New Members**

Debbie Bailey

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January 8 - Tommy Woody

January 9 - Nita Valiente

January 10 - John Harper

January 11 - Ryan Slayton  
Chip Scrivener

January 12 - Andrea Bryant  
Erica Franklin

January 13 - Celia Gilbert

January 15 - Susan Barney  
Jessica Morris

January 16 - Jessica Adams  
Michael Murray

January 17 - Harold Brizendine  
Jennifer Brown

January 19 - Eric Johnson  
Paul Young

January 20 - JoAnn Bryant  
Lillian Floyd  
Marcus Martin

January 21 - Phyllis Vassar  
Cindy Hargis

January 25 - Andy Smoot  
Dave Mathes

January 30 - Cheryl Casey  
Laura Harper  
Chris Murray  
Logan Starnes

January 31 - Pat Norwood

