



All proceeds from the Volleyball Tournament will benefit Loaves & Fishes of Union County ... so invite as many people as you can to join us on

**Saturday, February 27
8:00-noon**

You can also help by taking flyers to area business and/or placing them in paper boxes in your neighborhood

Lots of volunteers will be needed this Saturday, February 20 at 11:00 a.m. to contact participants, prepare packets, and divide participants into teams



We welcome David and Brooke Mitchell, 502 West Franklin St., Monroe (704-219-2237), who joined on the transfer of their memberships from St. John's Baptist Church, Charlotte. Annette Kilby and Ray Casner will serve as their deacons.

Faith in Fiction Book Club

meets Thursday, March 4
7:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor

Members invite you to join them as they review and discuss the book

Eye of the Needle
by Ken Follett

Senior Minister Search Committee ...

The Nominating Committee is seeking recommendations for the seven-member Senior Minister Search Committee. To submit a member for consideration, forward the following information in writing to the Nominating Committee:

- your name
- the member's name you are recommending
- a brief description of the reason why you believe this member would best represent our congregation

Recommendations will be accepted until March 10, 2010 and can either be mailed to the church addressed to the Nominating Committee, placed in the church office in the box labeled "Nominating Committee" or submitted by email to nominating@monroefirstbaptist.org. We also request your prayers during this search process.

This Week at FBC

Sunday, February 21

- 9:30 AM Bible Fellowship
- 10:35 AM Preschool Extended Session
- 10:45 AM Service of Worship
- 5:00 PM Youth Group
- 5:45 PM Youth Choir
- 6:30 PM Snack Supper
- 7:00 PM Chancel Ringers

Monday, February 22

- 6:00 PM TOPS

Tuesday, February 23

- 9:30 AM Craft Club

Wednesday, February 24

- 12:00 PM Community Lenten Service
Central United Methodist Church
- 5:30 PM Fellowship Meal
Buffet: smorgasbord, dessert
Kid's meal: same as buffet
- 6:15 PM Child Care
Music Time
Music Makers
Children's Choir
- 6:20 PM Prayer Meeting
- 6:30 PM Bible Study
Youth Discussion
Wednesday Night Handbell Group
- 6:45 PM Missions Rotation
Mission Friends
Girls' Missions
Boys' Missions
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Saturday, February 27

- 8:00 AM Volleyball Tournament in MPR



Friday, March 5 children in grades 1-5 are invited to join us in the Multipurpose Room for a pizza supper, games & movie

Friends are welcome!

Make reservations by calling the church office or sign up in Bible Fellowship

Thank you ...

Thank you to everyone for all your kind words, cards, phone calls and visits during the death of my brother, Bo Abbott. It is such a comfort to know your church is there for you. We really appreciate you and what you mean to us. May God continue to use First Baptist Church in showing others of His great love for them.

Paula Lee

Blood Drive

Friday, March 12 — 2:30-7:00 p.m.
Multipurpose Room

MissionsFirst

- The LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING for February will benefit Loaves and Fishes of Union County, a local food bank set up to provide groceries for families in need.
- Interested in an on-going ministry that will provide **food-filled backpacks** to needy school kids? Contact Carol Tyson for more information.
- Remember to check the **Missions Board** for names of children in need of school uniforms.
- Interested in helping with a ministry of chopping and/or delivering firewood to needy families? Contact Tim McBride (704-634-9985).

Bible Fellowship Lesson

Sunday, February 21

"Wilderness Companions"

Scripture: **Luke 4:1-13**

Additional Scriptures: Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13

Pastoral Care Emergencies

Minister on Call February 19-26

Sara Spahr Stubbs – 704-219-2204

By the Numbers ...

Sunday, February 14, 2010:

Bible Fellowship Attendance	148
Adults	108
College.....	15
Youth.....	6
Children.....	19

Worship Attendance	206
Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$ 11,408
Budget Receipts	\$ 8,366
Budget Requirements to Date	\$273,792
Budget Receipts to Date	\$283,681



The Worship of God

February 21, 2010 - 10:45 a.m.

Sermon by John Hewett

"Faith and Stupidity"

Scripture: Luke 4:1-13

Audio CDs of our worship services are available in the church office. Audio recordings of sermons are available at www.monroefirstbaptist.org



The Church League Softball season is quickly approaching! Cost is \$25 to join the FBC team, which is due by March 21. If you are interested in playing on our team, contact Nick Coffey at 704-219-1809.

Personnel Listening Session ...

The Personnel Committee is working with Dennis Burton, our associational director of missions, to study our church's current staffing configuration and how it supports our various ministries. As part of this process we invite you to a listening session following worship on Sunday, February 28. A light lunch will be served in the Multipurpose Room immediately after the service. After lunch, we will proceed to the sanctuary where information about the study will be circulated and you will be invited to offer your thoughts and suggestions.



Wednesday, February 24, 12:00 noon
Central United Methodist Church
Homily by Father Bradford Smith

Weekday Preschool 2010-2011 ...

Registration forms are now available for the Fall classes for Weekday Preschool for two, three and four year olds. Forms, including class information and cost, are available on their board outside the church office.

Reminder ...

The Colgate Country Showdown, which **Karla Davis** won in January, will air Sunday, March 14 at 5:00 p.m. on Station WJZY.

Committees

Sunday School Greeters:

Tapestries Class

Church Office Volunteer:

Rebecca Kerley

Security:

Narthex - Jane Hawkins

Gathering Area - Ken Handy

Ushers:

Jane Hawkins, Frances Knight, Ron Sumrow, Derrick Lowery, Lauren Lowery

Offertory:

Buddy Lyon, Babs Simpson, Doris Ramsey, Nancy Sumrow

Preschool Extended Session:

Nursery-Christina Kale, Pam Caskey

Preschool I-Robin Haas

Money Counters

Martha Nance, Pat Turner

Wednesday Night Helpers:

Jean Duck, Mary Nash, Dean & Angie Baskins

First Baptist Family

Please remember the following in prayer:

Russ, Teri and Matt Sharp

Katherine Cox in Jesse Helms Center

Kutaw Newgard in Autumn Care

Annie Bragg in Lake Park

Bob Thompson in VA Hospital, Salisbury

Arnold Mills

Karen Marossy at home

Bob Turner at home

Bill Melton, brother of Max Melton and

Carol Tyson

Jamie Turner, son of Jim Turner

Marilyn LeGrange, mother of Brenda Lowery

James Mackay/Chris Harris, serving in Iraq

Jordon Wilkerson, serving in Afghanistan

SYMPATHY

To Paul Sims and family in the death of his mother, Lillian Sims

Farther Along ...

Today is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent, consisting of the forty days plus the six Sundays leading up to Easter. For centuries, Lent has been observed as a special time of self examination and penitence. It is a time for concentration on fundamental values and priorities, not a time for self punishment.

The theme for Ash Wednesday, though not for all of Lent, is that we stand as sinners condemned to die, but for God's grace. This is symbolized by the imposition of ashes on the forehead, with the words, "You are dust and to dust you shall return." In the Hebrew Scriptures, ashes were a sign of penitence (feeling regretful at offenses) and mourning. Ash Wednesday is one of two days of special observance (the other being Good Friday) for which fasting is recommended.

The custom for many Christians is to mark the season of Lent by giving up some things and taking on others. Both can serve to mark the season as a holy time of preparation. Some examples of things people give up for Lent include sweets, meat for all or some meals, and alcohol. In most cases, giving up something for Lent can be made more meaningful by using the money or time for another purpose. For example, meal times on fast days could be spent in prayer. Another example is that if you give up meat during Lent, the extra money that would go to meat dishes can be given to a group which works to end hunger worldwide.

Some things added during Lent are daily Bible reading, fasting on Fridays, times of prayer, or taking a course of study related in some way to spirituality. Note that the season of Lent is forty days plus the six Sundays. This is because Sundays are celebrations of Jesus's resurrection and are always an appropriate day to lessen the restrictions of Lent.

Lent is also an especially appropriate time for the confession of sins. While confession to another person is not required to receive God's forgiveness, it can be a meaningful rite of reconciliation to God.

God has given us the gift of this season to take an honest look at ourselves and at God. Let's use it wisely and well.

John Hewett

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