

The Word

Old Testament Lesson

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

from Daniel 6

Laura Eagle, Hannah Echols
Lauren Echols, Derrick Lowery
Rachel Lowery, Brian Wilson

Anthem

"Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel"

arranged by Roger Emerson

The Youth Choir

Psalm 63

Laura Eagle, Lauren Lowery, Julia Wall

The congregation is invited to sing:

Refrain



As morn ing breaks I look to you; I look to
you, O Lord, to be my strength this day, as morn ing
breaks, as morn - ing breaks.

New Testament Lesson

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God.

John 5:1-9

Lauren Lowery

Sermon

Sara Spahr Stubbs and Lauren Lowery

Responding

Hymn 522

"Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"

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First Baptist Church of Monroe welcomes all persons to participate in the full range of our services, programs, ministries and mission activities. Membership is open to anyone professing faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Persons may offer themselves as candidates for membership by profession of faith and baptism, by statement of previous conversion and baptism, or by transfer of membership from another church. Membership may be requested in writing or during regular worship services. If you wish to present yourself for membership today, come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn and our minister will receive you. *You* are welcome here.

+ Offertory Prayer

Derrick Lowery

All loose change received in May will benefit Restoration House, a local ministry that reaches out to lost and broken people, offering them an encouraging hand in the name of Christ. Please give as you are able.

Offertory

"Take My Life, That I May Be"
The Youth Choir

arranged by Mark Sedio

Prayers of the People

John Hewett

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

+ Easter Doxology

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Please rise as the deacons pass your pew in returning the offering to the Chancel

*O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to you let earth accord: Alleluia! Alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run, with Father and with Spirit one. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

The Venerable Bede, 8th century

Sending

+ Commission

Rachel Hissam

People of God, we are called into the world.

We cannot stay here; God has work for us to do.

God invites us to follow where Jesus leads.

Our presence is needed in unexpected places.

God offers healing to all people, even those outside the walls of our church.

The peace of God goes with us, today and always.

*We go from this place filled with God's love,
knowing that God will be our strength every day.*

+ Spiritual

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

I'M GONNA LIVE

1. *I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (repeat)*
2. *I'm gonna work*
3. *I'm gonna pray*
4. *I'm gonna sing*

African-American Spiritual

+ Benediction

Julia Wall

Organ Postlude

+ Those who are able may stand

Personal Listening Devices are available for worship. Request one from an usher

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~ All worshippers are encouraged to complete the Attendance Register located at the end of each pew ~

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Assisting in today's ministry of worship are:

John H. Hewett, Minister of Worship and Teaching

Paul M. Sims, Minister

Sara Spahr Stubbs, Minister

Timothy Belflowers, Organist

The Youth Choir

Members of the Youth Group

Preschool Extended Session workers for today are Robin Haas, Judy Edwards, Joyce Forbes

*The sanctuary flowers are given by Scott Taylor and Sonja Lopez
to the glory of God and in loving honor of their father, Jimmy Taylor
on the occasion of his birthday*

Budget Planning Committee Hearing ...

The Budget Planning Committee will hold a hearing meeting this afternoon from 2:00-5:00 for all those wishing to make budget requests for 2010-2011. Church members are also invited to attend and can make suggestions for the new budget.

Pentecost Sunday, May 23

Join us for Bible Fellowship, Morning Worship (which will include Baptism and Communion), and then our annual Pentecost Picnic at Belk Tonawanda Park. Wear something red and dress comfortably for Morning Worship. All food, drinks and paper products will be provided by the church for the picnic at a cost of \$2.00 for adults, with those 18 and under eating for free.

Food-Packs-4-Kids

Each Friday afternoon, twenty-five children from Rock Rest Elementary School return to their homes with backpacks laden with kid-friendly foods that will sustain them through the weekend. With only about three weeks left in this school year, our food supply for them is running low. A list of suggested donations is printed in this week's newsletter if you would like to help.

Triathlon and Relay

First Baptist is forming teams to participate in the Buckner Mission Man Triathlon on July 24 at Lake Cammack near Burlington. You can participate in 1 of the 3 legs of the event (swim, bike, or run). We are also forming teams to participate in the 208-mile relay-style race in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains September 17-18. If interested in either of these, please call the church office. More information is available on the church website.