

# May 31 2026



Interim Pastor Jeff Brown

**SUNDAY SCHOOL (for all ages)—9:00am**

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE—10:30am**

Prelude No. 474 "All the Way My Savior Leads Me"  
 Welcome|Announcements|Prayer Requests  
 Song "Great Are You Lord"  
 Song "Gratitude"  
 Scripture Reading—Matthew 25:31-46  
 Song No. 399 "Let Us Break Bread Together"  
 Special Music~Austin Long "Holy Spirit"  
 Message Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 Jeff Brown  
 "Seeking the Kingdom of God: It's Complicated"  
 Observance of Lord's Supper  
 Song of Response "We Will Feast in the House of Zion"  
 Benediction

**Fellowship Meal~Everyone invited!**

## VOLUNTEERS

| TODAY  | NEXT WEEK   |
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| <b>NURSERY (Birth to 2 years of age)</b>               |   |
| SS—Jill Spalding                                       | SS—Amanda Shuck                                   |
| AM—Kelley Cowan, Lori Kohl                             | AM—Georgia Rothweiler, Bailee Bock, Hannah Studer |
| <b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH (3 years of age to 1st grade)</b> |   |
| Ava Yutzky, Mya Martin, Taegyn Johnson                 | Lisa Russell, Hannah Wilkerson, Isabelle Russell  |
| <b>SOUND TECHNICIAN</b>                                |   |
| Richard Harrison                                       | Allen Mehrer                                      |
| <b>LIVE STREAM</b>                                     |   |
| Ethan Moss   | Nikki Franklin                                    |
| <b>MEDIA TECHNICIAN</b>                                |   |
| Brittany Johnson                                       | Brittany Johnson                                  |
| <b>DEACONS OF THE MONTH</b>                            |   |
| Dennis Carson, Roger Pennewell                         | Bret Gosney, Creighton Shuck                      |
| <b>HOSPITALITY TEAMS</b>                               |   |
| Rusty & Georgia Rothweiler                             | Zach & Nikki Franklin                             |

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## BUDGET GIVING

BUDGET OFFERING YEAR TO DATE: \$99,540 ACTUAL OFFERING YEAR TO DATE: \$103,402  
 WEEKLY GIVING TO MEET BUDGET: \$4,740 MAY 24: BUDGET GIVING: \$1,883  
 SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: 127 ATTENDANCE ON MAY 24: 93

*Visitors/Ministry Needs*—We want to remind us all that there is a Connect card located in pew pockets. This card is for our guests to fill out and drop in the offering plate so we can minister to our guests. It is also possible for members to use it to make known needs that we can minister to.

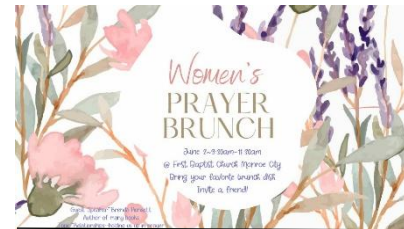
*Offering Plates*—The Offering plates are located in the back of the sanctuary on both the left and right side inside the double doors. Please feel free to place your contributions in the plates before/after the morning worship service.

*Fragrance-Free Area of the Sanctuary*—The far-right section of the sanctuary is dedicated as a fragrance-free area for those who struggle with reactions to fragrance. Feel free to sit on this side of the church if you are not wearing perfume or fragranced products.

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

**SUNDAY:** Fellowship Meal followed by Missionary Speakers  
6:00pm—Youth (Grades 7-12)  
**MONDAY:** 7:00pm—Deacons Meeting  
**TUESDAY:** 9:30am—BBA Women's Prayer Brunch  
6:30pm—Hebrews Bible Study  
**WEDNESDAY:** 6:00pm—Youth (Grades 7-12)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Women's Prayer Brunch (Carry-in)  
 June 2 @ FBC Monroe City  
 9:30-11:30am

Bring your favorite brunch dish and a friend!  
 Guest Speaker: Brenda Poinsett

**Adult Helpers Needed for VBS**—VBS will be held August 3-7 from 9:00-11:30 am, with lunch being served at 11:30 on Friday, August 7. This will be the brightest week of the year! Kids will explore all the ways light brightens, illuminates, reflects & reveals while discovering Jesus is the light who brings hope to a dark world. Would you be willing to volunteer? Sign-up sheets are located on the tables in the back of the sanctuary.

**Child Dedication**—We would like to have a child dedication on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21. This is for anyone who has a child (any age) that has not been dedicated before, as well as we need to pass this along to some of our new members. Please let church office know so we will know how many and who will be dedicated. This has not been done for a few years in our church.

**Reminder:** BBA Summer Camp Registration is open online @ [www.bethelassociation.org](http://www.bethelassociation.org) until June 15 at midnight! Make checks payable to Bethel Baptist Association and give to church office.

## SEEKING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

### “It’s Complicated . . .” -Mt 13:24-30, 36-43

*Main Point:* The established Kingdom is a place of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ because evil exists and \_\_\_\_\_ has not  
taken place.

#### I. THE MAN PLANTS FOR HIS \_\_\_\_\_ HARVEST (24)

*Key Point:* The picture painted here shows that the Kingdom is like \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ that knows what he’s \_\_\_\_\_, understands what he  
\_\_\_\_\_ and has a plan to see his goals through.

#### II. THE ENEMY PLAYS \_\_\_\_\_ (25-26)

- It was \_\_\_\_\_
- It was \_\_\_\_\_
- It was \_\_\_\_\_

#### John 10:10a

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and \_\_\_\_\_;

#### III. THE EXISTENCE OF EVIL IS A REALITY UNTIL \_\_\_\_\_ (27-30)

- The slaves accuse the master’s \_\_\_\_\_
- The slaves accuse the master’s \_\_\_\_\_
- The master defends himself
- The master instructs \_\_\_\_\_ as a preservative
- What was outside of his purpose for the field will be ultimately and  
permanently \_\_\_\_\_

#### IV. WHY WE NEED THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT, FORGIVENESS, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, ETC (41-43)

“The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of  
His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness,  
and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be  
weeping and gnashing of teeth.” Then THE RIGHTEOUS WILL  
SHINE FORTH AS THE SUN in the kingdom of their Father. He who  
has ears, let him hear.

*Note:* we are often accused of being a \_\_\_\_\_ or  
\_\_\_\_\_ belief system because of evil, however, this is  
what things are \_\_\_\_\_ to look like. The kingdom did not  
eradicate evil immediately but it will reckon all things in the end.