

THE VISION



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Money Talks

Dr. Glen Money, Pastor

It has been two weeks since we openly shared the news of our plans to leave our beloved Monroe for a new calling in St. Petersburg. During that time we have been more than overwhelmed at the emotional outpouring that we continue to feel and, best we know how, return. I find myself saying the same words to different people, but doing so with the feeling that they were selected just for them. Nothing within us wants to leave Monroe. We love and appreciate our people more than we can say. Yet we are being carried forth by a calling that demands we live and serve another people in another place. It is hard, but we are convinced it is God's will.

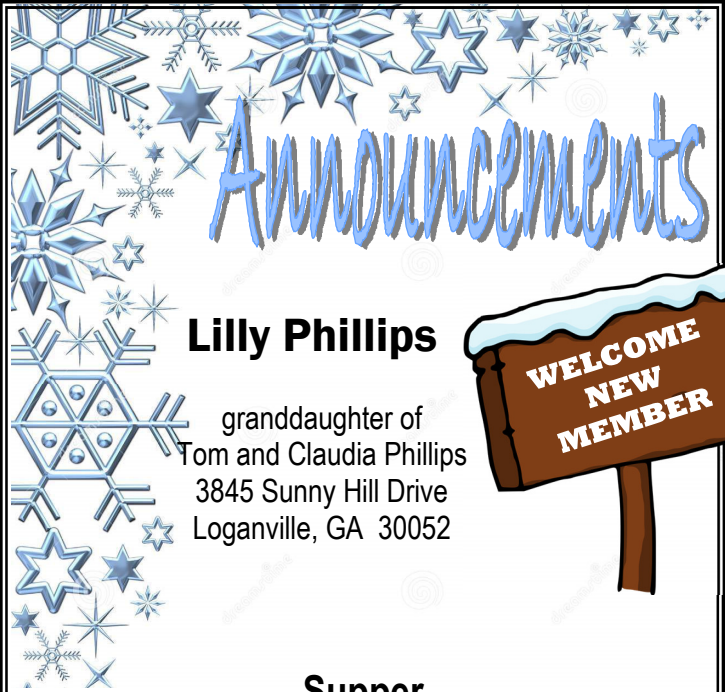
One of the things that I have been taken by has been the response of people in the Monroe and Walton County community outside the FBC family. I have received lots of calls, have been stopped every time I go out in public, and have even seen some of them drop in for a worship service before I leave. I find this touching and encouraging on so many levels. It says that not only your leader, but your church has engaged the people and culture around us in meaningful ways. I have always felt that was our primary responsibility as a church. These wonderful affirmations say as much about you as they do me. And for that I am eternally grateful.

Things are moving along as we plan for the transition. Your Transition Team is doing great work. In a few weeks, the specifics of some of that work will be revealed and, I trust, well received. Till then, let's enjoy these days we have together and let those details wait till I am, as they say, in the wind. I will let you know that Todd will be acting as chief of staff upon my departure. The day-to-day operations of the church and its ministry to you and beyond you will be in good hands.

I am right now rewriting two old sermons that I have preached here before and that I believe can and should live again. They will come to light against the backdrop of our time together, looking back and looking forward. More than anything, I treasure the two opportunities I have to share my heart with you from the pulpit you and God have trusted me with all these years. I look forward to seeing you Sunday in worship and at the reception that you have so graciously planned in our honor.

Feeling loved and blessed,

Glen and Lisa



Announcements

Lilly Phillips

granddaughter of
Tom and Claudia Phillips
3845 Sunny Hill Drive
Loganville, GA 30052



Supper
Wednesday, March 2
5:15 p.m.

Menu: Fried or baked catfish, cheese grits, hush puppies, cole slaw, salad, and dessert.

Children: Fried fish and tater tots

Helpers: Jane Pettus and Sue Kamienski

March 2

Rivers of Mercy

The service begins at noon
with lunch following at 12:30.

An offering for F.I.S.H. will be accepted.

LENT



GIVE 2 GO

As the month of February comes to a close and you have had an opportunity to meet just a few of our Missions Partners through our Give to Go emphasis, I want to thank you for the

incredible way you have supported them. I also want to encourage you to consider how you can help bear the burdens of one or more of our partners in the days ahead. Jesus sets the pattern for burden-bearing. He calls to Himself all who are heavy laden and He gives them rest (Matt. 11:28-29). Since God predestines believers to be conformed to Christ's likeness, we need to imitate His care and concern for those who suffer. Many times, those who embrace the call to mission work experience suffering in a unique way. Their work can be spiritually, emotionally, and physically challenging.

Paul's letters make clear his concern for the physical and spiritual welfare of growing churches and their leaders. He fasted and prayed for them. He felt it was his responsibility to strengthen them, even though he sustained his own personal hardship—his thorn in the flesh (2 Cor. 12:7). For this reason, we want to focus on regular prayer support for our Missions Partners in addition to the funding and personnel help we often provide.

It is important not to wait until life is clear of obstacles before reaching out to others, since that day may never come. When we come alongside our Missions Partners with prayers, several things happen. First, he or she receives desperately needed blessings in the form of aid, support, and love. Second, we fulfill God's command to love a neighbor as ourselves. And third, we ourselves are strengthened and our walk with Christ is taken to another level.

Thank you for all you do to help us be a Kingdom-focused missional congregation. Please join me in continuing to give to and pray for our Missions Partners. You can learn more about them by visiting the missions tab (under Ministries) at fbcmonroe.com. It is my hope and prayer that each of you will receive a blessing from your support of our partners just as they are blessed by your concern for them.

Jeff Prine, Missions Committee Chair

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Caroline Camp) Thomas upon the February 19 arrival of their son, Herschel Cook Thomas. He weighed 7 pounds and 10 ounces and was 21" long. Jimmy and Andrea Camp are the proud grandparents.



Shut-In of the Week

Lillian M. Thompson
Great Oaks of Monroe
920 Highway 138
Monroe, GA 30655



Wayfarers' News

Trip to Chattanooga, Tennessee

WE HAVE ONE SPOT OPEN FOR A FEMALE ROOMMATE!

Thursday and Friday, March 17 and 18

Cost is \$143 per person.

Call church office for reservation and details!

Family Easter Egg Hunt & Luncheon

Sunday, March 20



After the 11:11 Worship Hour

Donations of candy-filled eggs needed! For safety reasons all candy needs to be pre-wrapped. We need eggs for all ages—please mark which age you have chosen. Eggs can also be filled with small toys, stickers, etc. Watch the preschool area for a donation box! Eggs are needed by **Wednesday, March 16th**.

Also, sign-up is required for lunch so we know how much pizza to order. You may sign up in the preschool area, call the church office, or email amy@fbcmonroe.com. Deadline to sign up is **Sunday, March 13th**.

Remember to bring your basket to collect the eggs!



Suzanne Baker - Home, following hospital stay
Cathie Coker - Home, following back surgery
Shirley Deriso - Home
Marcy Haymans - Heart cath on 2/23 at Gwinnett Medical
Joyce Head - Pacemaker on 2/25
Sharon Hix (Robbie Smith's cousin) - Stage 3 lung cancer
Van Kitchens - Home
Judi Leavelle (Steve Leavelle's wife) - Surgery on 2/29 at Athens Regional
Pat Love (Maxine Edwards' sister) - Surgery on 2/24 at Athens Regional
Mitch Shiver - Outpatient neck surgery on 2/23 at St. Mary's
Lowell Worth - Home, with hospice



Easter Lilies

Once again, it is time to adorn our sanctuary with Easter lilies in honor of, or in memory of, a loved one on Easter Sunday. Please have your florist wrap your lilies in green paper with a white bow. Contact Teri Head in the church office with your information for the bulletin no later than **Friday, March 18.**



As we approach the Easter Season, we are looking ahead at the need for additional **Greeters** on Easter Sunday morning at each of our worship services. If you would be interested in filling this need, please contact the church office.

If you would be interested in joining one of our **Greeters' Teams** on a permanent basis, you may also contact the church office.

Childrens' Corner

OOTLEWAH, TENNESSEE, FAMILY MISSIONS EVENT

Saturday, March 12

The bus will leave at 8:00 a.m. and return by 6:00 p.m.
 Our church will be leading a neighborhood block party.
 Make this a family event!

CHURCH BIBLE DRILL

Wednesday, March 23, Room 410

Children - 6:00 p.m.

Youth/High School - 7:00 p.m.

PANEL DISCUSSION FOR PARENTS OF BOYS

Sunday, March 27, 9:30 a.m., Room 407

MOMS' PINTEREST NIGHT

Thursday, April 14, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

\$10 each which covers project materials

Bring yourself a snack!

Childcare will be provided.

RSVP required for event and childcare.



Happy Birthday

28 Margaret Whitley	04 Lori Brown
28 Donna Sisk	04 Celena Halladay
28 Caroline Kelly	04 Amy Mitchell
28 Hayden Melton	04 Sara Bryan
28 Addison Brown	04 Isaac Bailey
01 Lynne Goins	05 Wanda Spinks
01 Nancy Blalock	05 Tariq Shakoor
01 Michael Dominy	05 John Wilson
02 Mike Eckles	05 Maria Harden
02 Emily Eubanks	05 Chris Jordan
02 Hannah Steele	05 Elizabeth Smith
02 Cameron McDevitt	05 John Thompson
03 Jerry Edwards	05 Ashley Brandt
04 Marci Millians	



*Please join us on Sunday, February 28,
for an appreciation reception for Glen and Lisa Money,
4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.*

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Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday
8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Friday

Glen Money Pastor
Alex Boskoff..... Worship Leader
Lynn Brown.....Ministry Assistant
Chris Bryan 11:11 Worship Leader
Darlene Christie..... Director of Preschool Ministries
Gordon Davidson..... Student & Family Minister
Lisa Garrett..... Financial Secretary
Teri Head Ministry Assistant
Royce McNeal Senior Adult Minister
Curtis Murdock Worship Leader
Shannon RadosevichMinister to Children
Amy Smeltzer Family Ministry Assistant
Todd WareAssociate Pastor
Elizabeth Young.....Ministry Assistant

**TIME-SENSITIVE MATERIAL FOR
FEBRUARY 28, 2016**

**LAST WEEK AT
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
FEBRUARY 21, 2016**

GIVING FOR WEEK		SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	
Weekly Budget Required.....\$	29,326.92	Adults.....	271
Budget Received.....\$	23,472.83	Students.....	66
Designated Gifts.....\$	11,531.00	Children.....	55
Budget Required to Date.....\$	234,615.36	Preschool.....	40
Budget Received to Date.....\$	178,423.62	Total:	432
Give to Go: \$33,785.00		Last Year:	381

**THERE WERE NO
MEMORIALS
&
HONORARIUMS
RECEIVED THIS WEEK.**



**NEXT WEEK, FEBRUARY 28, AT
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
DEACONS: JIM BOLTON AND BOBBY BURROW**

NURSERY	Leader - Karen Harvey	VISITORS' WELCOME
8:30	Babies: Audrey Kimelman Tanya Wilson	8:30 Josephine Reynolds Jeff Satterwhite Ellen Hester Chuck Leathery
	3- to 5-Year-Olds: Leigh Kelly Lisa Kelly	
11:00	Babies: Holly Christie Volunteer Needed!	11:00 Buzz & Teri Grant Jeannie Bowick Edith McKay Sue & Kathy Kamienski
	3- to 5-Year-Olds: Roger Brannen Brian/Angel Shinn Volunteer Needed!	

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Morning Worship	8:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:11 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

Handbells.....	5:00 p.m.
Supper	5:15 p.m.
Children's Bible Drill	5:30 p.m.
Youth Bible Drill.....	5:30 p.m.
Preschool & Children's Programs	6:00 p.m.
Adult Bible Studies	6:00 p.m.
Student Ministry.....	6:30 p.m.
Praise Band	6:30 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir.....	7:15 p.m.