

Join Us in Welcoming
Rev. Amanda McDonald Monroe
Associate Minister of Children and Youth



Join us in welcoming Rev. Amanda McDonald Monroe Associate Minister of Children and Youth On August 1, 2019, Rev. Amanda Monroe accepted the call to serve as the Associate Minister of Children and Youth here at FBC beginning mid-September. She has been married to her husband, Dale, a native of Morehead City, for ten years. They have two children, Mae Joy (6) and Ivy Grace (5).

Amanda is a native of Ellerbe, NC (north of Rockingham in Richmond County). From an early age she helped her family on their farm and participated in various sports as a child and teenager. Church was a priority in her family and at the age of eight she made a commitment of faith at First Baptist Church in Ellerbe. Later, on a youth mission trip to Fort Wayne, Indiana, Amanda felt the call to the ministry while working with underprivileged children and youth. She views herself as an educator as well as a missionary, having led numerous mission trips locally as well as to the Philippines, Belize, and Cuba.

Amanda loves the Lord and trusts Him with every aspect of her life. She has dedicated her life to living by example and encouraging others to live up to their full potential in Christ. She comes to FBC, MHC with 15+ years of ministry experience. Amanda earned a B.A. in Studio Arts from Pembroke University and later an M.Div in Christian Education from Campbell University Divinity School. Amanda was ordained on May 22, 2011 at FBC, Raeford. In addition to serving as an Associate Chaplain at the First Health Hospital Hoke Campus, Amanda has enrolled yearly in clergy/pastoral care continuing education courses. Following is a brief synopsis of her ministry experience:

- **Director of Children and Nursery, Mount Olive Baptist Church, Rockingham, NC (May 2003-May 2005)**
 - Scheduled volunteers for Children's Church and the Nursery on Sunday morning and evening
 - Led Youth Sunday School and Wednesday Bible study.
 - Planned summer camps (CentriFuge and CentriKid) as well as summer day camps for children
- **Youth Ministry Intern, College Avenue Baptist Church, Lenoir, NC (Summer 2005)**
 - Weekly children's sermons and day trips
 - Youth meetings, Bible studies, day trips and camps, concerts, and events
- **Youth and Children's Minister, First Baptist Church Cartage, Carthage, NC (October 2005-2007)**
 - Children's Message on Sunday mornings
 - Led youth on Sunday evenings
 - Led Children in Action on Wednesday evenings
 - Worked with VBS Director to recruit, decorate, and teach
 - Organized summer day camps for children and quarterly youth trips

● **Interim Campus Minister, Baptist State Convention, UNC Pembroke, Pembroke, NC (Spring Semester 2014)**

- Met weekly with Baptist Campus Ministry Team
- Worked with Robeson & Burnt Swamp Associations to provide outreach opportunities for the college and local churches
- Recruited speakers for weekly meetings in-house and on campus
Provided prayer for college events

● **Minister of Youth and Children, First Baptist Church Raeford, NC (October 2007-Present)**

- Weekly children's messages
- Filled in for Pastoral Care visits and the pulpit when needed
- Works with the GA, RA, Mission Friends, VBS, Sunday School and Nursery leaders and workers
- Directed and planned Fall Retreat (Hearts on Fire), Summer Mission Camp (MFuge/Deep Impact), Winter Retreat (Skiing), and Spring Retreat at Caswell
- Organized "Light the Night" on October 31st each year – a Kingdom-focused event for children to be safe and have fun
- Plan international mission immersions every other year
- Led New Member Sunday School class
- Visits with shut-ins and nursing home members
- Designs the bulletin cover and monthly newsletter

Amanda is looking forward to being a part of the FBC family! We are confident that Amanda will be a great addition and a true blessing to the FBC membership and staff. The next couple of weeks will be challenging for Amanda and her family as they say their goodbyes to FBC, Raeford and transition to Morehead City. Please lift them up in your prayers daily. If you have a moment, please send her a note of welcome and encouragement by email to alm.monroe@gmail.com. Thank you for your prayers and patience during this hiring process.

