

REFLECTIONS

One expression that has become common parlance in our day is, "24/7." It is used to describe a business that is always open, or an opportunity that is always available. I know that chapter and verse designations of the Bible are not divinely inspired, but God gave us a 24/7 promise opportunity in Jeremiah 24:7,

I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me with all their heart.

Psalms 86:11 give the same sense as it speaks of a heart with "one purpose," to know God. Jeremiah 32:39 encourages us to have "singleness of heart."

Having a heart set on one purpose, to know God intimately, is a foundational principle of life. It is the key to getting direction from God. Knowing Him means that we will know His heart and thoughts and that give us answers to our doubts, peace in our confusion, security in our unsteadiness and direction in our dilemmas. Knowing God gives us heart satisfaction to replace unrest and quietness instead of scrambling.

Instead of seeking success, seek intimacy with God. Instead of seeking things, seek intimacy with God, with your whole heart. God promises that the opportunity to know Him is available to us, 24/7, if we seek Him.

Knowing Him changes how we serve God. We serve from overflow of passion, delight and enthusiasm, instead of with frustration or just a sense of "oughtness."

Knowing Him changes how we pray. Prayer becomes more of an exercise in knowing the One we love than simply making requests.

Knowing God deeply is an opportunity opened to us by our relationship with Christ. 1 Peter 3:18 admonishes us, "...grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." Ask God for a heart that totally desires to know Him, first of all, and see how your Christian life will change.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Prince

Vacation Bible School Coming in June!

Watch for more information!
Kids will deepen their friendship with a mighty, loving, and good, good God who empowers them to boldly face life's challenges.



PRIMETIME

- **Primetime Singin' & Sharing**
Monday, February 4
10:00 a.m.
Lower Auditorium

- **Primetime Singin' at Morning Pointe**
Monday, February 11
10:00 a.m.

- **Primetime Singin' & Sharing**
Monday, February 18
10:00 a.m.
Lower Auditorium

- **Primetime Singin' & Sharing**
Monday, February 25
10:00 a.m.
Lower Auditorium

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:30 a.m. Worship/FLC
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:40 a.m. Worship/Sanctuary
(Every 3rd Sunday is a combined worship service)

The Choir Needs You!!

If you love to sing - maybe you even read music - the Sanctuary Choir needs you! The choir meets on Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. We meet at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday to sing in the 10:40 a.m. Worship Service.
Won't you give choir a try? We need you!



YOUTH



- **Youth Super Bowl Party**
Sunday, February 3
5:00 p.m. Arena Football
6:30 p.m. Super Bowl
Family Life Center Gym
Food provided!

- **Youth Winter Retreat Presidents' Day Weekend**
February 15-18
Gatlinburg, TN
Sign up with Jason in the Youth Room!
Cost: \$20
See Jason for details!



- **Youth Refuge**
Grades 6 - 12
Wednesdays
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
FLC Youth Room
Dinner is free for the youth and is served from 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

MISSIONS

- **Lottie Moon & Global Missions FBC Missions Offering**
Goal: \$8,000

Lottie Moon: \$3,190
Global Missions: \$1,160
Total Received to Date: \$4,350

- **reNew**
Tuesdays
6:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
Lower Auditorium

- **Shepherd's Table**
Saturday, February 23
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Family Life Center
Free Community Meal!

- **Prayer Shawl Ministry**
The Prayer Shawl Ministry helped Johanna Whitley make 86 hair bows so that every girl in the Clinton Upward Program would have a special hairbow.



Prayer Shawl meets on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

- **Christian Service Center**
Food and Clothing Pantry
Tuesdays
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Clinton residents only. Bring Photo I.D. and mail with Clinton Address.



- **FBC Kids**
Age 3 - 5th Grade
Wednesdays
6:15 - 7:15 p.m.
Level 3 - Main Church Building
New study this winter is "The Quest for Kids" by Beth Moore



- **Upward Basketball & Cheerleading**
Awards Celebration
Monday, March 11
Second Baptist Church

Games at First Baptist:
February 2 & 9

Games at Second Baptist:
February 16 & 23
March 2 & 9



- **Save the Date: Easter Egg Hunt**
Saturday, April 20
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Bring your kids and their Easter Baskets and join us for Pizza, Egg Hunt, and Horse Back Rides on the Koelsch Farm!
The Koelsch Farm is Creekside Stables, 677 Miller Road, Clinton.

FBC INFORMATION & EVENTS

• Memorial Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary **Sunday, February 10** are in loving memory of **Herbert Ward**, given by Chloe Ann and family.

• Christian Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Pelham Andrews** (12/23), to Bill Akers, whose wife, **Cris Akers**, passed away (12/31), to the family of **Hubert Duncan** (1/4), to Bill and Joanna Pace, whose son, **William Pace**, passed away, (1/8), to John Childress, whose wife, **Kathy Childress**, passed away (1/14) and to Ron Young, whose wife, **Cheryl Young**, passed away (1/23).

• It's A Girl!

Congratulations to Dalton Boatman and Amber Roberts on the birth of a baby girl, **Logan Ansley Boatman**, born Monday, January 7.

• Fellowship Dinner

Wednesdays
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
Family Life Center, Gym.
Cost is \$8.00 for Adults
Children/Youth participating in
Wednesday night activities eat
free. Call the church office to
RSVP.

• Prayer Service and Bible Study

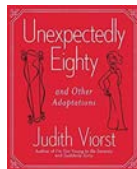
Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.
Lower Auditorium

• Let's Read!

The Church Library is open from
9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. on Sundays.

Unexpectedly Eighty and other Adaptations

by Judith Viorst
Using wise and
playful poems, the
author discusses
marriage, friendship,
grandparenthood,
and the marvels and otherwise of
this extraordinary decade.



• Deacons Meeting

Sunday, February 17
8:30 a.m.
Lower Auditorium

• Combined Worship Service

Sunday, February 17
10:40 a.m.
Sanctuary
(no 8:30 service on this day,
Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m.)



• Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 6
6:30 p.m.
Sanctuary

• Gospel Ministry Ordination Service

for **Jason Taylor &
Amanda Taylor**
Sunday, March 10
6:00 p.m.
Sanctuary
Ordination Service led by Rev. Stan
Elliott and Jim Wilson.
Rev. Stan Elliott will also be
preaching in both morning services
on **March 10**.



• Spring Banquet

Honoring our Widows & Widowers
Sponsored by the Deacon Ministry
Sunday, March 31
5:00 p.m.
Calhoun's, Oak Ridge
**▲ Night of Broadway
& Show Tunes**
Presented by Sonja Moore

FRIENDLY FIGURES

• December Financial Summary

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| Budget Receipts | \$ 95,026 |
| 2018 Receipts/Wkly Avg. | \$ 15,711 |
| 2018 Weekly Budget Req. | \$ 17,302 |
| Budget Expense | \$ 76,454 |
| December Deficit/Income | \$ 18,572 |
| 2018 Deficit/Income | (\$ 22,400) |
| TOTAL December 31 | (\$ 3,828) |

BUSINESS MEETING

The December Minutes and Financials were approved. Tellico Electric will be hired to replace the overhead lights in the gym to LED dimmable fixtures.

Complete reports are presented at Business Meeting on the third Wednesday of the month.

FBC is on the Air!

Sunday morning worship services are aired on WYSH 1380AM & also on WGAP 1400AM. Services are aired at 11:00 a.m. and are on a one week delay.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Scholarship Applications will be available in the church office, beginning in **March** and are due to the church office by **Monday, April 23**.

Ervin and Freddie Queener Scholarship

This scholarship is available to any student from First Baptist who is enrolled in and has a chosen field of study in a 4 year college or university. This scholarship can be applied for all four years of college enrollment.

James and Imogene Cheely Memorial Seminary Scholarship

This scholarship is designed to further the seminary education of Christian students, with similar values, attending a moderate Christian seminary and called to church or missions work. The scholarship can be applied for each year they are enrolled in the seminary.

Judy Parish Turner Music Scholarship

This scholarship is for students attending a 4 year college or university enrolled in a music curriculum and/or to pay for private music lessons. It can be applied for all four years of students college enrollment.

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SPRING BANQUET

Honoring our Widows & Widowers

Sponsored by the Deacon Ministry

Sunday, March 31

5:00 p.m.

Calhoun's, Oak Ridge



A NIGHT OF BROADWAY & SHOW TUNES

Presented by Sonja Moore

Sonja is a resident of Clinton and enjoys acting and singing locally. Her recent credits include:

Mother in *Ragtime*, Alice in *The Secret Garden*,

Sally Phelps in *Big River*, Miss Scatcherd in *Jane Eyre*,

Tellico Village Players: Women of Broadway

