

FIRST THOUGHTS

In *The Screwtape Letters*, C.S. Lewis writes as a demon who is encouraging his nephew on how to lead Christians astray. He writes, "Surely you know that if a man can't be cured of churchgoing, the next best thing is to send him all over the neighborhood looking for the church that 'suits' him until he becomes a taster or connoisseur of churches - the search for a 'suitable' church makes the man a critic where the Enemy wants him to be a pupil."

I found this quote in "Lessons from a Church Hopper" by William Reilly (it's on our Facebook page). It's a wonderful article written by someone in his 20s who talks about his journey from "going to church" to "being part of a church."

This is a time of transition for my family. We moved to Clinton about a week ago, and are still very much in the process of getting settled. We are very excited to be here, and appreciate your prayers and patience a great deal.

It's also a time of change for the church. You all are adjusting to having our family in this fellowship, and also getting used to a different voice from the pulpit and publications. Your graciousness and generosity have been a blessing, and the "pounding" and welcome has made us even more connected with this family of faith.

During these next several weeks (and months), I invite us all to a season of prayer as we seek to "build bridges" of connection to people in the Clinton area. It's a good time to invite friends and first time guests to be part of worship and Bible Study.

Sometimes we have a tendency to view church as a "place to go" for an hour or two on Sundays. We import our consumer mindset, looking for what the church can do for us. While there are occasions when this is important, the emphasis should be on building relationships with others in the body of Christ.

Let's do our best to be 'pupils' who are on a journey of spiritual formation as followers of Jesus Christ.

Thanks so much for your warm welcome and hospitality. My family and I are truly grateful to be here and look forward to sharing life together with you all.

Your Pastor and Friend,
Dr. Chisholm

MISSIONS

- **FBC Day at Angelic Ministries**
Saturday, August 3
8:15 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Call the church office to sign up.
- **Crafts at the Towers**
Saturday, August 10
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Everyone welcome!
- **Broken to Broken Bible Study**
7 week Study
Mondays, Beginning August 12
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Church Parlor
Book: \$10
Call the church office to sign up.
- **Movie Night at the Towers**
Saturday, August 17
7:00 p.m.
Everyone is invited for movie and popcorn at the Towers!



- **A.C. Community Resource Fair**
Sunday, August 18
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Family Life Center - Gym
Everyone welcome!
Join us to become more knowledgeable about community resources and helping agencies so that we can work together and refer our neighbors in need! Free lunch available.

- **Shepherd's Table**
Saturday, August 24
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Family Life Center
Free Community Meal!
- **Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop**
Thursday, September 19
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Lower Auditorium
This session will focus on hands-on activities correlating with Bridges material, CEU's offered (2hrs). Please call the church office to sign up.
- **reNew Addiction Recovery**
Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
Lower Auditorium
- **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.

- **Turkey Time for the Christian Service Center - Beginning Soon!**
Watch for details in the September newsletter.

PRIMETIME

- **Primetime Singin' at Morning Pointe**
Monday, August 12
10:00 a.m.
Morning Pointe Assisted Living

YOUTH

- **SLOZFEST**
Wednesday, August 7
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
On the FBC Front Lawn
Slozfest is a fun youth event for grades 6 - 12.
This event involves food fights and messy relays. Don't worry, the Clinton Fire Department will be here to hose you down at the end! Your clothes will be ruined for life so wear what can be thrown away! Please bring a towel!
- **Youth Refuge**
Grades 6 - 12
Wednesdays
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
FLC Youth Room

- **Safehouse Outreach**
Atlanta, Ga., July 12-14
Participants pictured below.



KIDS KORNER



- **Fall Kick Off Fun!!**
Wednesday, August 7
5:15 p.m. Dinner in the FLC
Kids Eat FREE
6:15 p.m. FBC Kids Kick Off Games, Bounce House, Face Painting

CHURCH LIBRARY

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

FBC INFORMATION & EVENTS

• Memorial Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary, Sunday, August 11, are in loving memory of **W.A. Bowling, Jr.**, whose birthday was August 15, given by Billie Sue Hammer, Will, Whitney and Morgan Hammer, Clay, Ashley, and Gabriella Hammer and Carolyn Wilson.

The flowers on the altar Sunday, August 18, are given in loving memory of **James and Ernestine Gann** by their children - Larry Gann, Barbara Sanders, Elaine McCall, and Lisa Hackworth.

• Christian Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Lindy Pyatt, whose mother, **Margene Lyon**, passed away (6/18), to the family of **Janice Capps** (7/5) to Stan Elliott, whose mother, **Lala Elliott**, passed away (7/17), and to the family of **Mike Adcock** (7/18).

• Fellowship Dinners

Resumes Wednesday, August 7 Wednesdays

Dinner is served from **5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.** in the Family Life Center Gym. Cost is \$8.00 per person. Children and Youth eat free if participating in Wednesday Night Activities. Please call the church office to RSVP!

August 7 Menu: Chicken Tenders, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Bread, Salad Bar, Brownies
Check your Sunday bulletin for the menu of the week.

• Prayer Service and Bible Study

Wednesdays
6:30 p.m.
Lower Auditorium

• Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursdays
5:30 p.m.
Family Life Center

• Communion to Homebound Members

Sunday, August 11
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

• New Members



Dr. Danny Chisholm, his wife, **Lori**, their son, **Matt** and their daughter, **Lucy** joined First Baptist on July 21. Their daughter **Cally** is finishing her senior year at Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, Missouri and will not be joining at this time.

• Deacons Meeting

Sunday, August 18
8:30 a.m.
Lower Auditorium

• Combined Worship Service

Sunday, August 18
10:40 a.m.
Sanctuary
Communion will be observed.

• Welcome Reception in honor of Keith Pierce

CBA Director of Missions
Sunday, August 18
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Clinton Baptist Association
400 Market Street Clinton
Open House - RSVP not needed

• Business Meeting

Wednesday, August 21
6:30 p.m.
Lower Auditorium

• FBC Service Times

Sunday Services:
8:30 a.m. & 10:40 a.m.
Sunday School:
9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service:
6:30 p.m. (Business Meeting 3rd Wednesday, monthly)

FRIENDLY FIGURES

• June Financial Summary

Budget Receipts	\$ 68,563
2019 Receipts/Wkly Avg.	\$ 15,197
2019 Weekly Budget Req.	\$ 16,339
Budget Expense	\$ 65,983
June Deficit/Income	\$ 2,580
2019 Deficit/Income	\$ 10,412
TOTAL June 30	(\$ 7,832)

BUSINESS MEETING

The June Minutes and Financials were approved. Cook's Mechanical will be hired to repair the chiller at a price of \$2,417.00. Dr. Chisholm's housing allowance was set at \$3,300 per month. The church will form a new Social Media Committee consisting of three members.

Committee Orientation

Wednesday, August 28
6:15 p.m.

Family Life Center, Gym

If you are a member of a church committee, please plan to attend this important meeting. Committee Officers will be elected at this meeting. Dinner is available from 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. for \$8.00 per person. Please call the church office to RSVP. There will be no prayer service.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Brenna Smith, Sue Boggs, & Jenny Meredith were the winners of the Homemade Ice Cream Contest on July 21. Brenna was the first place winner and took home the "Golden Scoop Award!"

CONGRATULATIONS!

Lucas Heaton was inducted (Class of 2019) into the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame as Black Belt of the Year for Isshinryu & Brazilian Ji-Jitsu. Last year he was awarded Teen Black Belt of the year. Lucas is the son of Kevin & Debra Heaton.



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**Fall
KICK OFF**

~ AUGUST 2019 ~

Promotion Sunday

Sunday, August 4

Children and Youth Promote to New Classes
Bible Presentations & Teacher Dedication

Wednesday Night Fall Schedule

Beginning August 7

Fellowship Dinners

5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

FBC Kids

6:15 p.m. 7:15 p.m.

Games, Bounce House & Face Painting
Age 3 - Grade 5

Youth Refuge

Slozfest - Front Lawn
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Grades 6 - 12

Prayer Service & Bible Study: Psalms

6:30 p.m.