

FIRST THOUGHTS

The Clinton 12 Commemorate walk took place on Monday—a significant moment to reflect upon the events surrounding the integration of Clinton High School in 1956. As a newcomer to this area, and especially as pastor of this church, I've been spending time thinking about Rev. Paul Turner.

Many of you know what happened to him; I've read the manuscript of his sermon the Sunday after he was beaten. During an incredibly divisive and volatile period for this community, Turner desired to "lead our church do the right thing."

It's been 60 years since that time, but the admonition to do the right thing is just as needed today as it was then.

These last few weeks, I've been preaching on our witness to the community. And, in particular, making space for people regardless of where they are in their spiritual journey. First Baptist has a unique pedigree and presence in this community, one that I want to build on and celebrate.

You all have been gracious in your hospitality to Lori, Lucy, Matt, and me these last few weeks. I'm most grateful as we continue settling in to a new town and new people.

This also means I'm getting acquainted with church staff, lay leaders, financial matters, and some of the history related to why and how this church functions. This remains a work in progress, and one area in particular I wanted to mention relates to our **children's ministry**.

I've spoken to Betty Kay and expressed gratitude for her leadership in this vital area of our church's life. She's planned, promoted, and carried out wonderful events like VBS and other summer activities. The children's back to school kickoff was terrific (horses included!); we've also talked about upcoming events like "Trunk or Treat" and even what next summer's VBS might look like. She also keeps Sundays and Wednesdays moving in a positive direction.

I realize there has been a children's minister search committee in place. Recently, I spoke with Beth Green, chair of this committee about what has been and where we are now in this ministry area. In short, I've asked Betty Kay to continue leading our children's ministry. I value her dedication, love for our children and parents, along with her willingness and desire to continue in this capacity. She's added stability and consistency at a time when it's been most needed.

I know you'll join me in expressing gratitude not only to her, but all our staff who serve faithfully and well. I'm looking forward to a wonderful Fall and Advent season over the next few months. Keep praying for me as I desire to "lead our church to do the right thing" to exemplify Jesus Christ in all that we do.

Your Pastor and Friend,
Dr. Chisholm

MISSIONS

- **Crafts at the Towers**
Saturday, September 7
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Everyone welcome!

- **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.

- **Church-Wide Weekend RATL Mission Trip**
Friday - Saturday, September 27 - 28

Leave FBC **12:00 p.m.**
Return to FBC **7:00 p.m.**
Cost: \$99 per person
(5th grade and under free)
Financial Assistance Available
All Ages Welcome!
Call the church Office to sign up!
RATL - Restoration ATL is a ministry in a homeless shelter for women and children in Atlanta that focuses on relational ministry - fellowship events, etc. Possible activities: bible study, VBS activities, ice cream social, bingo, preparing breakfast, etc.

- **Shepherd's Table**
Saturday, September 28
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Family Life Center
Free Community Meal!

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

- **Towers Cookout**
Sunday, September 29
12:00 p.m.
Everyone welcome to attend!

- **Turkey Time**
for the Christian Service Center
9/01 Peas
9/08 Fruit Cocktail
9/15 Cranberry Sauce
9/22 Sweet Potatoes
9/29 Chicken Broth
We will be collecting the food item of the week in the Garden Room (level 2 - main building) or you can donate \$25 for a complete holiday meal. Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Box Assembly is **November 20 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Family Life Center.

YOUTH

- **Youth Refuge**
Grades 6 - 12
Wednesdays
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
FLC Youth Room

- **Youth Bike Trip to Cades Cove**
Saturday, September 7
Leave FBC **7:00 a.m.**
Return **2:00 p.m.**
Water & lunch provided!
If possible drop bike off before Saturday at the Church.
Bike and helmet rental is an option! Helmet is required for 16 and under.
Call Jason @ 809-5087 to make arrangements to drop off bike.

- **SLOZFEST 2019**



PRIMETIME

- **Monday, September 9**
10:00 a.m.
Singin' & Devotion at **Morning Pointe**



- **Monday, September 9**
5:30 p.m.
Primetime/XYZ Kick-off
Dinner & Entertainment
Family Life Center - Hearth Room
Chicken, rolls, & drinks provided.
Please bring sides to share.

- **Monday, September 16**
10:00 a.m.
Singin' & Devotion
Led by Danny Chisholm
Lower Auditorium

- **Monday, September 23**
10:00 a.m.
Singin' & Devotion
Led by Wimp Shoopman
Lower Auditorium

- **Monday, September 30**
10:00 a.m.
Singin' & Devotion
Led by Jerry Cloyd
Lower Auditorium

SAVE THE DATE:
Trick or Treat with WEE Ministry
on **Monday, October 28.**



Beth Moore Simulcast
Saturday, September 28
9:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Cost: \$20.00
Please contact the church office with your name and email address if you would like to attend.
Lunch is provided.

KIDS KORNER

- **FBC Kids Wednesdays**
5:15 p.m. Dinner in the FLC - Kids Eat FREE
6:15 p.m. FBC Kids - "Friends with God"



- **Bible Presentations**
Bibles were presented on August 4 to our 1st graders and 6th graders. Pictures above are from the 8:30 service. Sarah Childers and Morgan Hammer received bibles in the 10:40 service, but there was no picture available.



6TH GRADE



1ST GRADE

- **Trunk or Treat**
Sunday, October 27
5:00 p.m.
Church Parking Lot

FBC INFORMATION & EVENTS

• Memorial Flowers

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar, Sunday, September 1, are in loving memory of **Bill Howell's** birthday, September 6, given by Dot Howell.

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar, Sunday, September 8, are in loving memory of **Steven Clark's** birthday, which was September 14, given by his mother and stepfather, Ada Ann and Glenn Healey, and his brother, Robert Clark.

• Christian Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Marie Dean** (8/7), to the family of **Mary McClanahan** (8/20) and to the family of **John Childress** (8/23).

• Fellowship Dinners

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!

• Prayer Service and Bible Study

Wednesdays
6:30 p.m.
Lower Auditorium
New Study - Job: Out of the Fire, Into the Ashes
Led by Dr. Chisholm

• Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursdays
5:30 p.m.
Family Life Center

• Craft Night

Thursday, September 5
6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
Everyone is welcome!

• Craft Deliveries to Homebound Members

Sunday, September 8
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Please call the church office to sign up to help make craft deliveries.

• Welcome New Member: *Terri King*



• Combined Service Sunday, September 15 Sanctuary

• Deacons Meeting Sunday, September 15 10:40 a.m. Lower Auditorium

• Business Meeting Wednesday, September 18 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)



• Congratulations!

The Ervin & Freddie Queener Scholarship was awarded to **Abby Swanner**. The Judy Parish Turner Music Scholarship was awarded to **Noah Hylton**.

FRIENDLY FIGURES

• July Financial Summary

Budget Receipts	\$ 61,235
2019 Receipts/Wkly Avg.	\$ 15,212
2019 Weekly Budget Req.	\$ 16,339
Budget Expense	\$ 71,360
July Deficit/Income	(\$ 10,125)
2019 Deficit/Income	(\$ 7,832)
TOTAL July 31	(\$ 17,957)

BUSINESS MEETING

The July Minutes and Financials were approved. The Christian Service Center reported on the first 6 months of the year - 1038 clients were served during this time. The pastor's housing allowance was approved. Three new computers will be purchased for the church office. M.C. Painting will be hired to paint Sanctuary doors and windows. Signco will be hired to update the boulevard sign. The Hostess Committee will be updating office window treatments, chairs and sofas.

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The Church Office, FLC,
& WEE are closed on
Labor Day, September 2.

5 YEAR STAFF ANNIVERSARIES!



Betty Kay Pierce has served as Education Director for **5 years** this past May. She is also serving as Children & Young Families Director. Betty Kay leads a wonderful Wednesday night program, leads a children's message on Sundays, and has various events throughout the year for children and their families. Please take time to thank Betty Kay for her service here at FBC.

Joanna Pace has served as Church Administrator at First Baptist Church for **5 years** this September. She is a very important part of the church staff, handling all the financials, building and ground issues and assisting with most events and much more. Please take time to thank Joanna for her service here at FBC!



Jason Taylor has served as Youth Pastor at First Baptist Church for **5 years** this September. Jason shows his care for the Youth and their families at FBC in many different ways, including, bat removal from homes in the middle of the night, chauffeuring Youth to and from Youth events, and being there for them during different family crisis situations. Please take time to thank Jason for his service here at First Baptist Church.



~ SEPTEMBER 2019 ~

FAVORITE TEAM SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 15 8:30 A.M.

Combined Service in the Family Life Center

THE GAME PLAN FROM YOUR PASTOR:

I'm kicking off (pun intended) a **new sermon series on September 15th** on the Seven Churches of Revelation. The letters to these churches were specific to their time, yet timeless in their application as we revisit them.

That Sunday we will have a combined worship service, and I'm declaring this **"Favorite Team Sunday"** which means I'm encouraging you to wear your favorite sports or organizational apparel. Of course, some of you do this already without encouragement. It will be fun to see the vast array of colors represented.

During this time of year, people get passionate about their teams. What I want us to be most passionate about is being on the Lord's team here at First Baptist Church.