

## FIRST THOUGHTS

WOW! That's not necessarily a theological word, but an apt description of our worship services these last several weeks. They have been well-planned, meaningful, and well attended. Special thanks to our musicians, praise team, and adult choir for their contributions.

It's a wonderful privilege to gather for worship each week, yet sometimes this practice is taken for granted. Those first Christians suffered and died for the right to worship Jesus Christ and live out their faith in their community. We've been learning a little bit about this through the sermon series on *the Seven Churches of Revelation*. It's a challenge to discern and appreciate what these early Christians experienced in the first century, and then apply that to our 21<sup>st</sup> century context.

Historically, Baptists have been on the forefront of religious freedom. They were persecuted centuries ago in this country as they sought to worship freely without government intervention. We are the beneficiaries of early Baptist leaders like Roger Williams, John Leland, Obadiah Holmes, and Isaac Backus. Their leadership and courage led to the establishment of historic Baptist distinctives which we now know as "a free church in a free state" and "the separation of church and state." Our nation as a whole still benefits from their legacy and influence.

Those seven churches didn't have the freedoms you and I enjoy. Affirming that earliest Christian creed "Jesus Christ is Lord" could mean death at the stake, arena, or on a cross. It was costly to be a follower of Jesus Christ. The ancient quote still remains true today: "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." Let's never take our freedom of worship for granted.

On a related note, it's time for submissions to our **Advent Devotional Guide**. As of this writing, it's (only) 93 days until Christmas! The theme for this year's work is "**Make My Life a Bethlehem**" which is also the title of the Adult Choir's Christmas program.

This compilation of devotions is a wonderful gift not only to our church family but it can also be shared with others in our community. The Advent Guide is a meaningful worship resource, and sharing your story will enhance the Advent season for us all. Contact Katrina at [katrina@fbclinton.org](mailto:katrina@fbclinton.org) or call 457-9353 to let her know of your involvement.

The Lord has been good to our church. Let's remain faithful in our attendance, financial support, and spiritual practices. Even with so many churches in this community, there are many people who aren't part of a family of faith. May God help us show hospitality to newcomers and seekers as we remain faithful to the Great Commission and Great Commandments.

Your Pastor and Friend,  
Dr. Chisholm

## PRIMETIME

No Primetime on Monday, October 7 due to Fall Break.

• **Monday, October 14**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
Singin' & Devotion at Morning Pointe

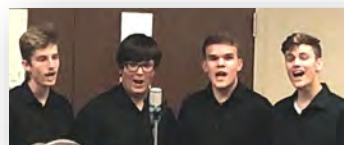
• **Monday, October 21**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
Singin' & Devotion  
Led by Alan Neal  
Lower Auditorium



• **Wooden's Apple House**  
Pikeville, TN  
**Tuesday, October 22**  
Watch for more information!

• **Trick or Treat with WEE Ministry**  
**Monday, October 28**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
Bring candy for the kids and wear a child friendly Halloween costume if you wish.  
Devotion - Mike Aiken  
Lower Auditorium

• **Special Thanks**  
Thank you to the Barber Shop Quartet "Glee" from Powell High School for entertaining the Primetime/XYZs at the Fall Kick Off.



## YOUTH

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



• **Corryton Corn Maze**  
**Thursday, October 17**  
**Cost: \$13.00 per person**  
It's a school night!  
Grades 6 -12  
**Leave FBC at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Return to FBC at 9:30 p.m.**  
Please eat before you arrive.

• **Meals-To-Go!**  
**Spaghetti Youth Fundraiser**  
**Sunday, October 20**  
**11:45 a.m.**  
**Menu:** Spaghetti, Salad, Bread Sticks, Cookies & Drink  
**Cost:** \$8.00 per person (\$25 family maximum)  
We will have meals to go beginning at 11:45 a.m. You can place your order in advance by calling the church office if you wish.



**Sunday, October 27**  
**6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**  
Grades 6 -12  
Jason and Amanda's House  
119 Indian Hills Circle, Clinton

## MISSIONS

• **Towers Yard Sale**  
**Saturday, October 12**  
**9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**  
FBC Parking Lot  
We need 10 **volunteers** to help set up tables at 8:00 a.m. and to help take down tables after the sale. Call the church office if you can help.

• **Towers Movie Night**  
**Saturday, October 12**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
Everyone is welcome!  
Free movie and popcorn!

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

• **Shepherd's Table**  
**Saturday, October 26**  
**11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**  
Family Life Center  
Free Community Meal!

• **Turkey Time**  
**for the Christian Service Center**  
**Food Item of the week:**  
10/06 Instant Pudding & Mac and Cheese  
10/13 Dressing & Instant Potatoes  
10/20 Cake Mix & Icing  
10/27 Corn  
Drop off food item of the week in the Garden Room or donate \$25 for a complete holiday meal.

• **Homelessness-a-thon**  
**Friday, November 15**  
**10:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m.**  
Local youth groups will spend the night in a "tent city" in our parking lot to develop empathy, raise awareness, and raise funds for homelessness in Anderson Co. Youth will get sponsorships—funds will go to TORCH. Chaperones are NEEDED.

## 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"

• **Children's & Preschool Committees Meeting**  
**Sunday, October 13**  
**2:00 p.m.**  
Family Life Center, Lobby  
Planning meeting for upcoming events!



• **Trunk or Treat**  
**Sunday, October 27**  
**5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**  
Church Parking Lot  
**Hot Dogs, Drinks, Storytellers, Costume Contest, Monster Mash Dance and Best Decorated Trunk Award**  
Please let us know in the church office if you plan to bring a decorated trunk with candy, so we can make sure we have enough.  
**Candy donations for the event can be dropped off in the Garden Room or Family Life Center.**

• **Online Registration for the 2020 Upward Basketball & Cheer Season has begun!**  
Go to [www.clintonupward.org](http://www.clintonupward.org) to register. More information on the front cover of the Friendly Guide.

## FBC INFORMATION & EVENTS

### Memorial Flowers

The flowers in the baptistry on Sunday, October 6 are in loving memory of **R.C. Fox's** birthday which is October 7, given by Maud Fox and family.

The flowers on the altar Sunday, October 6, are in loving memory of **Gary Hylton, Judy Hylton, and Delores Golden**. With Love, Jim, Mike, Jeff, Christa, Amy, Noah, Patty and George.

The flowers in the Sanctuary, Sunday, October 20, are in loving memory of **JoAnn Zody's** birthday which was October 21, given by Bill, Billy, Michael and their families.

The flowers in the Sanctuary, Sunday, October 20, are in memory of **Leonard Williams'** birthday, which was October 21, given by Beth and Connie and their families.

The flowers on the altar Sunday, October 27, are in loving memory of **Leon and Delores Golden's** Wedding Anniversary which is October 31, given by their family.

### Christian Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Pauline Henry, whose daughter, **Karen**, passed away (9/5).

### 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

### Business Meeting

**Wednesday, October 16**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
Lower Auditorium

### Deacons Meeting

**Sunday, October 20**  
**8:30 a.m.**  
Lower Auditorium

### Communion to Homebound Members

**Sunday, October 27**  
**1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

### New Members



Mackenzie & Kenzlee Hutchison with Charlotte



Phil & Marty Harber



Jeff, Karan, & Aryanna Stovall with Grayson & Kylie Stovall



Britt & Angela Manning



David Wayland & Dave Hill



Kevin & Leah Barber

## FRIENDLY FIGURES

### August Financial Summary

Budget Receipts	\$ 62,834
2019 Receipts/Wkly Avg.	\$ 15,270
2019 Weekly Budget Req.	\$ 16,339
Budget Expense	\$ 75,030
Aug. Deficit/Income	(\$ 12,196)
2019 Deficit/Income	(\$ 17,957)
TOTAL Aug. 31	(\$ 30,153)

### BUSINESS MEETING

The August Minutes and Financials were approved. The additional cost for the chiller coolant was approved. The purchase of new equipment/software recommended by the A/V Committee was approved. New members were added to the church roll: Danny, Lori, Luci, & Matt Chisholm, Terri King, David Wayland, Jeffrey, Karen, & Aryanna Stovall, Kenzlee Hutchison, Britt & Angela Manning, Dave Hill, & Phil & Marty Harber.

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

### CBA Messengers

Clinton Baptist Association Messengers needed for the Annual Fall Meeting on **Tuesday, October 22, 7:00 p.m.** at Calvary Baptist Church, Oak Ridge. If you would like to serve as a messenger, please contact the church office.

### Congratulations!

W.E.E. Ministry was voted Best Daycare in the 2019 Anderson County Reader's Poll!



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### It's time for the 2019 FBC Advent Devotional Book!

Our theme this year is, "Make My Life a Bethlehem". Your devotion could include Christmas Memories, or you can share your thoughts about what the angels, shepherds, & magi, must have experienced at that first Christmas. Devotions should be at least 200 words. They may include Christmas photos or drawings. If you would like to sign up to write a devotion, please contact Katrina in the Church Office.



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### Online Registration for the 2020 Upward Basketball and Cheer Season has begun!

Go to [www.clintonupward.org](http://www.clintonupward.org) to register. The cost is \$80 which includes a full uniform, pictures and free admission to every game for family and friends. A limited number of scholarships and financial aid is available. Evaluations are October 21, 22, & 24, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



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