



REFLECTIONS

From The Pastor

Christmas is my favorite time of the year. I love the bright colors and the joyful noise. I even enjoy the search for the best gift for some special person. But the best part of Christmas is the retelling of "...the old, old story of Jesus and His love."

Soren Kierkegaard tells of a young king who truly cared for his subjects, but was not sure they realized this because of the remoteness of the palace from their daily life. So, to the dismay of his court, one day he laid aside his royal garments and put on the garb of a peasant and went out for a whole year to live among his subjects as one of them. This action revolutionized the spirit of that whole kingdom, not because of what it did for the king, but because of what it did for the people. The sovereign already knew what conditions were like in the kingdom and was concerned about them, but until this act of identification, the people were not aware of this concern, nor could they believe he really did understand from within.

The same thing could be said of God when His name was "Jehovah" and people thought of Him only in terms of remoteness. But when He became "Emmanuel" on that first Christmas, everything changed. A whole new way of relating to God opened up, and it amounts to this: Wherever you are in the pilgrimage of life and whatever it is you are up against, God can say to you: "I know, my child, I understand fully. You see, I have been there myself. I have walked that very road you are walking. I really do know from within what it feels like. I understand. Therefore, let me help you. Let me share the load with you." You talk about a grace to help in time of trouble, a tangible resource for coping amid the agonies of life! This is it - to find yourself companionate by Emmanuel, the God who understands! No matter where you are or whatever particular problem you are facing, you need not walk alone any more unless you choose. There is One who has shared and wants to share the journey with you.

Brenda and I wish for you and your family a joyful Christmas Season. May the rich blessings of our Lord be yours. We love you and are grateful for the privilege of serving with you.

Pastor Prince

Helping Hands Chili FUNDRAISER FOR THE Webb Family

Saturday, December 15
3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. in the FLC

Tickets: \$5.00 per person or \$15.00 max per family. Tickets are on sale before and after each service.

Santa and the Grinch are expected to make a visit. Enjoy the Clinton Christmas Parade in front of FBC at 6:00 p.m.!

PRIMETIME

• Primetime Rehearsal with Teno Family

Monday, December 3
10:00 a.m.
Sanctuary

• Primetime Singin' at Morning Pointe

Monday, December 10
10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 a.m. Worship/FLC
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:40 a.m. Worship/Sanctuary

CHAMPION OF HOPE AWARD



Dr. Michael Prince accepted the Champion of Hope award on behalf of First Baptist Church. The award was presented by the Education

Foundation for Clinton City & Anderson County Schools. The award is in recognition of the significant and ongoing support that First Baptist Church provides to schools in our area.

YOUTH

• Youth Refuge

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

• Youth Movie Night at the Towers

Sunday, December 2
7:00 p.m.
Muppet Christmas Carol
Free popcorn, cookies, hot chocolate, drinks and a movie!



Wednesday, December 5
6:30 p.m.
FLC Youth Room

• Youth Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 12
6:30 p.m.
FLC Youth Room
Christmas Dinner prepared by Jason Taylor. Bring a White Elephant gift to exchange.



• Youth Shopping Trip

Sunday, December 16
1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
West Town Mall
Snacks and Supper provided.

Christmas Memorials

Memorial for: _____

Given by: _____

Amount given: _____

Poinsettias \$10.00/Wreaths \$25.00



MISSIONS

• Lottie Moon & Global Missions

First Baptist Church Goal: \$8,000

• Angel Tree

Visit the Angel Tree in the Garden Room. Gifts are due December 9.

• reNew

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

• Crafts at the Towers

Saturday, December 8
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Everyone is welcome to attend!

• Movies at the Towers

Free popcorn, cookies, hot chocolate, drinks and a movie!
◇ Sunday, December 2
7:00 p.m.

Muppet Christmas Carol
◇ Saturday, December 8
7:00 p.m.

The Preacher's Wife
◇ Saturday, December 15
7:00 p.m.
It's A Wonderful Life

• Shepherd's Table

Resumes January 26
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
FLC - Free Community Meal!

• Christian Service Center Christmas Food Box Distribution

Friday, December 21
Doors Open at 9:00 a.m.
Distribution Begins at 10:00 a.m.
Donations of individually wrapped snack cakes, crackers, cookies are needed to give out to those waiting for their food boxes. Please drop off in the Garden Room or Family Life Center.

Age 3 - 5th Grade
Wednesdays
6:15 - 7:15 p.m.
Level 3 - Main Church Building

• Children's Program Rehearsal

Saturday, December 1
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Pizza at 12:00 p.m.
Sanctuary

• The Birth of Jesus FBC Kids Program

Sunday, December 2
6:00 p.m.
Sanctuary
Children arrive at 5:00 p.m. in the Lower Auditorium.

• Happy Birthday Jesus Party!

Age 3 - Grade 5
Wednesday, December 12
6:15 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

• Upward Basketball & Cheerleading

First practice Monday, January 7, and first game Saturday, January 19. Awards celebration March 11.

BUSINESS MEETING

The November Minutes were not available at the time of print. The next Business Meeting is December 12 due to Caroling on December 19.

FBC INFORMATION & EVENTS

Memorial Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary on December 4 are in loving memory of **Von Carpenter's** birthday, which was December 1. They are also in loving memory of **Terry Carpenter** and **Toni Carpenter**, given by Carol Carpenter and David and Connie Kirk.

Christian Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Bobbie Stooksbury** (10/27), to the family of **Paul Smith** (11/1), and to the family of **Martha Jameson** (11/16).

2019 Budget Vote

Sunday, December 2
In both morning services

Creative Art Dress Rehearsal

Sunday, December 9
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Family Life Center

A Festival of Carols

Combined Service
Sunday, December 16
10:40 a.m. (no 8:30 service)
Sanctuary

Deacons Meeting

Sunday, December 16
8:30 a.m.
Lower Auditorium

Christmas Craft for Homebound

Monday, December 17
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Christmas Caroling

Wednesday, December 19
5:30 p.m.
Caroling at the homes of our homebound members. Please sign up to go caroling in the church office so we can plan out

New Member



RENEE JONES

Christmas Schedule

The Church Office and FLC will be closed **December 24-26**. The WEE Ministry will be closed **December 24-25**. There will be no Wednesday Night Activities on **December 26** or **January 2**.

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. December 12 is the last Fellowship Dinner until January 9.

Prayer Service and Bible Study

Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.
Lower Auditorium
(No service 12/26 or 1/2)

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursdays
5:30 p.m.
Family Life Center

Church Library

If your children have books that they no longer want, the Church Library could use them. Donations can be dropped off in the church office.

FRIENDLY FIGURES

October Financial Summary

Budget Receipts	\$ 85,575
2018 Receipts/Wkly Avg.	\$ 15,470
2018 Weekly Budget Req.	\$ 17,302
Budget Expense	\$ 63,927
October Deficit/Income	\$ 21,648
2018 Deficit/Income	(\$ 37,742)
TOTAL October 31	(\$ 16,095)



The Advent Devotion Book is available for pick up on Sundays in the front and side foyers of the Sanctuary and in the FLC or in the Church Office during the week. Thank you to all of our Advent writers and to **Betsy Robinson** for creating the image (pictured above) on the front cover of our book.

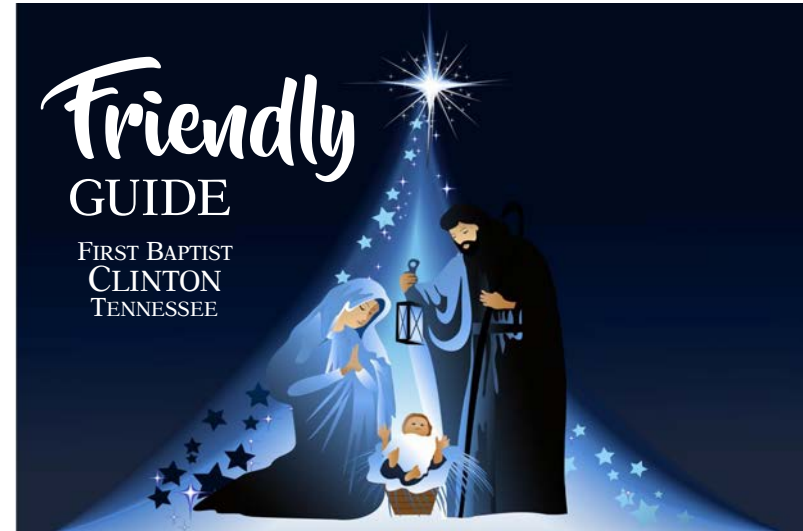
CHURCH ADOPTED STANDARDS FOR DEACONS

1. He/she should be at least 25 years of age.
2. He/she shall have been a member of the local church at least two years, or have had previous experience in another Missionary Baptist Church that is satisfactory to the local church.
3. He/she should be able to attend regularly the monthly meetings of the deacons.
4. He/she should be a faithful and loyal supporter of the entire church program and should be regular in attendance in the main worship services and midweek prayer service unless prevented by age, illness, infirmity, or other matters beyond control.
5. We recommend that he/she attend at least one denominational gathering during tenure of office.
6. He/she should take at least one time during tenure of office a study course as offered by the church, on the office of deacon, its responsibilities and obligations.
7. Social and moral standards should be above question. (Acts 6:3; 1 Timothy 3:8-13)
8. Spiritual standards should be in keeping with 1 Timothy 3:9 and Acts 6:3.
9. Should at all times seek to support the work of the ministry in keeping with Acts 6:1-4.
10. Support the financial program of the church by bringing tithes into the treasury of this church.

The Deacon Eligible List will be mailed out in January. If your name was inadvertently left off the list or if you want your name removed, please contact the church office.

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The Birth of Jesus FBC Kids Program

Sunday, December 2, 6:00 p.m.
Sanctuary

An Appalachian Christmas XYZ Singers & Teno Family

Sunday, December 9, 10:40 a.m.
Sanctuary

Creative Arts Program

*Music, Dance, Drama, Black Light Theater,
Shadow Theater and Live Animals!*

Friday, December 14, 6:30 p.m.
Family Life Center

A Festival of Carols Adult Choir

Sunday, December 16, 10:40 a.m.
Combined Worship Service - No 8:30 Service
Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Monday, December 24, 5:00 p.m.
String Quartet & Communion
Sanctuary

NATIVITY PAGEANT OF KNOXVILLE

Saturday, December 8, 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 9, 3:30 p.m. - Church Trip - Meet in the Church Parking lot at 1:45 p.m. to ride the church van. Return at 5:15 p.m.

Monday, December 10, 7:00 p.m.

Knoxville Civic Coliseum - Free Admission