

## FIRST THOUGHTS

Margaret Mead said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

The most enduring example of this statement can be traced to what happened with Jesus and his disciples. The 12 disciples followed him for three years and their numbers swelled to more than 500 who saw him in a "post-resurrection" experience before his Ascension. For more than 2000 years, the church has continued telling the story of the resurrected Jesus and how each person can have eternal life in His name. That's the Good News!

One way we spread the Good News is through our December designated missions offering supporting the missions efforts of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) and Southern Baptist Convention (SBC). Our combined (SBC/CBF) churchwide goal is \$8000.

Both the CBF and SBC have global missions offerings that are typically promoted during this time of year. Our church provides the means to give to either the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (SBC) or the Global Missions Offering (CBF).

Keep in mind that 100% of your gift to the Global Missions Offering will send CBF field personnel to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the world. Also, 100% of your gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering provides missionaries the services they need to live among the unreached peoples they serve.

There are offering envelopes available for both CBF and SBC; the right envelope depends upon your Baptist convictions and where you want your money to go. Regardless of where you send your money, my hope is that we would ALL contribute to the missions offering!

On a related note, the Angel Tree is up! I appreciate so much Beth Green and Sondra Davis for serving as Coordinators of this effort. Just FYI, we get our referrals from Clinton City Schools and Head Start; thanks so much for your participation.

Thanks also to our Hostess Committee for their time and effort in renovating and redecorating our building. Several areas are already seeing immediate improvement in bringing our furnishings up to date. These changes are not only encouraging to us but also send a positive message to our guests.

As we make our way into the month of December, we will also be blessed with wonderful music for the Christmas season. Our children and adult choirs are working diligently to provide meaningful worship opportunities for us. And, tickets for the "Clinton Keyboards at Christmas" are nearly gone!

Finally, my family and I count it a blessing to be celebrating our first Christmas here in beautiful East Tennessee. We are grateful for the friendships we've made in our church and community and look forward to a wonderful Advent season. And, let me be among the first to say "Merry Christmas!"

Your Pastor and Friend,  
Dr. Chisholm

## PRIMETIME

• **Singin' & Devotion**  
**Monday, December 2**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
Lower Auditorium

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

• **Christmas Party at**  
**The Waters of Clinton**  
**Monday, December 16**  
**10:00 a.m.**

• **Final Rehearsal**  
**with the Teno Family**  
**Friday, December 27**  
**10:00 a.m.**

• **Appalachian Christmas**  
**Service**  
XYZ Singers and the Teno Family  
Bluegrass Band  
**Sunday, December 29**  
**10:40 a.m.**  
Sanctuary

## YOUTH

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

• **Youth Christmas**  
**Shopping Trip**  
**Sunday, December 8**  
**2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**  
Leave the Church Parking Lot at  
2:00 p.m. for West Town Mall

• **Youth Christmas Party**  
**Wednesday, December 18**  
**6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**  
Family Life Center, Youth Room

## IT'S A GIRL!



Congratulations to John and Emily Harper on the birth of a baby girl, **Olivia Louise Harper**, born November 12.

Also, congratulations to her big brother, Hudson, grandparents, Joanna and Bill Pace, great grandmother, Chloe Ann Ward, aunt, Rebecca Pace and cousin, Avery Hubbard.

## BABY DEDICATIONS



Ben and Ashley Neal presented **Samuel Asher and Ezekiel Amos Neal** on Sunday, November 17.

## MISSIONS

• **Towers Movie Nights**  
**Sundays, December 1, 8**  
**and Saturday, December 14**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
Everyone is welcome!  
Free popcorn and movie!

• **Christmas Treats**  
**Needed!**  
We need Christmas Treats to share at the Towers on each Movie night listed above. If you can provide Christmas Treats, please contact the church office to let us know. We need 60 of each treat please.

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

• **Angel Tree**  
Please visit the Angel Tree located in the Garden Room. Gifts are due by December 8.

• **Lottie Moon**  
**and Global Missions**  
First Baptist Church Goal:  
**\$8,000** (combined)

• **Crafts at the Towers**  
**Saturday, December 14**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
Everyone is welcome!

• **Christmas Food Box**  
**Distribution**  
**Thursday, December 19**  
Doors Open at 9:00 a.m.  
Distribution begins at 10:00 a.m.

We need donations of individually wrapped snacks (Little Debbie's, Granola Bars, Cracker Packs, Homemade Goodies, etc). Please drop off items in the Garden Room or at the FLC Desk by Wednesday, December 18.

• **C.S.C. Announcement**  
The Christian Service Center will not be accepting clothing donations in December.

• **Shepherd's Table**  
**Saturday, January 25**  
**11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**  
Family Life Center  
(No December Meal)

• **Thank You Food City!**  
Food City donated \$1,500 to the Christian Service Center.



## KIDS KORNER

• **FBC Kids**  
**Wednesdays**  
**6:15 p.m.**  
FBC Kids ends December 18 with a Party at 6:00 p.m. and resumes January 8.



• **Random Acts**  
**of Christmas**  
FBC Kids Christmas Program  
**Sunday, December 1**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
Sanctuary

• **Christmas Parade**  
**FBC Kids Float**  
**Saturday, December 7**  
**6:00 p.m.**

• **FBC Kids Party**  
**Happy Birthday Jesus!**  
**Wednesday, December 18**  
**6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**  
Fellowship Hall  
Pizza & Happy Birthday Jesus Cake.



• **Upward Basketball & Cheerleading**  
Practice Begins - January 6  
First Game - January 18  
Awards Celebration - March 9

• **Church Library Books**  
Children, please remember to return your Library Books to the Church Library.

## FBC INFORMATION & EVENTS

### • Memorial Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary on December 15 are in loving memory of **Mary McClanahan's** birthday, which is December 19, given by Gene McClanahan and Family.

### • Christian Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Wanda Abner** (11/5), to the family of **Eddie McRae** (11/9) and to the family of **Geraldine Miller** (11/13).

### • Fellowship Dinners

**Wednesdays**

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

Family Life Center

Cost is \$8.00 per person. Please call the church office to RSVP! Kids & Youth Eat Free!

**Dinners end December 11 and will resume on January 8.**

### • Prayer Service and Bible Study

**Wednesdays**

**6:30 p.m.**

Lower Auditorium

Led by Dr. Chisholm

### • Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Thursdays**

**5:30 p.m.**

Family Life Center

### • Special Announcement

**Sunday, December 1**

Jason Taylor will be preaching in both morning services which will be held in the Church Sanctuary, due to the Family Life Center gym floors being refinished.

### • Special Called Business Meeting

**Wednesday, December 4**

**6:30 p.m.**

Lower Auditorium

### • W.E.E. Ministry Santa Breakfast

**Friday, December 6**

**6:30 a.m.**

Family Life Center, Gym

### • 2020 Budget Vote

**Sunday, December 8**

Both morning services.

### • Sanctuary Choir

**Christmas Rehearsal**

**Saturday, December 14**

**9:00 a.m.**

### • Deacons Meeting

**Sunday, December 15**

**8:30 a.m.**

Lower Auditorium

### • Make My Life A Bethlehem

**Adult Choir Christmas Program**

**Sunday, December 15**

**10:40 a.m.**

Combined Worship Service

Sanctuary

### • Clinton Keyboards at Christmas

**First Baptist Church**

**Sunday, December 15**

**3:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.**

Free Event!

Due to Limited Seating, Tickets

Are Required! Call the church office to reserve your ticket or see Terri on Sunday.

### • Knoxville Nativity

**Pageant at the Civic Coliseum**

**Saturday, December 14, 3:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, December 15, 3:00 p.m.**

(Church Trip 12/15 - Taking Vans)

**Monday, December 16, 7:00 p.m.**

### • Business Meeting

**Wednesday, December 18**

**6:30 p.m.**

Lower Auditorium

### • Christmas Caroling to Homebound Members

**Thursday, December 19**

**5:30 p.m.**

### • Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

**Tuesday, December 24**

**5:00 p.m.**

String Quartet and Lord's Supper

### • Christmas Schedule

The church office and Family Life Center will be closed December 24-26. The WEE Ministry will be closed 24 & 25. No Wednesday night services on December 25 or January 1.

## FRIENDLY FIGURES

### • October Financial Summary

Budget Receipts	\$ 65,749
2019 Receipts/Wkly Avg.	\$ 15,280
2019 Weekly Budget Req.	\$ 16,339
Budget Expense	\$ 71,989
Oct. Deficit/Income	(\$ 6,240)
2019 Deficit/Income	(\$39,563)
TOTAL October 31	(\$45,803)

### BUSINESS MEETING

The October Minutes and Financials were approved. Copeland Brothers was hired to do the work in the Garden Room, Central Park and parking lot lights. Jimmy Gillespie will be hired to paint the office suite. Pinnacle Resources will be hired to refinish gym floors. Rachel Sherron's letter was moved to FBC, St. Simons, Ga. Stan and Lydia Elliott's letter was moved to St. John's Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC.

### 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 Nomination List will be mailed to church members. If your name was inadvertently left off the list or if you want your name removed, please contact the church office as soon as possible.

### Christmas Memorials - Poinsettias \$10/Wreaths \$25

Memorial for: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Given: \_\_\_\_\_



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### Random Acts of Christmas

FBC Kids Program

**Sunday, December 1, 6:00 p.m.**

Sanctuary

### Make My Life A Bethlehem

Adult Choir Program

**Sunday, December 15, 10:40 a.m.**

Combined Service, Sanctuary



### Key Boards at Christmas

**Sunday, December 15**

**3:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.**

Sanctuary

Free Event! Due to limited seating, tickets are required.

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

**Tuesday, December 24**

**5:00 p.m.**

Sanctuary

Lord's Supper and String Quartet

### NYZ Singers and The Tero Family Bluegrass Band

**Sunday, December 29**

**10:40 a.m.**

Sanctuary