

FIRST THOUGHTS

Happy New Year and welcome to 2020-- It's always a big deal to start a year that ends with a zero!

January is named after the Roman god "Janus." In Roman mythology, Janus has two faces—one to look to the future and the other to look to the past. So, January is a "two-faced" month. It offers a time for us to reflect upon where we have been and also where we are going.

Since moving here in July, my family and I have enjoyed our new life in East Tennessee. We have participated in several seasonal events provided through our church, holiday gatherings with new friends, school activities and worship opportunities. These have all been "firsts" for us and we appreciate your making us feel at home.

Before moving on to a new year, I wanted to thank our staff for all their wonderful efforts during this past Advent season. The musical celebrations, "Keyboards at Christmas", the distribution of food and toys to those in need, a meaningful Christmas Eve service, times of fellowship for our children and youth, along with many other service and learning opportunities, have been facilitated by our devoted staff. I thank them and our faithful volunteers for a meaningful holiday season.

A new year offers new opportunities, challenges, and beginnings. I'm excited about what the Lord has in store for First Baptist Church this upcoming year. The year 2020 offers a metaphor for the kind of vision I want us to have in carrying out Kingdom work. Let me offer a few "hopes" as we start another year together.

I hope we'll be able to focus on reaching newcomers to the Clinton area. There are people in this area who need Jesus Christ and need to be part of an authentic Christian community. We are uniquely blessed and positioned in the heart of Clinton, so let's pray and be sensitive to that. Let's not forget what it's like to move into a new area and the challenges of getting connected to a church.

I hope we'll also be able to maintain focus on ongoing building renovations and technological upgrades. It's encouraging to note the improvements and how that signals that there is life and progress going on.

Finally, I also hope we can realize the comfort and strength in these words: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

We're going to be on a wonderful journey this year. There's a lot of excitement and energy in what the Lord is doing through our people. I hope you'll join me in the journey.

Your Pastor and Friend,
Dr. Chisholm

PRIMETIME

- **Singin' & Devotion**
Monday, January 6
10:00 a.m.
Lower Auditorium

- **Singin' & Devotion at Morning Pointe**
Monday, January 13
10:00 a.m.

- **Singin' & Devotion**
Monday, January 20
10:00 a.m.
Lower Auditorium

- **Singin' & Devotion**
Monday, January 27
10:00 a.m.
Lower Auditorium

YOUTH

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

- **Youth Movie Night at Tinseltown USA**
Sunday, January 19
Movie and Time TBD
Watch for more information.

- **Super Bowl Party**
Sunday, February 2
5:00 p.m. Arena Football
6:30 p.m. Super Bowl
Family Life Center
Food Provided!
Grades 7 - 12

- **Winter Retreat**
Presidents' Day Weekend
February 15-17
Gatlinburg, TN
Watch for more information.

MISSIONS

- **CSC Holiday Food Box Report**

At Thanksgiving, we distributed 262 food boxes, 138 coats, 71 gloves, 105 scarves (including 65 knitted by the Prayer Shawl Ministry) and 84 hats/caps (including 56 knitted by the PSM). For Christmas, we distributed 240 food boxes and lots and lots of toys.

- **Angel Tree Report**
64 children and 8 moms

Our names on the Angel Tree this year came from Clinton Schools including Anderson County Head Start, Torch (homeless assistance), MIST of Ridgeview (Mothers & Infants Sober Together), walk ins and call ins. Thank you church members and members of the community who shopped or donated a monetary gift to our Angel Tree Ministry. Also, special thanks to Beth Green, Sondra Davis, & Laura Bowles for leading our Angel Tree Ministry.

- **Crafts at the Towers**
Saturday, January 11
10:00 a.m.
Everyone is welcome!

- **Towers Movie Night**
Saturday, January 18
7:00 p.m.
Everyone is welcome!
Free popcorn and movie!

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

- **Lottie Moon & Global Missions**
First Baptist Church Goal: \$8,000
Lottie Moon: \$3,277.00
Global Missions: \$1,280.32
Total Received: \$4,557.32

- **Shepherd's Table**
Saturday, January 25
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall (January Only)
Free Community Meal

- **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.

IT'S A GIRL!



Congratulations to Stephen & Christina McNally on the birth of a baby girl, **Magnolia Mae McNally**, born Monday, December 2. Also, congratulations to her big brother, Sutton and big sister, McKenna.



KIDS KORNER

- **FBC Kids**
Wednesdays
6:15 p.m.
Resumes January 8.

- **First Baptist Church Parade Float**



Representing First Baptist Church Children's Ministry during the parade were: Stefanie & Marlee Holbrook, Lauren & Adeline Queener, Mackenzie & Charlotte Hutchison, Megan, Jocelyn and Luke Amos.

- **Homebound Gifts**



The children made snowmen for our homebound members using rice and socks.



Practices begin Monday, January 6
Games begin Saturday, January 18
Awards Celebration is Monday, March 9.

FBC INFORMATION & EVENTS

Memorial Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday, January 26, are in loving memory of **Homer H. Wallace**, whose date of birth was, January 27, given by Dorothy Howell.

Christian Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Bill Akers, whose son, **Gregory Akers**, passed away (11/26) and to Jackie, Elyssa, and Eric Champion and Erin Lambert, whose wife and mother, **Monnie Champion**, passed away (12/12).

New Year's Schedule

The church office, Family Life Center and WEE Ministry will be closed January 1. No Wednesday night services on January 1.



Bigler/Good Wedding

The church family is invited to the wedding of **James Bigler and Anystin Good** on **Saturday, January 4 at 2:00 p.m.** at First Baptist Church of Cookeville (18 S. Walnut Avenue, Cookeville, TN).

From the FBC Pulpit

Amanda Taylor will be preaching on **Sunday, January 5** in both morning services.

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 will resume on January 8.

Business Meeting

Wednesday, January 15
6:30 p.m.
Lower Auditorium

Combined Worship Service

Sunday, January 19
8:30 a.m.
Family Life Center

Deacons Meeting

Sunday, January 19
10:40 a.m.
Lower Auditorium

New Members Luncheon

Sunday, January 19
11:30 a.m.

Family Life Center
All New Church Members that have joined since Danny arrived *and* those interested in joining are invited. Please call the church office to RSVP.



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



The Prayer Shawl Ministry has been busy making gifts for the Waters of Clinton residents and scarves and hats for the CSC.

2020 Offering Envelopes

Please pick up your 2020 Offering Envelopes on the tables located in the hall behind the Sanctuary

FRIENDLY FIGURES

November Financial Summary

Budget Receipts	\$ 67,361
2019 Receipts/Wkly Avg.	\$ 15,413
2019 Weekly Budget Req.	\$ 16,339
Budget Expense	\$ 69,441
Nov. Deficit/Income	(\$ 2,080)
2019 Deficit/Income	(\$ 45,803)
TOTAL November 30	(\$ 47,883)

BUSINESS MEETING

The 2020 Budget was approved during the Special Called Business Meeting on **December 8**.

Vote Results: 169 yes and 7 no.

Business Meeting - December 18

The November Minutes and Financials were approved. Pastor Danny Chisholm's housing allowance was approved. Christmas gifts for the church staff were approved. The church will purchase a new soundboard for the Sanctuary to replace the one that is no longer working. The church will purchase new HD cameras, software, camera mounts, and iPads for the Sanctuary and FLC to upgrade from analog to digital.

DEACON NOMINATIONS

If you wish to have your name removed or added to the Deacon Eligibility List, please contact the church office as soon as possible.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

Poinsettias given in memory of:

John & Kathy Childress

O.L. Dabney, Jo Brendle, Sam &

Marie Dean, Les Swann, Mary

McClanhan, Geraldine Miller

by Ed & Karen Smith

R.C. Fox

by Maud Fox & Family

James & Ernestine Gann

James & Martha Smith

by Larry & Ann Gann

Kenneth & Wanda Allen

by Teresa & Meredith Schlandt

Janice Capps, Libby Price,

Delores Golden, Sissy Holt

by Dorothy Howell

Charles Gray, Dora Burchfield,

Dot Cox, Monnie Champion,

Les Swann

by Dinah Gray

Roy Darnell, Monnie Champion

by Betty & Jana Darnell

Wreaths given in memory of:

Bill Bivens

by Zora, Beth Anne, Susan

& Bill

O.L. Dabney

by Rema and Family

Kyle Shepherd

Tom & Carmetia Alderson

by Mark, Kandi, Katie,

Johnathan, Abby

Josh Phillips

by Katie, Abby, Mark, Kandi,

Johnathan

Bessie & Homer Wallace

Bill Howell

by Dorothy Howell

Martha Jameson

by Felecia Reynolds

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UPWARD BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING

Practice Begins January 6

First Game January 18

Awards Celebration March 9

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