

## FIRST THOUGHTS

“Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things happen. Don’t be afraid.” These words from Frederick Buechner seem especially appropriate these days.

We are living in a state of emergency. Our Governor and President declared this to be so in dealing with the COVID-19 virus. Clinton City Schools released students a week early plus the regularly scheduled week of Spring Break in a mitigation effort.

As you already know, we followed their example and canceled our activities also. This also meant not meeting for Sundays March 22 and 29.

With everything going on around us, it’s almost an oversight that we are nearing Holy Week. You’ll find a number of events and seasonal gatherings posted in this Friendly Guide. We may have to make changes, so please refer to the disclaimer on the front cover.

The COVID-19 virus is changing our way of life as a nation. The Center for Disease Control issued guidelines for cancelling all events of 50 or more people for the next eight weeks. I’m working with our church staff and leadership to discern what that means for us.

On a related note, I’ve ask the deacons who are “rotating off” this month to remain on the active deacon body through May. This continuity will help us (and me).

We’re in a “new normal” right now, so it’s important to remain prepared and prayerful as we face each days. Let’s remember our students, elderly, educators, medical personnel, business owners, government leaders, and others who lead us and live near us. This is impacting each of us in different ways.

We are not helpless. We can choose how to respond to these developments. There are things we still can do and remain vigilant against the virus.

This is a good time to get close to the Lord. And, we are looking at ways for us to stay together even when we’re apart.

Easter is coming in only a few weeks! It’s important to note that regardless of what will be happening in our nation by then, or what that means for us as a church, that the resurrection power of Jesus Christ remains our Hope and Assurance. “Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed!”

Stay encouraged, and I’ll be in touch.

Your Pastor and Friend,  
Dr. Chisholm

## PRIMETIME

### • Holy Week Service

**Monday, April 6**  
10:00 a.m.  
Rehearse for Holy Week Service  
12:00 p.m.  
Holy Week Service at St. Mark  
XYZs Sing and Dr. Chisholm gives  
the message.

### • Singin’ & Devotion at Morning Pointe

**Monday, April 13**  
10:00 a.m.

### • Tune Share Rehearsal & Devotion

**Monday, April 20**  
10:00 a.m.  
Lower Auditorium

### • Dogwood Arts Festival

**Friday, April 24**  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### • Tune Share Rehearsal & Devotion

**April 27**  
10:00 a.m.  
Lower Auditorium

### • Tune Share

**Tuesday, May 5**  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Wallace Memorial Baptist  
Church of Knoxville

## MISSIONS

### • reNew Recovery

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

### • Shepherd’s Table

**Saturday, April 25**  
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Family Life Center  
Free Community Meal

### • Annie Armstrong and Global Missions

FBC Goal: \$3,500

### • CSC Annual Report - 2019

The Christian Service Center served 2095 clients over 80,000 food items (excluding the Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets) and 7,400 clothing items during the year. The church provided over 43,000 of the food items at a cost of approximately \$24,000 with the remaining 37,000 items provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Over 40% of the CSC clients were over 60 years of age and 41% identified as disabled. 144 clients live in the Towers. Approximately 200 new clients were added during the year. In addition to food and clothing, the CSC distributed diapers, baby formula, Depends, bedding, and various toiletries. Thanks to everyone who donated money, food, clothing and time to the CSC during the year.

## YOUTH

### • Refuge

**Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.**  
No Refuge until 4/8  
Grades 6 -12  
FLC Youth Room

### • Youth to Main Event

**Middle Schoolers Grades 6-8**  
**Saturday, April 18**  
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
\$10.00 per person  
Sign up in the Youth Room

### • Passport

**June 21-26**  
Grades 6 -12 (completed)  
Greensboro College  
\$100 Deposit due March 31  
Limited Space!!  
Sign up in the Youth Room



## KIDS KORNER

### • FBC Kids

**Wednesdays, 6:15 p.m.**  
No FBC Kids until 4/8  
Main Church Building - Level 3  
Bible Study, Music, and Games



- The FBC Easter Egg Hunt has been cancelled for this year.



### • Vacation Bible School

**Monday - Friday**  
**June 8 - June 12**  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Family Life Center

## WEDDING SHOWER

Wedding Shower  
Honoring  
Caleb Clement  
& Mackenzie Pugh  
**Sunday, April 26**  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Family Life Center  
Hearth Room  
Registered at Target and  
Pampered Chef



High School Youth Retreat

## FBC ACTIVITIES & INFO

### 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 cancelled until 4/8.**

### Deacons Meeting

**Sunday, April 19**  
8:30 a.m.  
Lower Auditorium

### Combined Service

**Sunday, April 19**  
10:40 a.m.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.**  
Family Life Center  
**Meetings cancelled until 4/9.**

### Memorial Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary on April 5 are in loving memory of **Bessie May Wallace**, whose birthdate is April 2, given by Dorothy Howell.

The silk arrangements in the sanctuary, behind the piano and organ are placed there in loving memory of **Les Swann**.

### Christian Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Richard Buckner** (3/2) and to **Darla Fritts**, whose father, **Ronnie Pressley**, passed away (3/20).

### Prayer Service and Bible Study

**Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.**  
Join us on Facebook Live and YouTube until 4/8.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 1 Ron Eslinger Peggy Fletcher Pauline Henry Bobbie Williams	April 14 Joan Hutchins April 15 Lori Chisholm Charles Noss Jerry Schlandt Dee Dee Swanner Ruth Worthington	April 23 Jeremiah Ballew Kara Bradley Carmen Fox de Quintana Robert Holt Billie Lane Stephanie Reynolds Michael Smith
April 2 Marjorie Whittlesey	April 16 James Abner George Aylor Gary Bowers Brenda Daugherty Becky Rosenbaum	April 24 Dennie Worthington April 25 Vickie Coleman Alex Swanner Kylie Stovall
April 3 Sharon Antrican Whitney Denton Caroline Bray John Manning	April 17 Anita Childers Louise Egner Marsha Hollingsworth Eugene McClanahan	April 26 Ron Hagans April 27 Scott Merkle Matthew Walker
April 4 Dustin Coleman Jim Sanderson	April 18 Anna Childers Julianne Smith	April 28 Ron Meredith Lindy Pyatt
April 5 Andrew Shoopman April 7 Wimp Shoopman	April 19 Emily Wallace April 11 Jim Miller Riley Webb	April 29 James David Meredith Jacob Meredith Kelly Williams
April 12 Madison Floyd Margaret Stallard	April 20 Kathy Fila Sonya Holbrook April 21 Nancy Fay Ronnie Williams	April 30 Jeanette Harb Andy Harness Deanne Jenkins

## FRIENDLY FIGURES

### February Financial Summary

Budget Receipts	\$ 65,282
2020 Receipts/Wkly Avg.	\$ 14,829
2020 Weekly Budget Req.	\$ 17,284
Budget Expense	\$ 72,603
Feb. Deficit/Income	(\$ 7,321)
2020 Deficit/Income	(\$ 18,739)
TOTAL February 29	(\$ 26,060)

Please remember that our missing Sundays due to the COVID-19 virus will put additional strain on the church's finances. You may give online via church website or direct mail (P.O. Box 268 Clinton 37717) during this time. For questions or other options call the church office 457-9353.

## BUSINESS MEETING

The March 18 Business Meeting was cancelled. Our next Business Meeting will be held **Wednesday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Lower Auditorium.



## NEW MEMBER



**Jacob Floyd** pictured with his wife, Madison and daughter, Pressley.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Ethan and Elise McKenna Abner on the birth of a baby girl, **Ariah Marie Abner**, born 3/11. Congratulations to grandparents Byron and Susan Abner and Great Grandfather, Charlie Abner.

## CARSON-NEWMAN SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is available for undergrad students attending Carson-Newman in fall of 2020. Email Joanna your name, C-N ID#, and D.O.B. to Joanna@fbclinton.org.

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Scholarship Applications are available in the church office, and are due to the church office by **Monday, April 20.**

### Ervin and Freddie Queener Scholarship

This scholarship is available to any student from First Baptist who is enrolled in and has a chosen field of study in a 4 year college or university.

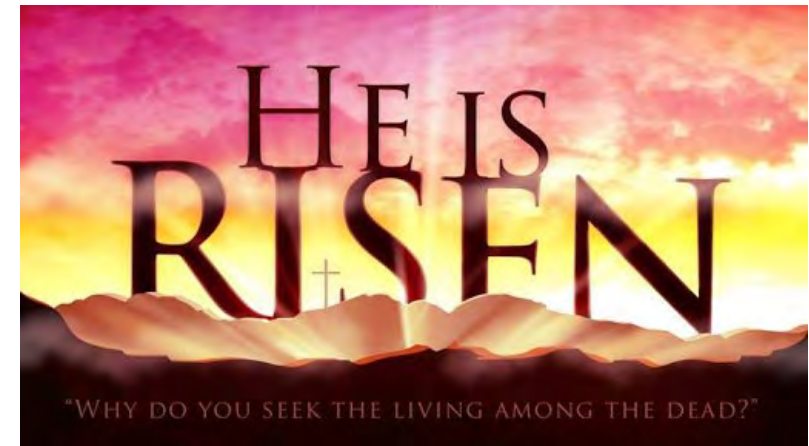
### James and Imogene Cheely Memorial Seminary Scholarship

This scholarship is designed to further the seminary education of Christian students, with similar values, attending a moderate Christian seminary and called to church or missions work.

### Judy Parish Turner Music Scholarship

This scholarship is for students attending a 4 year college or university enrolled in a music curriculum and/or to pay for private music lessons.

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## Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 5  
8:30 a.m. & 10:40 a.m. Services  
9:30 a.m. Small Group Bible Studies

## Holy Week Services

At St. Mark United Methodist Church  
Monday, April 6 through Friday, April 10, 12:00 p.m.  
The XYZ Singers will sing and  
Dr. Chisholm will give the message on Monday, April 6.

## Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 9  
6:30 p.m.

## Good Friday

Friday, April 10  
Church Office, Family Life Center  
and WEE Ministry Closed

## Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 12  
8:30 a.m. & 10:40 a.m. Services  
9:30 a.m. Small Group Bible Studies

**All Activities and Services in this publication are subject to change as we receive updates from CDC and Clinton City Schools.**