

FIRST THOUGHTS

In the story "Alice in Wonderland" there is a conversation between the Cheshire Cat and Alice. She asks which way she should go, admitting she doesn't much care where she goes. The Cat responds "if you don't know where you're going, then any path will get you there."

Sometimes it appears that way for us. Even with several months to go, this year is most assuredly memorable for numerous reasons. It's almost like we're afraid to ask, "What else could happen?"

We are in the seventh month of a pandemic while going through social and cultural challenges in our nation. There's a presidential election in less than a few months. Football games are going on with few if any fans in the stands. Students are taking classes in schools and at home using virtual means. Who could have envisioned 2020 would be like this?

Our church is completing its 180th year of existence this month. I had hoped this would be an opportunity to celebrate a birthday of sorts, yet circumstances make that an impossibility. Instead, I simply want to point out that First Baptist Church has shown resilience and steadiness through the years. I have no reason to expect anything else as we move through the remainder of this year and beyond.

It's a good time to revisit Romans 8:28. "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

Life might not be happening the way that you had hoped. There's a lot of that sentiment going around. It's easy to become frustrated and look to blame someone or something for the disappointments in our lives. It's more important now than ever that we practice perseverance and do our best to take things one day at a time. Slowing down and counting our blessings is good medicine for what is afflicting us.

Finally, FALL IS HERE! It's been wonderful to have cooler temperatures; we can look forward to watching the leaves turn and change their colors to mark the changing seasons.

We are going to continue meeting in person and online. If we need to make changes to our approach, then we will do so. In the meantime, let's remain faithful in our prayers (use the prayer guide!), financial support, and witness. It does matter the way we go, and we'll continue moving ahead with our eyes on Jesus and trust Him with the results.

Your Pastor and Friend,
Danny

October Sermon Series

This month, Pastor Danny will be preaching a sermon series on three parables Jesus told that are found in Luke 15 entitled "In Search of the One." Each of these stories illustrates the simple truth that God cares about people who find themselves "lost" and out of fellowship with him. This passage also challenges us to think about how the church feels about outsiders and receiving them into our fellowship. These are beautiful stories that hold powerful lessons for us!

- October 4 Parable of the Lost Sheep
- October 11 Parable of the Lost Coin
- October 25 Parable of the Lost Son

Sunday Services: 8:30 a.m. Family Life Center
9:30 a.m. Sunday School **10:40 a.m.** Sanctuary **AND ONLINE**



YOUTH

Grades 6 - 12
Wednesdays
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Dinner will be available at no charge in the Youth Room from 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

FBC KIDS

Age 3 - Grade 5
Wednesdays
6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
Dinner will be available at no charge in the FBC Kids Room from 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.



RENEW RECOVERY

Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m.
FBC Level 1

2020-2021 Upward Season Cancelled:

The leadership for Clinton Upward (a ministry association of First and Second Baptist Churches in Clinton, Tennessee) has decided to cancel this year's season. The primary mission of Clinton Upward is to provide a safe and affirming atmosphere for basketball and cheer while sharing God's love with the participants. With the COVID-19 virus still active and the normal flu season, we worry about the safety of the participants and their families. Both churches would incur extra costs for sanitizing before and after games, and proper social distancing would be extremely difficult for families attending games. Neither church would be able to provide concessions while the COVID-19 virus is active which decreases the number of scholarships that our churches can provide to participants. Clinton Upward looks forward to next season and providing children in our community with an enriching experience of learning basketball fundamentals; cheer skills; and knowledge of God's love. Thank you for your understanding. – Clinton Upward Leadership



TURKEY TIME

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

The Christian Service Center provides food year round for the needy in our community, and during the holidays the need is especially great. Without your donations for this Holiday Food Box, the CSC simply will not have the funds to assist those in need this Holiday Season.

Important information about this year's Turkey Time:

- We will not be collecting food items.
- We will be accepting monetary donations for Turkey Time. Please mark your envelope "Turkey Time!"
- Did you know that \$25.00 will purchase one, complete, holiday meal?
- We will not be collecting/distributing coats or clothing.
- We will not have a food box assembly night. (Boxes will be assembled by CSC Volunteers.)
- Thanksgiving & Christmas Food Boxes will be distributed as a drive-thru at the CSC (like the regular Tuesday drive-thru).
- Volunteers will be wearing masks and practicing physical distancing measures where possible. The public is encouraged to as well.
- They will serve Clinton Residents with 37716 zip code ONLY from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and beginning at 12:00 p.m. all persons will be served.
Thanksgiving Food Box Distribution - Monday, November 23
Christmas Food Box Distribution - Monday, December 21
- **REQUIRED:** Clients must have Photo ID and either a CSC Punch Card or Piece of Mail with Current Address.

WE HAVE SECURED INDIVIDUAL CUPS THAT ARE PRE-SEALED WITH JUICE AND BREAD. THIS WILL BE MORE HYGIENIC IN OUR CURRENT HEALTH SITUATION THAN PASSING SEPARATE PLATES WITH JUICE AND WAFERS IN THEM.

Communion

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:30 A.M. & 10:40 A.M.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/1 Shirlann
Tim Overton Sanderson
10/3 Sam Whitaker
Natalie **10/17**
Scarborough Abigail Phillips
David Wall **10/18**
10/4 Claude McCuiston
Tyler Sutton **10/19**
10/5 Jason Taylor
Mike Aiken **10/20**
Marjorie Phillips Jack Ballew
10/6 Hoagy Carmichael
Silas Fritts Kara Lynn Hevel
Terri King **10/21**
Page Scarborough Johnny Poore
Alison Smith Sarah Thomas Vick
10/7 David Wayland
Barry Hutchins **10/22**
Rick Meredith Jane Carey
10/9 Betty Kay Pierce
Mary Magill **10/23**
10/10 Nash Bowles
John R. Smith Reese Webster
Mark Stallard **10/24**
10/12 Larry Hurley
Sondra Davis **10/25**
Ada Ann Healey Emily Bigler
10/13 Landy Clemons
Jamie Fox Don Jackson
Ginger Page **10/26**
10/14 Alan Trivette
Becky Carmichael Rachel Clement
Lesley Swann Hadley Webb
10/15 **10/27**
Charlotte Kevin Cantrell
Hutchison Tate Russell
Glenda White **10/29**
10/16 Richard Cardwell
Mike Cook James Rollow
Savannah Amanda Sutton
Daugherty **10/31**
Mickey Fox Lisa Stallard

FBC DAY AT ANGELIC MINISTRIES

Saturday, October 31
9:00 a.m.

FBC will be doing the Music, Message and Food. Please call the Church Office if you would like to sign up to volunteer.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the baptistry on Sunday, October 4 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 4, are in loving memory of **Gary Hylton** and **Judy Hylton**. With Love, Jim, Mike, Jeff, Christa, Amy, Noah, Patty and George.

The flowers on the altar Sunday, October 11 are in loving memory of **JoAnne Zody's** birthday, October 21, given by Bill, Billy, Michael, and their families.

The flowers in the Sanctuary, Sunday, October 18, are in honor and appreciation of our **Pastor, Dr. Danny Chisholm** and his family, given by Beth and Jack Green.

The flowers on the altar Sunday, October 25, are in loving memory of **Leon & Delores Golden's** Wedding Anniversary, October 31.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Maud Fox, whose son, **Gary Fox**, passed away 9/4.

FAMILY LIFE CENTER SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
and 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday and Friday
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. only
This schedule is subject to change.

Church-wide Baby Shower
honoring
Courtney Fritts Ford



Saturday, October 10
Drop-in 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Family Life Center Portico
Registered at Babylist.com
It's a Boy!

FRIENDLY FIGURES

• **August Financial Summary**
Budget Receipts \$ 79,966
2020 Receipts/Wkly Avg. \$ 17,013
2020 Weekly Budget Req. \$ 17,284
Budget Expense \$ 66,729
August Deficit/Income \$ 13,237
2020 Deficit/Income \$ 23,508
TOTAL August 31 \$ 36,745

Thank you for your generous support of our church during this pandemic. You may continue to give online via the church website, by direct mail (P.O. Box 268, Clinton 37717) or by giving in person in the boxes provided. For questions, call the church office 457-9353.

BUSINESS MEETING REPORT

The August Financials and Minutes were approved. Office Kitchen cabinets will be replaced. HVAC upgrades were approved. We removed Stephen McNally from Trustees Committee and added Steve Long to the Committee. Jason Taylor's compensation for being praise team and contemporary worship leader was approved.

BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, October 21
6:00 p.m.
In the Sanctuary

LARGE GROUP SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, October 4
9:30 a.m.
Family Life Center, Gym
Psalm 24 (The Earth is the Lord's)
Led by Vicki Violette

Wednesday Night Bible Study "Joseph: A Man of Integrity and Forgiveness" Wednesdays, October 7 & 28 at 6:15 p.m.

Pastor Danny will lead us through a study of the life of Joseph—"a rags to riches (to rags to riches) story." It is an emotional journey that deals with parenting issues, family drama, jealousy, and betrayal. Ultimately, this account provides a wonderful example of the Providence of God in accomplishing a great purpose for an individual and a nation. Come join us!



Congratulations to Mike Aiken

on the publish of his book "Journeys in the Christian Experience". Now available on Amazon.com & Xulon Press Bookstore. Barnes and Noble should have it mid-autumn.

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Sunday, October 25

Halloween Treat Bags will be given to the children in both morning worship services. FBC Children who aren't able to attend in person, will have a treat bag delivered to them.

Wednesday, October 28

FBC Kids Halloween Party
5:30 p.m.
In the FBC Kids room
Children may wear their costumes!

Please make note of the following October cancellations:

- ♦ 2020-2021 Upward Season Cancelled
(See inside FG for more information)
- ♦ There will be no Wednesday Activities or Bible Study/Prayer Service during Fall Break, October 14.
- ♦ Due to the Pandemic we are unable to host Trunk or Treat this year.