

Pandemic Possibilities:

Pandemics often keep us focused on what we *can't* do, but they also bring great opportunities to love our neighbors in need! There are ways you can safely help your community! Make your holiday season most meaningful by considering some of the following:

- Gift bags for those vulnerable & in need** (our shut-in list, those shut-in because of quarantining, & our friends at the Towers): We need lots of help!!! Go to www.fbclinton.org/care-packages to craft a personal touch for our shut-ins: color bookmarks, decorate cards, create origami or a meaningful crochet chain from instructional videos! Drop off travel size lotion, travel sized Kleenex packets, and 12 pack colored pencils (\$1.00) in the Garden Room! Crafts & donations due Dec. 6th. Help also needed assembling bags, socially distanced!
- Christmas Caroling & Gift Bag delivery:** Thursday evening Dec. 17th. We have a greater number of shut-ins this year due to the pandemic. WE NEED HELP! Singing will be spaced out with masks on lawns. Gifts will be dropped off on the porch. If you can help, contact the church office.
- Our community is anticipating greater need for our **Angel Tree Ministry**. Consider "being Christmas" for a child on our Angel Tree, located in the Garden Room, beginning Nov. 8! Monetary donations are also accepted! Shoppers & Gift Wrappers also needed!
- Thanksgiving & Christmas **Food Box Giveaways:** We are raising funds for ~450 food boxes! We also need volunteers to assemble hospitality snack bags and donate cracker packs, granola bars, & Little Debbie treats (drop these off in the Garden Room & Earmark your monetary donations "Turkey Time").
- Our **Clothing Ministry** needs volunteers to sort, organize, fold, and hang up clothing! We are also searching for a new Clothing Ministry Coordinator.
- Our community is raising funds for an **AC Isaiah House**, temporary housing for Foster Children, by doing lemonade stands, t-shirt sales, and several other things! Contact Amanda for more info.
- Veteran's Day** is Nov. 11th! Consider donating to our American Legion Post to help veterans with rent, utilities, & various needs or making "Thanks for your service" cards to pass out at their meetings (15-30 in attendance), or for the Veteran's Nursing Home (~125 beds). Contact: Leon Jacquet, 865-556-0997. Mail donations to American Legion Post 172, P.O. Box 363, Clinton, TN 37717.
- The pandemic has created greater needs for the **homeless**—we're struggling to keep all our children, sick, and disabled living indoors. Consider donating funds, tents & sleeping bags, or Food City or Kroger gas gift cards (\$10 each) to help those living in their cars idle longer for warmth. Donations to AC TORCH.

9. Residents & staffs of **nursing homes** are under quarantine strain with residents separated from their loved ones and support systems. Consider these ways of supporting The Waters of Clinton: making cards, donating in-kind supplies, filling birdfeeders, decorating the outsides of residents' windows, etc. Contact Amanda for more info.

10. November is National **Caregivers** Month! It takes a special kind of person to be a caregiver! Caregiving is one of the hardest jobs there is, yet these folks are sooooo special, needed, and underappreciated. Caregiving for family members with **special needs** is especially straining during times of quarantine, when schedules are off, proximities are close, and stress is high. A support group is needed in our area. Take time to love the caregivers around you: Thank a caregiver! Pamper a caregiver! Give a caregiver an hour break!

11. **Frontline Workers!** Nursing home and hospital staff are under added strain! Consider supporting the doctors, nurses, and staff at Methodist Hospital in Oak Ridge by contacting Vo. Coord. Kim Mays (865-835-4170).

12. Quarantining is making area **refugees** feel even more estranged during this pandemic. Consider supporting Knoxville Internationals Network (with needs even in AC) by 1) being a face-to-face English language and mentoring partner 2) Have your small group adopt a refugee family for a period of one year (contacting them at least once a month)—help them assimilate, socialize, and navigate the ins & outs of daily life in America—basic support and encouragement. 3) decorate &/or deliver Christmas wreaths that KIN supplies. 4) Consider starting an ESL Class at our church!

Amanda Taylor, Minister of Missions, Director of Creative Ministries

A Season for Gratitude and Giving

Pastor Danny is kicking off a sermon series this month that stresses the importance of giving generously of our time, talents, and treasure. The familiar themes of generosity and faithfulness are needed and even more so now in closing in on the end of a very difficult year. God continually provides for our needs, and our response should be one of gratitude and grace. Here are the focal passages for each Sunday!

November 1	2 Corinthians 9.6-11
November 8	Matthew 25.14-30
November 15	Matthew 26.6-13
November 22	Philippians 4.8-9



FBC Angel Tree

The Angel Tree will be available in the Garden Room beginning **Sunday, November 8**. We currently have 16 children going on the tree.

Please have gifts at the church by Monday, December 7.

Volunteers are needed to shop and/or wrap. There is something everyone can do to help!



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.

Christian Service Center Clothing Coordinator needed.
Please contact Amanda Taylor for more information.

October Birthdays

11/1
Debbie Long
K.K. Webster

11/2
Cristine Schlandt
Alex Hill

11/3
Maud Fox
Wendy Gunnell

11/4
Ruby Rae Bailey
Andrew Davis
Mary Lou Floyd
Sophia Meredith
Emily Whitley

11/5
Maxine Holbrook

11/7
Ricky Foster
Susan Hammons
Lucas Heaton
Jack Koelsch
Ethel Taylor

11/8
Gladys Elkins
Pablo Salazar

11/9
Gwenda Ford
Daryl Long
Rachel Scarbrough

11/25
Angela Whitley
Michael Zody

11/11
Mitzi Bailey
Sarah Childers
Courtney Ford
Savannah Martin
Hunter Poore

11/13
James Burnett

11/14
Betty S. Cooper

11/15
Jackie Champion
James Hannah

11/16
Frank Hammerling
Brian Jenkins
Fischer Neal

11/17
Randy Page
Hayden
Scarbrough
Jim Tomlinson
James Garrett

11/20
Crystal Lawson
Robert Manning

11/21
Carol Hart

11/22
Sandra Robinson

11/23
Rodney Holbrook
Andrew Lynch
Joanna Pace

11/24
Melissa Fox
Kathleen Owen
Brenna Smith
David Williams

11/27
Matt Gunnell
Noah Hylton
Kim Meredith

11/29
Jennings Meredith

11/30
Dudley Bostic
Jenks Bostic
Shari Owens
Kaylee Webster

It's a Boy!

Congratulations to Travis and Lara Davis Bullington, on the birth of a baby boy, **Davis Asher Bullington**, born September 12. Also, congratulations to grandparents, Sondra and Earl Davis.

Memorial Flowers

The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary on Sunday, November 8 are in honor of all **Veterans**, given by Mike & Carolyn Cook.

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, November 15 are given by **Paul Smith's** wife and children in loving memory of his 96th birthday, which would have been November 14.

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, November 22 are in loving memory of **Larry Pierce**, whose birthday was November 22, given by Betty Kay Pierce and Lydia Thorpe.

Christian Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Margie Harding** (10/7) and to David Williams, whose mother, **Mary Williams**, passed away (10/13).

Renew Recovery

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

Prayer & Bible Study

Study: "Joseph: A Man of Integrity and Forgiveness"
Led by Pastor Danny
Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.
In the Sanctuary and Online
(*Business Meeting is the 3rd Wed., Monthly*)

Youth

Grades 6 - 12
Wednesdays
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Youth Dinner **6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

FBC Kids

Age 3 - Grade 5
Wednesdays
6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
Kids Dinner **5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.**



Friendly Figures

• **September Financial Summary**

Budget Receipts	\$ 56,543
2020 Receipts/Wkly Avg.	\$ 16,718
2020 Weekly Budget Req.	\$ 17,284
Budget Expense	\$ 64,499
September Deficit/Income	(\$ 7,956)
2020 Deficit/Income	\$ 36,745
TOTAL September 30	\$ 28,789

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 September Financials and Minutes were approved. The resignations of Kevin Heaton from the Youth Committee and Beth Meredith from the Children's Committee were approved. The church added Ben Neal to the Youth Committee. The FBC Missions Committee Goal for Lottie Moon and Global Missions was set at \$8,000. It was approved that \$500.00 of our \$1,000.00 allotted "Community Support" budgeted funds be given to the Clinton Office on Aging/Senior Center for use in their Christmas Boxes for low-income seniors in our area.

Large Group Sunday School

Sundays
9:30 a.m.
Family Life Center, Gym

Lottie Moon & Global Missions

FBC Offering Goal: \$8,000

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

If you would like to write an article for Advent Devotional Book, please contact Katrina at 457-9353.

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Thanksgiving Basket Distribution

Monday, November 23
Drive-Thru in the back, church parking lot
Beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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Give Thanks



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

Memorial for: _____
Given by: _____
Amount Given: _____

