

First Thoughts

Pitchers and Catchers have reported and spring training is underway! Baseball season is just around the corner and my St. Louis Cardinals mask will come in extra handy.

There's something about the establishment of a familiar routine that offers comfort, especially as we've all had to navigate through the perils of COVID-19. I'd rather deal with baseball season than the COVID season.

In her article "This year, I need Lent," Dr. Kate Hanch writes, "The rhythms of the liturgical year ground me, even as the pandemic distorts my sense of time."

That's how I feel. Finding something else to occupy our time other than what we've had to deal with is healthy for us. There's renewed optimism about a vaccine on the horizon, even though it's important to remain vigilant and diligent in our distancing and mitigation efforts.

I need Lent this year too. It meant so much to experience Ash Wednesday and be reminded of our mortality and sinfulness: "from dust you are and to dust you will return—repent and believe the gospel."

Over the next several weeks, our church will make its journey to the cross. I'm hopeful that each one of us will find a way to slow down and appreciate what Jesus Christ has done for us. We have so much to be thankful for, among the most valuable is our shared life together.

One of the ways we are demonstrating our unity in Christ is through stories. Each one of us has his or her own narrative of how we came to this church. Many of you have known each other for a long time, while others of us are new to this family of faith. Regardless of our background, each one of us is a thread for this wonderful tapestry known as First Baptist Church.

I hope you've enjoyed the "We are First Baptist Clinton" videos during the worship service. You can also find them on our website (media tab). These clips are meant to reinforce our shared life in the church during this time of separation—I appreciate all those who take part and the one who is producing them for us.

On a related note, please accept my thanks for your ongoing prayers, participation, and financial support. A pandemic can't stop the work of this church, so please know of my sincere gratitude for your faithfulness. We will make it through this, together.

Let's also remember those who are struggling due to the winter storm across our nation. Millions of Americans have been without power and it's a dangerous situation for many people.

Finally, I want to express gratitude to those who are working hard to keep schools open in our area; there are many places in our country where this is not the case. Let's take time to thank our administrators and teachers for their efforts.

Pastor Danny

From the FBC Pulpit

March 7	Dr. Danny Chisholm Romans 5:6-8
March 14	Dr. Danny Chisholm Matthew 6:19-21
March 21	Rev. Amanda Taylor
March 28	Dr. Danny Chisholm John 12:12-19

Sunday Services are at 8:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center, 10:40 a.m. in the Sanctuary and Online.

Congratulations

to Matt and Amanda Shoopman Patterson on the birth of their twins, born Sunday, January 24!

Emma Grace was born at 11:12 a.m., 2lb 4oz and 13.75in long. **Jaxon**

Matthew was born at 11:15 a.m. 3lb 4oz and 16.5in long. The twins are at

Children's Hospital and doing well. Prayers are welcomed and encouraged. Also, congratulations to proud grandparents, Wimp and Kathy Shoopman.



QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED

Continues on Wednesday Nights Through March 6:00 p.m.

In the Sanctuary and Online

Pastor Danny will continue his Wednesday night Bible Study on "Questions Jesus Asked" through the end of March.

Jesus was the master story teller and one of his favorite teaching methods included asking questions. We will look deeper into these questions and see how our responding to them can help us in our relationship with Christ.

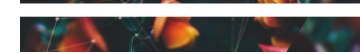


DON'T FORGET TO

Spring Forward

SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR

March 14



Holy Week at FBC

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 28

8:30 a.m. Family Life Center

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

(check with your teacher to make sure your class is meeting in-person)

10:40 a.m. Sanctuary AND ONLINE

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 1

6:00 p.m.

In the Sanctuary and Online

Good Friday

Friday, April 2

The Church Office, Family Life Center & WEE Ministry are closed.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 3

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Watch for more information in the April Newsletter.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 4

8:30 a.m. Family Life Center

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

(check with your teacher to make sure your class is meeting in-person)

10:40 a.m. Sanctuary AND ONLINE

2021 Offering Envelopes

Please pick up your 2021 Offering Envelopes in the Garden Room.

Easter Candy Needed!

We are accepting candy donations now through March 21 for our Easter Egg Hunt. Candy should be small enough to fit in the eggs. Drop off bins are located in the Garden Room and in the FLC Lobby.



FBC Kids

Age 3 - Grade 5

Wednesdays

6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

(Dinner is available 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. in the classroom)



Children's Sunday School Resumes

Sunday, March 7 at 9:30 a.m.



Youth Grades 6 - 12

Wednesdays

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

(Dinner is available 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. in the youth room)

Carson-Newman Endowment Scholarship

This scholarship is for a full-time undergraduate student for the 2021 Fall Semester. Please contact Joanna or Katrina in the church office at 865-457-9353 with your name, date of birth and CN student ID number **by April 26.**

March Birthdays

3/1 Finnian Wessels
3/4 Carleigh Cooper
Judy Henderson
Susie McCuiston
Bill Owen
Carolyn Page
Merelyn Young
3/5 Marty Harber
3/6 Bailey Fox
Debra Heaton
Pat S. Hess
Debbie Wall
3/7 Gracie Saunders
3/8 Aaron Harber
Ann McRae
3/13 Dave Hill
3/14 Michael Clement
3/15 Betsy Kay
Robinson
Garrett Zody
3/17 Gene Owens

3/18 Herbert Clark
Karen Eslinger
Anna Belle King
3/19 Haleigh Copeland
Tom Marshall
Chris Spradling
Sandra Stair
3/21 John Floyd
Martha Foster
Mike Hylton
Grayson Stovall
3/22 Brandi Boshears
Glenn Healey
3/25 James Bigler
Beverly Clark
Clydene Livengood
3/26 Betty Lou Brooks
Vicki Violette
3/28 Laura Bowles
Daniel Miller
3/29 Karen Barreira
3/31 Christina
Daugherty

Memorial Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, February 28 were in loving memory of **Terry Carpenter's** birthday, March 3 and in memory of **Von and Toni Carpenter**, given by Carol Carpenter.

The flowers in the Sanctuary on, Sunday, March 7 are in loving memory of **Frank Boggs'** birthday, March 11, given by Sue and family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, March 21 are in loving memory of **Helen Bowling's** birthday which was March 23, given by Billie Sue Hammer, Will, Whitney, Morgan and Millie Hammer, Clay, Ashley, Gabriella, and Adiaha Hammer and Carolyn Wilson.

If you would like to place flowers in someone's honor or memory, please contact the church office.

FLC Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9 a.m. -1 p.m. & 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Wednesday and Friday
9 a.m. - 1p.m. only

Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, March 9
5:30 p.m.
Sanctuary

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Scholarship Applications will be available in the church office, and are due to the church office by **Monday, April 26.**

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. This scholarship can be applied for all four years of college enrollment.

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. The scholarship can be applied for each year they are enrolled in the seminary.

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. It can be applied for all four years of students college enrollment.

Friendly Figures

January Financial Summary

Budget Receipts \$ 104,610
2021 Receipts/Wkly Avg. \$ 20,922
2021 Weekly Budget Req. \$ 17,378
Budget Expense \$ 70,882
January Deficit/Income \$ 33,728
2021 Deficit/Income \$ 33,728
TOTAL January 31 \$ 33,728

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 January Financials and Minutes were approved. The Missions offering for Annie Armstrong & Global Missions was set at \$3,000 combined. David Wayland moved his letter to Fair Havens Baptist Church, Powell.

Business Meeting

*Wednesday, March 24
6:00 p.m.
*Due to Spring Break, Business Meeting has been moved March 24.

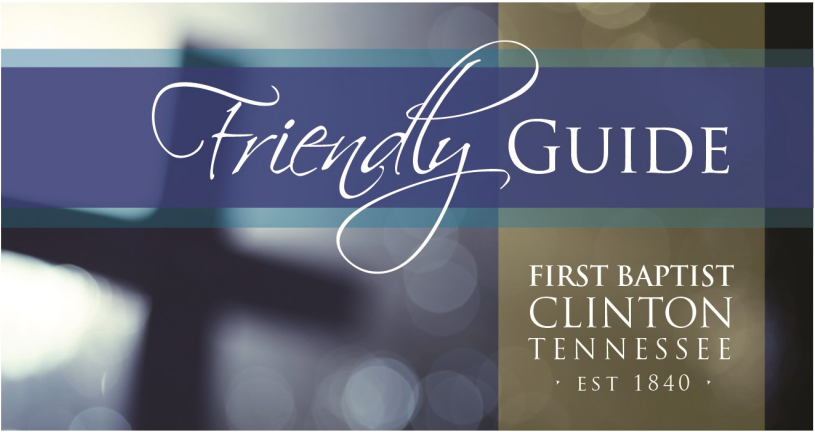
ReNew Recovery

Tuesdays
6:00 p.m.
Online Only



God working during an FBC Clinton mission or ministry opportunity, please write, type, concisely record (1-2 minutes of video or audio), or verbally share your story with Amanda. Help us collect these stories to share in the future (for more information, check out fbclinton.org (church blog) or our Facebook page). Approach mission opportunities with hearts of expectation—looking for Divine appointments and Divine encounters!

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SUNDAY SERVICES

In-person and Online
8:30 a.m. Family Life Center and 10:40 a.m. Sanctuary
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Children's Sunday School will resume March 7. Some adult classes are not meeting in-person at this time, please check with your teacher.

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

Adult Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
FBC Kids 6:15 p.m.
(Dinner at 5:30 p.m.)
Youth Refuge 6:30 p.m.
(Dinner at 6:00 p.m.)
Sanctuary Choir 7:00 p.m.

No Activities the Wednesday of Spring Break, March 17.
(Sanctuary Choir will meet at 7 p.m.)

**If there are changes to the schedule we will keep you informed.