

## First Thoughts

“Back to school.” Those three words bring all sorts of emotions to parents, students, and teachers alike. This Fall, however, there’s a cautious optimism that our experiences will be closer to a more “normal” school year. I’ve already purchased my season football tickets and will look forward to cheering on the team (and the band!).

On a related note, several students from our church represented our community in the Junior Olympics earlier this month in Texas. I know you join me in expressing pride and support for them and their parents!

There’s great enthusiasm for good things over the next several months, yet this is tempered with the reality that there is still a pandemic going on—especially among the unvaccinated. The vaccines have shown a 90% efficacy rate against contracting the COVID virus, and I’m grateful for its availability to us all.

Our church is not the same church that existed before March 2019. This is not only true for us but churches all across our country. Attendance is reflected in this reality as many church goers have gotten out of the practice of corporate Bible Study and worship during the last 14 months.

What this means for First Baptist is that we are entering a new season of Re-Gathering and Re-Connecting as a church family. With this in mind, our church staff will be moving us forward to “kicking off” the Fall. We will promote Sunday School small groups and participation in Wednesday night activities. The once a month combined worship service will also resume this month in the Sanctuary. There will be other fellowship opportunities in the months ahead.

On a related note, I wanted to express my appreciation for Betty Kay Pierce. She has blessed us with her presence and love for the Lord and our church family. She is a treasure and will be greatly missed.

Betty Kay’s last Sunday is August 29<sup>th</sup>. You can show your appreciation by taking part in the love offering for her, and expressing your personal gratitude for her Christian witness and example.

Pastor Danny

## The Second Quarter Financial Report (2021)

Our church income for the first six months of 2021 was approximately \$6,000 lower when compared to the same time frame of 2020. However, when comparing income to expenses for the past six months, our income for 2021 was approximately \$25,400 higher than our expenses. (At the end of the first quarter of this year, our income was only about \$8,000 higher than our expenses.)

The second quarter financial update is more positive than the first quarter report! Thank you to the many people who are continuing to faithfully support our church and its ministries with their tithes and offerings.

Finance Committee



Grades 6 - 12  
**Wednesdays**  
**August 18 - Slozfest**  
**August 25 - Refuge**  
**6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**  
 Food will be available.



**Saturday, August 14**  
**5:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.**  
 Grades 6 - 12  
**PROGRESSIVE DINNER PROVIDED**

**First Course** @ The Chisholm’s  
 106 Andorra Lane, Clinton  
**Main Course** @ Whitley Sr.’s  
 100 Mariner Point Drive, Clinton  
**Dessert** @ Whitley Jr.’s  
 514 Mariner Point Drive, Clinton  
**RSVP by August 1 for a free t-shirt!**

## SLOZFEST

**Wednesday, August 18**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
 Pizza & Kona Ice  
**6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**  
 On the Front Lawn  
**Grades 6 - 12**



This event involves food fights and messy relays. Don’t worry, the Clinton Fire Department will be here to hose you down at the end! Your clothes will be ruined for life so wear what can be thrown away! Please bring a towel!



## SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR THE TEACHER DEPOT

12 pack of Colored Pencils, 24 pack of Crayola Crayons, Glue Sticks Highlighters (no yellow), Pencils, Pencil Top Eraser Packs, Children’s Scissors, Black Sharpies  
*Supplies can be dropped off in the Garden Room*



## FALL KICK-OFF

**Wednesday, August 18**  
**6:00 p.m.**

Church Back Parking Lot  
 Preschool—5th Grade

**Bring your family & friends for:**  
**HOT DOGS, KONA ICE, INFLATABLES, AND LIVE ANIMALS !**

Parents are asked to stay with their children during this event.



FBC Kids resumes on Wednesday nights, beginning, **August 25, 5:30 p.m.**

Dinner in the FBC Kids Room  
**6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.**  
 FBC Kids - Music, Crafts, Bible Story

## Church-wide Event!

### Tubing at the River Rat in Townsend

**Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**Meet at the River Rat @ 11 a.m.**  
 RSVP to Amy Hylton (865) 235-7283



## Betty Kay Pierce Letter of Resignation

Please accept this letter as a formal resignation from my role as, Director of Education and of Children and Young Families. My last Sunday will be August 29, 2021.

Thank you for the knowledge and experience I have gained, and for the opportunity to work with and for a great church family. My reason for leaving is to be closer to family in middle TN.

“It is in the crucible of ones’ personal private thoughts that ones’ dreams are born.” Wintley Phipps. You have allowed me to fulfill a dream, that of working as part of a church staff. Thanks for all the encouragement and assistance that you have provided me.

Betty Kay Pierce



## Love Offering for Betty Kay Pierce

A love offering for Betty Kay will be received now through August 29. Love offering envelopes are located in the Sanctuary pews and in the Family Life Center. Please make checks payable to First Baptist Church and note on the envelope that the gift is for Betty Kay Pierce. If you are giving online, please choose “other” and note that it’s a love offering for Betty Kay.

*We will look forward to having Betty Kay back for a reception after she has gotten settled into her home in Murfreesboro.*

## Back to School Prayer

On **Sunday, August 8**, Jason Taylor will be giving the message. During the service we will have a time of prayer for students, teachers and all staff at Clinton City Schools and Anderson County Schools.

## Sunday School Promotion & Teacher Dedication

On **\*Sunday, August 15** the Children and Youth will promote to their new classes at 9:30 a.m. The 1st graders and 6th graders will be presented a Bible during the **Combined Service at 10:40 a.m. in the Sanctuary** and we will have a special prayer for Sunday School teachers. \*Children and Youth will visit their new classes the last 10 minutes of class on August 8.

## Memorial Flowers

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar Sunday, August 8 are in loving memory of **Bill Biven's** birthday, August 10, given by his wife, Zora and their children, Beth Anne, Susan, and Bill.

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar Sunday, August 15, are in loving memory of **W.A. Bowling, Jr.**, whose birthday was August 15, given by Billie Sue Hammer, Will, Whitney, Morgan, and Millie Hammer, Clay, Ashley, Gabriella, Adiah Hammer and Carolyn Wilson.

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar Sunday, August 22, are given in loving memory of **James and Ernestine Gann** by their children - Larry Gann, Barbara Sanders, Elaine McCall, and Lisa Hackworth.

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar Sunday, August 29, are in loving memory of Jane Halcomb's mother, **Theda M. Cate's** birthday, August 29 and in celebration of **Mark and Jane Halcomb's 40th Anniversary**, also, August 29, given by Mark and Jane Halcomb.



Fresh Start  
Sunday School Class  
**Fellowship Breakfast**  
Sunday, August 8  
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
In the Fresh Start Sunday School Room, Level 3 Room B 310  
**There will be a light breakfast and you can pick up your study guide "Living in the Spirit".**

Class will begin August 15 at 9:30 a.m. and is led by Lori Chisholm.

## It's A Girl!

Congratulations to Andy and Bradley Harness on the birth of a baby girl, **Lillian Mae Harness**, born Tuesday, July 13.



## Wednesday Bible Study

**6:30 p.m.**  
Lower Auditorium  
**Note new start time is 6:30 p.m.!**  
On Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Chisholm begins a new series entitled "**Acts: Living with Passionate Faith.**" This book of the Bible records many of the actions of the Apostles in the formation of the early church. Their joys, trials, mistakes, and victories provide valuable lessons for the church today.

## From the FBC Pulpit

August 01	I Thess 5:16-24
August 08	Rev. Jason Taylor
August 15	Luke 18:35-43
August 22	Luke 17:1-9
August 29	Luke 18:9-14

## Manna Ministry

Wednesday Fellowship Dinners will resume on Wednesday, September 8. Gifts can be made to the Manna Ministry so that our guests can eat with us on Wednesdays. Please make note on your envelope or check that it is for the Manna Ministry Fund.



You are invited to a  
50th Anniversary Celebration  
for **Ronnie & Bobbie Williams**  
on **Sunday, August 22.**  
Drop in **2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.** in the  
Family Life Center, Hearth Room.  
No gifts please.

## Friendly Figures

### June Financial Summary

Budget Receipts	\$ 74,116
2021 Receipts/Wkly Avg.	\$ 17,186
2021 Weekly Budget Req.	\$ 17,878
Budget Expense	\$ 70,057
June Deficit/Income	\$ 4,059
2021 Deficit/Income	\$ 21,354
TOTAL June 30	\$ 25,413

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 June Financials and Minutes were approved. Committee on Committee updates to the Main Committee List, the General Committee Policies, and a few committee resignations were approved. Betty Kay Pierce's resignation as Education Director and Minister of Children & Young Families was accepted (letter inside FG). Vicki Violette will be serving part-time as our Minister of Education beginning September 1. A love offering for Betty Kay Pierce was approved beginning now through August 29.

## Business Meeting

**Wednesday, August 18**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
Lower Auditorium

## Congratulations!

Scholarships will be presented August 1 to the Ervin and Freddie Queener Scholarship Recipients: **Emily Bigler, Lucy Chisholm, and Anna Temple.**



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## C.H.S. Staff Breakfast

First Baptist Church is honored to provide breakfast for the staff at Clinton High School, August 6, to show them our appreciation.

## In Christian Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Maud Fox** (7/14).

## Deacons Meeting

**Tuesday, August 10**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
Sanctuary

## ReNew Recovery

**Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m.**  
Main Church Bldg., Level 1

## Calling All Books!

If you or your child has a book to return to the Church Library, please place it in the basket on the shelf by the elevator on level 2 or in the Library on Sunday morning.



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## 2nd Annual Anderson County Community Resource Fair

**The More We Know**  
**The More Love We Show**

**Sunday, August 15**  
**12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**  
Family Life Center, Gym

Find the resources you need!  
Eat free lunch while learning about the wonderful services taking place in our community! Helping agencies and ministries will set up tables with info and freebies. Children's activities will also be provided.



Youth and Kids Promote to new Sunday School classes. Bibles will be presented to 1st graders and 6th graders.

## Combined Worship Service

**Sunday, August 15**  
**10:40 a.m.**  
Sanctuary

## Youth Slozfest & FBC Kids Kick-Off

**Wednesday, August 18**  
See inside Friendly Guide for Details!