

## First Thoughts

A fellow Tennessee pastor, Mike Glenn, penned an article entitled “Things Will Never Be Normal—And That’s OK.”

He writes, “Every day, I get a call from someone who wants to know when we’ll get back to normal. The honest answer is we don’t know. The real answer is ‘never.’”

I think he’s right. I don’t see us ever returning to a pre-COVID posture, and it will be up to us as to whether that will be a good thing or not. It’s possible that we can learn some valuable lessons about the importance of our life together.

Our church staff is doing our best to maintain our mission and ministries while mindful of the changing conditions around us. I’m not sure what ‘normal’ looks like anymore; my focus is helping us move forward as a family of faith while remaining humble about our future. We will adapt and make changes as needed.

Some of our schools have reached their threshold of reported COVID cases which results in masks being mandated on their campuses. School attendance is mandatory, of course, while church attendance is not (this was true before the pandemic).

I’ve been encouraged by the number of us attending in person worship and activities. Masks are available if you need one, and most of us have at least one mask, so please do what is best. If you are sick, please remain at home until you recover and watch the worship service online.

Remember: vaccines are readily available and the Food & Drug Administration recently gave its support and approval for the Pfizer vaccine. Hopefully, this will instill additional confidence for persons to get vaccinated.

My focus remains on our “Re-Gathering and Re-Connecting” as a church family. This effort is going to take a while and will require perseverance and patience. As you’ve heard me say before, we all need space and grace these days.

On a related note, I wanted to let you know of my plan to take a month sabbatical in July 2022. This is part of the Pastoral Call Agreement that I signed with this church; I’ll provide additional details in the months ahead.

Finally, I’m excited to welcome Vicki Violette to our church staff as Minister of Education and Lauren Neal as our Interim Minister of Children. Let’s be sure to pray for them as they transition into their leadership roles.

Thank you for your faithfulness in your prayers, giving, and participation in the life of our church. We are still the church whether we are “gathered” or “scattered” so let’s live our lives in faith knowing “our labor for the Lord is not in vain” (1 Cor. 15:58).

Pastor Danny



Grades 6 - 12

**Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**  
Dinner is available at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room..

## YOUTH SLOZFEST



## YOUTH POOL PARTY & PROGRESSIVE DINNER



FBC Kids

**Wednesdays**

**6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.**

Music, Crafts, Bible Story  
Dinner is available at 5:30 p.m. in the FBC Kids room.

## FALL KICK-OFF



**Special thanks** to the Clinton High School Students and Agriculture teacher, Morgan Frye, for bringing the horses to our FBC Kids Kick-off!

**Thank you to those that made donations to the Teacher Depot!**



## Bible Presentations

Bibles were presented to our 1st graders Sunday, August 15. Bibles were also presented to our 6th graders, Jacob and James David Meredith. (no picture available)

## Welcome New FBC Staff Members



*Lauren Neal has been hired as our Interim Minister of Children, effective September 1, 2021.*



*Vicki Violette has been hired as our Minister of Education, effective September 1, 2021.*

## CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION COOKOUT

**Tuesday, September 28**  
**6:00 p.m.**

If you have EVER volunteered with the Christian Service Center, you are invited!  
More info coming soon!



**SUNDAY OCTOBER 3RD**  
**FOOD | FELLOWSHIP | FUN**

**COVE LAKE STATE PARK**

More Information Coming Soon!



## Memorial Flowers

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar, Sunday, September 5, are in loving memory of **Bill Howell's** birthday, September 6, given by Dot Howell.

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar, Sunday, September 12, are in loving memory of **Steven Clark's** birthday, which was September 14, given by his mother and stepfather, Ada Ann and Glenn Healey, and his brother, Robert Clark.

The flowers in the Sanctuary, Sunday, September 19 are in loving memory **Andy Halcomb's** birthday, September 11 and **Anne Halcomb's** birthday, September 21, given by Mark, Jane, Foster, Andrew and Emily Halcomb.

The flowers in the Sanctuary, Sunday, September 26 are in honor of and in celebration of **Elizabeth Tavener's** Birthday given by her 3 sons - Tim, Sam, and Jim.

## In Christian Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Pam Hamby, whose mother, **Elsie Meredith**, passed away (8/11), to the family of **Carl Elliott** (8/14), and to the family of **Marjorie Whittlesey** (8/22).

## It's A Boy!

Congratulations to Dustin Yates & Kelli Kazmier on the birth of a baby boy, **Arthur Kazmier Yates**, born 8/19. Also, congratulations to grandparents, Lisa & Randy Yates.

## Calling All Books!

Church Library books can be returned in the basket on the shelf by the elevator on level 2.

## Adult Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

**Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.**

Lower Auditorium

Pastor Danny is leading a series entitled **"Acts: Living with Passionate Faith."**

## From the FBC Pulpit

September 05 Mark 5:21-34

September 12 John 4:46-54

September 19 John 2.1-11

September 26 Joshua 6:1-11

## Crafts @ the Towers

**Saturday, September 11**

If you would like to help with this ministry, please let Cheryl Broome or the church office know.



## Join us for a Baby Shower Honoring Savannah Martin & Baby Boy Brooks

**Sunday, September 5**

**2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

FLC Hearth Room

Registered at Babylist and Target.

Books for Baby! Please bring a well loved or new book instead of a card with a message from you to baby Brooks.



**Church-wide Trip**

**Saturday, September 18**

**Meet at the Museum at 11:00 a.m.**

RSVP to Amy Hylton (865) 235-7283

## Friendly Figures

### July Financial Summary

Budget Receipts	\$ 78,847
2021 Receipts/Wkly Avg.	\$ 17,389
2021 Weekly Budget Req.	\$ 17,878
Budget Expense	\$ 71,049
July Deficit/Income	\$ 3,798
2021 Deficit/Income	\$ 25,413
TOTAL July 31	\$ 29,211

Thank you for your generous support of our church. 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.



Scan the QR Code to Connect with online giving.

## Business Meeting Report

The July Financials and Minutes were approved. Lauren Neal was hired to be the Interim Minister of Children effective September 1. Vicki Violette's resignation as deacon was approved. Cook's Mechanical will be hired to work on boilers. Webb's Lawn Care will mulch the entire church campus. Church insurance was increased. We added Sean Copeland, Joseph, Kelly, and Morgen French to the church roll.

## Business Meeting

**Wednesday, September 15**

**6:30 p.m.**

Lower Auditorium

## Deacons Meeting

**Tuesday, September 14**

**5:30 p.m.**

Sanctuary

## Special Thanks

Thank you to those who provided a booth, volunteered, or attended the 2nd Annual Anderson County Community Resource Fair!



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## Labor Day Closings

The Church Office, Family Life Center & WEE Ministry will be closed Monday, September 6 for Labor Day.



*Deacons to be ordained:  
James Hamby, Mike Hammons,  
Ashley Neal and Jill Whitaker.*

*The Deacon Ordination Council meeting is  
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the Lower Auditorium.  
All ordained deacons are invited to attend.*

## COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE AND FAVORITE TEAM SUNDAY

*Wear your favorite jersey or team color!*

*Sunday, September 19*

*8:30 a.m.*

*Family Life Center*

*The Lord's Supper will be observed.*

*(No 10:40 a.m. Service this day)*