

First Thoughts

Fall is here! That means football, cooler temperatures, and the changing colors of leaves. It's my favorite time of the year, and I know many of you feel the same way. With all that we've gone through, any change may seem like a good thing.

Like other churches in our nation, we have had to respond to changes in attendance, giving, and life in the fellowship. During our September business meeting, it was pointed out that contributions to the operating budget are \$50,000 below our budget needs (year to date). Fortunately, giving has been above expenses until two months ago. Spending has not increased significantly, however, our financial contributions have noticeably decreased.

We are moving into the last quarter of the calendar (and fiscal year). Soon, committees and leadership will be coming together to create a budget for 2022. How we finish our current year will inform what our church will be able to do for next year. There is also a search for a Children's Minister ongoing and if we are to add another staff member, there will need to be a corresponding increase to the operating budget.

I'm asking that we come together to catch up on tithes and offerings to our church and/or join me in increasing your regular contributions to the operating budget. You can do this by mailing in your offering, dropping it in the offering boxes in the FLC, Sanctuary, or staff hallway, and by using the electronic giving option on our website.

One of the casualties of the pandemic is the loss of important spiritual habits. I'm sure you've noticed as well. I'm praying for the Lord to awaken our resolve to be faithful through attendance, giving, prayer, and service. I encourage you to participate in in-person worship, but if you are sick or unable to do so, please maintain your connection through our online worship services.

On a related note, I wanted to ask for your prayers for Sunday School and creating additional classes (LifeGroups). My hope is that we will be able to re-launch a Young Adult group as well as other small groups in the near future. Our ability to do this will depend on persons in our church who will be willing to serve as teachers and leaders.

I also realize that our church has experienced a number of deaths over the last several months. Let's remember those who are grieving the loss of loved ones; these are moments for us to be supportive and come together as a church family.

Finally, I wanted to give thanks for the ministry of our Family Life Center. This building remains an important presence in our church and community. I wanted to recognize Lisa Yates, Jerry Cloyd, and Alan Neal for their ongoing leadership and faithfulness to us.

I want to offer special appreciation to Lisa for her 25 years of faithful service as a member of our church staff. This is an amazing accomplishment and we have all been blessed by her devotion and Christian witness. I am thankful for her friendship and her time with us all.

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.
No Refuge 10/13.



YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT

Sunday, October 24
5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
FLC Level 2

Based on a true story, a newly ordained former sales exec-turned pastor, gets as his first assignment, a failing Episcopal country church in Tennessee, which has been slated for shut-down. His assignment, and his life, get very complicated and challenged when some newly arrived refugees from war-torn Burma, come to the church for help.

Youth



Bonfire

Saturday, October 30
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
At the Taylor's Home
119 Indian Hills Circle
Snacks, S'mores, Drinks



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.
No FBC Kids 10/13.
Follow us @FBCKidsClinton

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 31
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Church Parking Lot
Kids invite your family and friends.
See front cover for more details.

Kids Craft Night



with Southern Grace Mercantile
Wednesday, November 17
5:30 p.m. Dinner
5:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. Christmas Program Rehearsals
6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. Making Christmas Ornaments with Charlene Saunders, Southern Grace Mercantile!

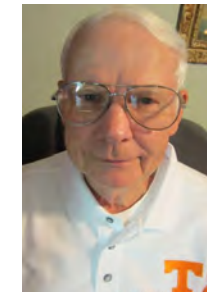


Sunday, October 3
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Cove Lake State Park—Pavilion #4

Celebrating FBC Staff Anniversaries



Lisa Yates - 25 years
Community Ministries & FLC Coordinator



Jerry Cloyd - 10 years
FLC Activities Associate



Alan Neal - 10 years
FLC Activities Associate

We will be recognizing Lisa, Jerry and Alan on Sunday, October 17 during the 10:40 Combined Worship Service in the Sanctuary. Please take time to thank these three for their service at First Baptist Church.

Mike Hammons

I was born in Detroit, MI in September 1953. As a child we attended Westside Central Church of Christ where my uncle was an elder. He took us to church every Sunday. I was baptized at age 8. I gave my first sermon at age 9 to my Sunday school class. Public speaking is not my gift. The church was made up of transplanted southerners working in Detroit factories. My family spent every summer at my grandparent's farm in Virginia. So I grew up in southern culture even though we lived in Detroit. I was a member of the Metropolitan Detroit Youth Choir (MDYC). We traveled around Detroit giving concerts on Sunday evenings. In the spring of 1968 we went to Europe to give a series of concerts in six different countries. We sang a cappella for an hour each stop.



I moved to Oak Ridge in 1974 to work at Y-12 as a draftsman. Designing mechanical devices was my passion.

Susan and I met at Central Baptist Church in Oak Ridge and married in 1980. Her three children were young and we raised them together. The children are all married and we have seven grown grandchildren.

We have lived in Oak Ridge, Oliver Springs and Clinton.

We attended First Baptist Clinton while Sam Dean was the pastor. I taught RAs and determined that teaching children was not my gift.

While attending Grace Baptist Church. I went on a mission trip to Romania in the Spring 2002. I also led a men's bible study group, a life changing experience for me.

We returned to First Baptist Clinton when Stan Elliott was the pastor and joined Bill Pace's Sunday school class. We have learned that small groups are about love, accountability and praying for each other.

I feel honored and humbled to be called to serve as a deacon.

Memorial Flowers

The flowers in the baptistry on Sunday, October 3 are in loving memory of **R.C. Fox's** birthday which is October 7, given by his family.

The flowers on the altar Sunday, October 3, 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 10, were placed there by Charlie Abner in loving memory of **Wanda Abner** for their Wedding Anniversary.

The flowers on the altar Sunday, October 17 are in loving memory of **JoAnne Zody's** birthday, October 21, given by Bill, Billy, Michael, and their families.

The flowers on the altar, Sunday, October 24, 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 31, are in loving memory of **Leon & Delores Golden's** Wedding Anniversary, October 31.

In Christian Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Martha Foster whose mother, **Jane Sain**, passed away (8/29), to the family of **Jennings Meredith** (8/29), to the family of **Jane Horton** (9/3), to the family of **Bill Owen** (9/9), to the family of **Randy Page** (9/22), to Stacey & Ricky Foster, on the death of Ricky's mother, **Deane Foster** (9/22), and to the family of **Dennie Worthington** (9/27).

Turkey Time for the CSC

Here is how you can help: Donate \$25.00 for a complete holiday meal for a family. Our Holiday Food Boxes are giving out at Thanksgiving & Christmas. Please note on your check or envelope that the donation is for Turkey Time.

From the Pulpit

Sundays

8:30 a.m. FLC

10:40 a.m. Sanctuary

October Emphasis:

"Signs" from the Gospel of John
Oct. 03 Jesus healing the Paralytic
Oct. 10 Jesus feeding the 5000
Oct. 17 Jesus walking on water
Oct. 24 Jesus healing the blind man
Oct. 31 Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead

Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays

6:30 p.m.

Lower Auditorium

Oct. 06 The Book of Acts

Oct. 13 Fall Break (no activities)

Oct. 20 Business Meeting

Oct. 27 The Book of Acts

Business Meeting

Wednesday, October 20

6:30 p.m.

Lower Auditorium

Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, October 12

5:30 p.m.

Sanctuary

Deacon Ordination

Jill Whitaker, Ashley Neal, Mike Hammons



Friendly Figures

• August Financial Summary

Budget Receipts	\$ 67,171
2021 Receipts/Wkly Avg.	\$ 16,824
2021 Weekly Budget Req.	\$ 17,878
Budget Expense	\$ 74,792
August Deficit/Income	(\$ 7,621)
2021 Deficit/Income	\$ 29,211
TOTAL August 31	\$ 21,590

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 August Financials and Minutes were approved. Cook's Mechanical will be repairing the leak in the CSC. Copeland Brother will install new LED fixtures on the roof that shine on the steeple. New toilets and handrails will be installed in the CSC and volunteers will be painting the CSC. Mark Foust will power wash the concrete in front of church and steps in the front parking lot. The bus will be sold to Johnny Poore. Jim Hamby's resignation from Deacons was approved. Cally Chisholm was added to the church roll by letter (University Heights Baptist Church, MO)

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER REPORT AUGUST, 2021:

Served 167 individuals
23 Children, 89 Adults, 55 Seniors
4768 food items were distributed.
163 clothing items and 8 miscellaneous items such as toiletries, etc. were provided.
An additional 45 food items were distributed to 2 individuals in an emergency situation in a neighboring county.

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Children's Minister & Young Families Search Committee

Please be in prayer for these individuals as they work together to bring the right person to lead and work with our children, parents, and young families: Beth Green, Ann Gann, Todd Fox, Darla Fritts, Stefanie Holbrook, Debbie Long, Lauren Neal, and Sandi Tomlinson.

Welcome to FBC New Member



Cally Chisholm



~OCTOBER 2021~



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

FBC CHURCH PARKING LOT

Hot Dogs, Drinks, Storytellers, Costume Contest, Monster Mash Dance and Best Decorated Trunk Award

Please call the church office if you plan to be here with a decorated trunk with candy so we can make sure we have enough.

Candy donations for the event can be dropped off in the Garden Room or Family Life Center.

Admission

One Canned Good
Cranberry Sauce or Green Beans

Candy Donations Needed!