

Happy New Year!! We hope each of you have had a special Christmas and New Year celebration with your family and friends and are looking forward to the excitement, opportunities, and blessings of 2022.

As we look into the month of January in the life of our church, we wanted to let you know of two upcoming events.

First, we would like to update the name of "Sunday School." Our time at 9:30 each Sunday morning is more than "School that meets on Sunday." Our groups not only participate in Bible Study, but we also enjoy the fellowship of friends, support each other through difficult times, celebrate during happy times, and serve together in ministry. We often get together during the week for meals and activities. Since we are friends sharing life as a group, we think it would be appropriate to move from the term "Sunday School" to "LifeGroups." Many churches have updated the name of Sunday School and we would like to move in that same direction. So, on January 16, 2022, we will begin using the term "LifeGroups" to better reflect the purpose and activities of our current Sunday School classes.

Also, several months ago, our church voted to create a new group named the "Prevention of Sexual Misconduct Committee (PSMC)." This group of three individuals (Debbie Long, Greg Fay, and Vicki Violette) was formed as a standing committee that will lead our Church in trainings and in writing policies and procedures that may prevent any type of sexual misconduct from occurring at First Baptist Church. Part of this process is to facilitate annual training sessions to help our church members become more aware of possible issues in this area and to provide information on how we can work together to prevent any type of sexual misconduct from occurring within our church. The first of these training sessions will occur on January 30th from 9:30 am – 10:30 am in the Sanctuary. We believe that this issue is so important in the life of our Church that we need to provide this training at a time when we can reach the greatest number of people. We would like to invite all Sunday School Classes/LifeGroups together on this day. We encourage each of you to meet with us to increase your knowledge of this issue and to receive training on how to protect our children and any vulnerable adults from situations where sexual misconduct may occur.

There are many exciting things that are occurring in our Church as we begin the new year! Lauren Neal will continue as Interim Minister of Children. Rev. Jason Taylor will move into his new role of Minister of Young Adults and FLC Ministries, and Rev. Ben Neal will be beginning his new position of Interim Minister to Youth. Sunday School/LifeGroup attendance is increasing and we have added a new Preschool Class, a Middle School Class, and a College and Career Class that meets each Sunday morning. Our FBCKids attendance on Wednesday nights is also increasing, and Upward Basketball and Cheer will begin this month. I hope you can feel the renewed sense of energy and excitement in our Church! Please continue to pray for our FBC ministries and for opportunities to show God's love with those in our church and throughout our community.

Vicki Violette
Minister of Education



Grades 6 - 12
Wednesdays, RESUMES January 12
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Dinner is available at **6:00 p.m.**



FBC Kids

Wednesdays
RESUMES January 12
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.
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The Good News Flash

Clinton Upward

Upward Basketball and Cheer is for ages K4 - Grade 4. Practices will begin the week of January 3 and the first game will be Saturday, January 15. We will play every Saturday through March 5.

Special Thanks to Clinton Christian Church

First Baptist Church's Christian Service Center was given a gift of \$15,500 from the proceeds of the Clinton Christian Church building sale.

Prevention of Sexual Misconduct Annual Training

Sunday, January 30
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Sanctuary
All LifeGroups will meet together on this day. More information about this training can be found in Vicki's article to the left.

A Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to all those who made my retirement luncheon a special farewell gift! I appreciate all the effort and beautiful decorations from Katrina, the Hostess Committee and volunteers that transformed the Gym for the luncheon. Also thanks and love to... Staff, Friends and the Church & Community Family for all their kind words, either in person or by video. Sandra and her crew for the delicious food! Jerry for setting up and for his continuous support & love (and Donna for letting him ditch chores to work at the FLC). Nancy for her spectacular singing and Greg for his commentary. Todd & AV for providing video and support for the event. Also, thank you to those who gave a Love Offering.

Take care and be kind – love you all! Lisa Yates

Rev. Ben Neal FBC Interim Minister of Youth

Ben grew up at First Baptist Church, Clinton. He graduated from Carson-Newman University in 2010 and Mercer University McAfee School of Theology with a Masters in Divinity in 2013. He was ordained into ministry in 2015 at FBC Decatur. He is married to Ashley Simcox Neal, who currently serves as an FBC Deacon. They have 4 sons, Max, Malachi, Sam and Zeke. Ben's hobbies include Tennis, Hiking, and Disc Golf. He also works full-time as a Hospice Chaplin with UT Medical Center. We are excited to have Ben serving as Interim Minister of Youth here at FBC!



2021 Angel Tree Report

79 Served: 72 Children and 7 Moms

from Head Start, call ins, and MIST which is a women's ministry at Ridgeview in Oak Ridge. This year was (AGAIN) a much different year, and we expected it to be. We had families, individuals and some Sunday School classes sign up to shop. Again, we are always touched to see the heart our church has for families in need.



Thank you to all those who sponsored a child or gave monetary gifts to help us shop for those without a sponsor. Special Thanks to Beth Green, Sondra Davis, and Laura Bowles.



Dear First Baptist Church,

We at Ridgeview Behavioral Health want to send out a huge thank you to First Baptist Church for all they do to support our mission to help those with Mental Health and Substance Abuse issues. We cannot begin to name all the ways in which your members have been supportive but would like to mention just a few. Your members helped provided everything from sheets to furniture, also diapers, formula and blankets for families that had nothing. You provided Thanksgiving baskets for our families. Now, at the end of the year, we are so grateful for the support from your Angel Tree, and especially Sondra Davis and Beth Green for their selfless acts of kindness for our families. We are truly grateful for the support!

Sincerely,
Melody Morris, LADAC

Memorial Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary on January 2 are in loving memory of **Fred and Scott Fox**, given by Onah Fox.

The flowers in the sanctuary on January 16 are in loving memory of **Monnie Champion's** birthday, which was January 15, given by Jackie, Elyssa, and Eric Champion and Erin Lambert.

The flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday, January 23, are in loving memory of **Homer H. Wallace**, whose date of birth was January 27, given by Dorothy Howell.

It's A Girl!

Congratulations to Lydia and Brad Sellers and little sister Edie on the birth of a baby girl, **Margo Katherine** on 12/7. Proud grandparents are Martha and Lynn Foster.

In Christian Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Gwenda Ford and Steve Pyatt whose daughter, **Katie Pyatt Davis**, passed away, December 5.

Deacon Eligibility List

If you like your name removed from the 2022 Deacon Eligibility List that will be mailed out the first week in January, please contact Katrina in the church office as soon as possible.

Spirit Sisters

(Widows Support Group)
Meeting Monday, January 3, 4:30 p.m. at Apple Blossom and on Monday, January 17 (location to be announced).

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meets on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.



Welcome New Members



Jason, Lisa, Emma, Jacob, Claire Cox

From the Pulpit

Sundays in January
8:30 a.m. & 10:40 a.m.

02 Dr. Vicki Violette
09 Revelation 20:11-15
16 2 Peter 3:3-13
23 Revelation 21:1-8
30 Matthew 24:36-44

Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, January 11
5:30 p.m.
Sanctuary

Business Meeting

Wednesday, January 19
6:30 p.m.
Lower Auditorium

New Mid-Week Study

Wednesdays, Begins January 12
6:30 p.m.
Lower Auditorium

Pastor Danny will be leading a new book study entitled "The Baptist Identity: Four Fragile Freedoms." We will deal with questions like "What does it mean to be a Baptist?" "What is the shape and feel of Baptist Christianity?" and "What makes a Baptist a Baptist?" Books are not required to participate, but the church office has a limited supply for purchase (\$8) for those who would like one.

November Financial Summary

Budget Receipts	\$ 65,329
2021 Receipts/Wkly Avg.	\$ 16,450
2021 Weekly Budget Req.	\$ 17,878
Budget Expense	\$ 69,663
November Deficit/Income	(\$ 4,334)
2021 Deficit/Income	\$ 3,530
TOTAL November 30	(\$ 804)

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.



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Missions Goal

The Lottie Moon and Global Missions combined Goal is **\$8,000**.
Lottie Moon \$1,925
Global Missions \$1,030
Received to date \$2,955

2022 Budget Approved

Sunday, December 5
116 Yes, 4 No

Business Meeting Report

The November Financials and Minutes were approved. Rev. Ben Neal will serve as Interim Minister of Youth beginning January 1, 2022. The church staff will receive a Christmas (gift) Bonus. The following committee resignations were approved: Angela Hamby from Host/Hostess and Jonathan Childers from Personnel. The church added the following names to the church roll by statement: Jason and Lisa Cox (children: Emma, Jacob and Claire Cox)

CSC DISTRIBUTIONS NOVEMBER, 2021:

Served 172 individuals
22 Children 94 Adults 56 Seniors
5237 food items were distributed.
319 clothing items and 71 miscellaneous items provided. 261 Thanksgiving boxes distributed which included a turkey and 20 food items. (This is not included in the weekly food items.)

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Baby Dedication

Matt and Amanda Patterson dedicated themselves and their children, **Emma Grace** and **Jaxon Matthew** to the Lord on Sunday, December 19.

2022 Offering Envelopes

Please pick up your 2022 Offering Envelopes on the tables located in the hall behind the Sanctuary.

Christmas Memorials

Please see insert for the list of Christmas Memorials.



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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CLINTON, TENNESSEE



WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO
KICKING OFF THE NEW YEAR WITH
UPWARD BASKETBALL AND CHEERLEADING!

Practices will begin the week of January 3, 2022.
Mondays. 6:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church
Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. at Second Baptist Church

First game will be Saturday, January 15, 2022.

Volunteers are needed!
We are needing two more coaches, extra refs
and other volunteers to help during games.
If you can help, please contact Tommy Meredith
at 865-755-3544.

The Church Office, FLC and WEE are closed January 3.
There will be no Wednesday Night Activities
on Wednesday, January 5.
Activities will resume on January 12.