

First Thoughts

“Great minds talk about ideas, average minds talk about events, small minds talk about people.”

This quote or a variation thereof has been attributed to a variety of individuals including Socrates and Eleanor Roosevelt. So, I’m not quite sure whom to give attribution, but regardless these words do provide food for thought. The sentiment behind the quote is that judging others and gossip are practices that we must actively avoid. It’s important to treat others as we want to be treated.

At our last deacons’ meeting, I expressed gratitude to those in attendance about their importance in our church. Deacons play a valuable role in providing stability, a ministry presence, and a catalyst for unity in the fellowship. I’ve been indebted to the faithfulness and service of our deacons, especially during the ongoing days of the pandemic.

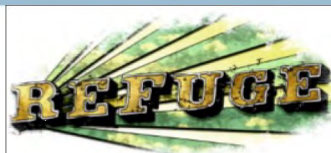
Deacon nominations have been turned in and soon we will know the results. I am thankful for your involvement in the deacon election process and for those who will begin their tenure as new deacons. It means a great deal to me as well as the rest of our church staff to have men and women who have been called to serve as deacons. I know you will join me in praying for our deacons and their leadership in our church.

On a related note, I’ve really enjoyed our adult Bible study on “Four Fragile Freedoms” these last few weeks. Actually, selecting and electing deacons to serve in our church is a distinctive of Baptists related to our “Church freedom.” The other categories we are covering include Bible freedom, Soul freedom, and Religious Freedom.

Another part of church freedom is calling our own staff members. At present, our church is fortunate to have capable interim leadership in the Youth as well as Children’s Ministry areas. This dynamic helps both the children’s minister and youth minister search committees take the necessary time to do their work effectively and well.

Thank you for your ongoing prayers, financial support, and involvement in our church. We are all going through a variety of challenges these days. Let’s be mindful of our words and witness so that others might see the work of Christ evident in our lives.

Pastor Danny



Grades 6 - 12
Wednesdays, February 13
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Dinner is available at 6:00 p.m.



Ice Bears Game

Saturday, February 19
 Pizza and Game
 Watch Bulletin for more information.



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.
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Clinton Upward Games

FBC: February 5 & 26
SBC: February 12, 19 & March 5

Upward Awards Celebration

Tuesday, March 8
6:30 p.m.
 At Second Baptist Church

Baby Shower

Honoring
James and Anystin Bigler
Sunday, February 27
Drop-in 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Family Life Center, Hearth Room



Crafts at the Towers

Mason Jar Luminaries
Saturday, February 12
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Volunteers needed to help with this craft. Please contact the church office if you would like to help with the craft or with movie night listed below.

Movie Night at the Towers

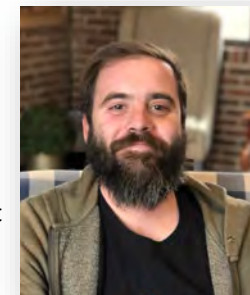
Movie:
Run Away Bride
Saturday, February 12
6:00 p.m.

Drinks and popcorn provided.
 Volunteers needed to help serve.



Foster Halcomb Building Maintenance Technician

We welcome Foster Halcomb to the church staff. Foster was born in Atlanta, GA but raised here in Clinton. He has been a member of FBC for 18 years. Foster’s parents are Mark and Jane Halcomb who are also members of FBC. He spent 9.5 years in the Air Force as a C-17 Loadmaster. Some of his hobbies are hiking, kayaking and vintage tool restoration. He enjoys going on solo road trips with no agenda.



Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 2
6:00 p.m.
 In the Sanctuary



Minister of Youth Search Committee:
 Melissa Fox, Albert Earle, Tommy Meredith,
 Garry Whitley, Jr. and Jessica Temple

Minister of Children & Young Families Search Committee:
 Beth Green, Ann Gann, Todd Fox, Darla Fritts, Stefanie Holbrook,
 Debbie Long, Lauren Neal and Sandi Tomlinson

Memorial Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary **Sunday, February 13** are in loving memory of **Herbert Ward**, given by Chloe Ann and family.



It's A Boy!

Congratulations to Justin and Victoria Tisdale on the birth of their baby boy, **Jax Coleman Tisdale**, born January 21. Also, congratulations to proud grandparents, Al and Vicki Coleman.

Spirit Sisters

(Widows Support Group)
Meetings are the **1st Monday, monthly at 6:00 p.m.** in the FLC Hearth Room. Social outings will be on the 3rd Monday monthly.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, February 8
5:30 p.m.
Sanctuary



Wednesday, February 16
6:30 p.m.
Lower Auditorium

Welcome New Members



*Curtis & Carolyn Simcox
(pictured with grandson, Max Neal)*



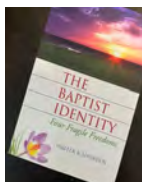
Terry and Ann Barber

From the Pulpit

Sundays in February
8:30 a.m. Family Life Center
10:40 a.m. Sanctuary
06 Daniel 3:13-18
13 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
20 Daniel 6:10-23
27 1 Peter 5:8-11

Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays
6:30 p.m.
Lower Auditorium
Led by Pastor Danny
Book Study entitled
"The Baptist Identity:
Four Fragile Freedoms."
Books are not required to participate, but the church office has a limited supply for purchase (\$8) for those who would like one.



December Financial Summary

Budget Receipts \$ 96,548
2021 Receipts/Wkly Avg. \$ 16,657
2021 Weekly Budget Req. \$ 17,878
Budget Expense \$ 85,610
December Deficit/Income \$ 10,938
2021 Deficit/Income (\$ 804)
TOTAL December 31 \$ 10,134

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 \$3,365
Global Missions \$1,675
Received to date \$5,040

Business Meeting Report

The December Financials and Minutes were approved. Foster Halcomb was hired as Building Maintenance Technician. It was approved to hire Michael Smith (Philip-It) to replace the carpet in the library with the same flooring as the rest of level 2. Committees on Committees added Pat Hess and Haleigh Copeland to the Host/Hostess Committee. The Minister of Students Search Committee was approved (listed inside the FG). The church added the following names to the church roll:
Terry and Ann Barber (by statement)
Curtis and Carolyn Simcox (by letter)

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER REPORT DISTRIBUTIONS DECEMBER, 2021:

Served 140 individuals
24 Children, 75 Adults, 40 Seniors
4374 food items were distributed.
345 clothing items and 10 miscellaneous items provided, 1 heater and 9 baby formula. 207 Christmas boxes distributed which included a ham or turkey and 20 food items. (This is not included in the weekly food items.)

The CSC volunteers extend thanks to everyone who has contributed either monetarily or with time, clothes, and prayers.

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YOUTH SUPER BOWL PARTY GRADES 6 - 12

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

5:00 P.M.

Arena Football in the FLC Gym

6:30 P.M.

Super Bowl on the Big Screen

FOOD PROVIDED!