

First Thoughts

“It is not your business to succeed, but to do right; when you have done so, the rest lies with God.” These words from C.S. Lewis have resonated with me these last few weeks. I’ve been reminded recently that I can’t determine both my choices and the outcome of those choices. The latter remains in God’s hands.

I preached two sermons from the book of Daniel last month, and in doing so brought to mind some precious memories relating to my children. Lori and I depended upon the Veggie Tales series quite a bit to entertain our children (they entertained us too!). The retelling of Bible stories using a tomato and a cucumber provided a lasting impact upon us all—I still recall the words and tune to a number of their songs!

One of the stories relates to Daniel being thrown into the lions’ den for refusing to give up praying and worshiping his God for 30 days—he routinely looked out his windows “opened toward Jerusalem.” Daniel had been in exile for decades yet this pattern reminded him that his current living situation wasn’t his ultimate home. Worship was like breathing to him—he couldn’t do without it for a single day let alone 30 days.

Most of us have more than one copy of the Bible, and there are numerous videos, Bible apps, Bible study tools, and other tools to help us deepen our relationship with God. We live in the buckle of the Bible belt, and the accessibility of these resources can only be imagined by Christians living in other parts of the world.

Let’s make sure that prayer, Bible reading, and worship remain an important part of our lives. It’s tempting to find other things to replace or abbreviate these important spiritual disciplines from our lives. May we never take for granted the precious freedom to worship together.

We are fortunate to provide two worship opportunities led by capable musicians and worship leaders. I hope you’ll take a moment to express your gratitude to Marlon and Terri for their leadership in these areas as well as for our praise team and Adult Choir. They invest a great deal of time to provide meaningful worship opportunities for us.

Jesus said, “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing” (John 15.5). This church belongs to Jesus Christ, and it’s our privilege to share life with one another. Let’s be faithful to work in our “corner of the vineyard” here in East Tennessee—and just know the Message and our witness is being felt in places we could never have imagined!

Pastor Danny



Grades 6 - 12
Wednesdays
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Dinner is available at **6:00 p.m.**
No Refuge Spring Break (3/16)



Youth (grades 6 - 12) are invited to a Bonfire at Jason and Amanda Taylor’s home (**119 Indian Hills Circle, Clinton**). S’mores, Snacks, and Drinks provided. Please contact Ben Neal at 865-323-2578 if you have any questions.



CENTRIFUGE

Youth Summer Camp
 Grades 6 - 12
SAVE THE DATE:
June 27 - July 1
 @ Carson-Newman University
 Watch for more info.!

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.
 Follow us on Facebook
 @FBCKidsClinton
No FBC Kids Spring Break (3/16)



Clinton Upward Games

Final games of the season are March 5 at Second Baptist.

Upward Awards Celebration

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

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 16
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 This year’s Egg Hunt is hosted by Scott and Mary Haven Merkle **280 Lone Ridge Lane, Clinton**. Kids bring your Easter Baskets and join us for Pizza, Prizes, and Egg Hunt!



Save the Date:

UBS June 13-17

Age 3 - Grade 5

Crafts at the Towers

Saturday, March 12
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 If you would like to volunteer to help with crafts at the Towers, please contact the church office to sign up.

Towers Movie Night

Saturday, March 12
6:00 p.m.
 Movie to be announced.
 Popcorn and Drinks provided.
 Volunteers needed to help at Movie Night.

Ash Wednesday Service

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



THANK YOU
 volunteers

Christian Service Center Volunteer Appreciation Cookout

Tuesday, April 26
6:00 p.m.

If you have ever volunteered for the C.S.C. we invite you to attend.
 Please RSVP to the church office, 865-457-9353, by Thursday, April 21.

Remember our Search Committees in your Prayers

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 on Sunday, March 6 are in loving memory of **Terry Carpenter's** birthday, March 3 and in memory of **Von and Toni Carpenter**, given by Carol Carpenter.

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar, Sunday, March 13 are in loving memory of **Frank Boggs'** birthday, March 11, given by Sue and family.

The flowers on the altar Sunday, March 20 are in loving memory of **Helen Bowling's** birthday which was March 23, given by Billie Sue Hammer, Will, Whitney, Morgan and Millie Hammer, Clay, Ashley, Gabriella and Adiah Hammer and Carolyn Wilson.

It's A Boy!

Congratulations to Andrew and Brandi (Long) Boshears on the birth of a baby boy, **Breylan Quinn Boshears** born February 10. Also, congratulations to big brother, Rylan and grandparents, Steve and Debbie Long.



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

Tuesdays
5:30 p.m.
Family Life Center

Deacons Meeting

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

Holy Week at FBC

• Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 10
8:30 a.m. Family Life Center
9:30 a.m. LifeGroups
10:40 a.m. Sanctuary

• Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 14
6:00 p.m.
In the Sanctuary and Online

• Good Friday

Friday, April 15
The Church Office, Family Life Center & WEE Ministry are closed.

• Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 16
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
At Scott & Mary Haven Merkle's Home at 280 Lone Ridge Ln. Clinton

• Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 17
8:30 a.m. Family Life Center
9:30 a.m. LifeGroups
10:40 a.m. Sanctuary

From the Pulpit

Sundays in March
8:30 a.m. Family Life Center
10:40 a.m. Sanctuary
06 Nehemiah 4:1-8
13 2 Kings 6:8-18
20 Rev. Jason Taylor
27 Jonah 2

Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays in March
6:30 p.m.
02 Ash Wednesday Service
09 Four Fragile Freedoms Study
16 Spring Break - No Study
23 Business Meeting
30 Four Fragile Freedoms Study

Business Meeting

***Wednesday, March 23**
6:30 p.m.
Lower Auditorium
***moved to 4th Wednesday due to Spring Break.**

• January Financial Summary

Budget Receipts	\$ 61,596
2022 Receipts/Wkly Avg.	\$ 12,319
2022 Weekly Budget Req.	\$ 17,732
Budget Expense	\$ 69,953
January Deficit/Income	(\$ 8,357)
2022 Deficit/Income	(\$ 8,357)
TOTAL January 31	(\$ 8,357)

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FBC Missions Goal

The Annie Armstrong and Global Missions combined Goal is **\$3,500.**

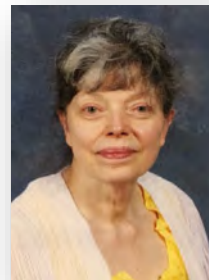
Business Meeting Report

The January Financials and Minutes were approved. Kandi Alderson resigned from the Missions Committee. FBC will sell approximately 93 sq. ft. from the corner of Main St./Cedar St. parking lot to the city for upcoming Streetscapes work on Main St. We hired Michael Smith to replace flooring in the library. FBC will purchase two historical markers. BESCO will be paid a partial payment for the work that has been completed. The Annie Armstrong & Global Missions Goal is \$3,500.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER REPORT DISTRIBUTIONS JANUARY 2022:

Served 155 individuals: 16 Children, 90 Adults, 49 Seniors
5310 food items were distributed.
279 clothing items and 40 miscellaneous items such as kleenex, toilet paper, soap, toothpaste, etc.

Staff Anniversary



Congratulations to **Charlotte Bounds** for serving as our organist for the last **15 years!** When you see Charlotte, please take time to thank her for her service here at FBC!

Song List for the 8:30 Service

You can get a preview of what we will be singing in the contemporary service by checking the church Facebook page! Part of worship is singing what is familiar but also "singing a new song." Listen and enjoy these songs during the week and come prepared to sing with Marlon and the Praise Team in worship!

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Sundays at FBC

We have our Contemporary Service at 8:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center where we have fresh coffee and sausage biscuits waiting for you! Our Traditional Service is at 10:40 a.m. in the Sanctuary. We have LifeGroups for all ages at 9:30 a.m. Nursery is available.

Services are also online via the First Baptist Clinton, TN Facebook page or YouTube channel. The Traditional Service is aired on WYSH AM 1380 and WYSH FM 101.1 at 11:00 a.m., Sundays, and is on a 1 week delay.

Wednesdays at FBC

We have FBC Kids (age 3 - 5th grade) at 5:30 p.m., Youth Refuge (grades 6 -12) at 6:00 p.m., Adult Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. and Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.

Come Worship and Fellowship with us!