

Things Unseen

The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him and every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forth coming. Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect himself from the elements, and to store his few possessions. But then one day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut was in flames, the smoke rolling up to the sky! The worst had happened; everything was lost! He was stunned with grief and anger. "God, how could You do this to me?" he cried. Early the next day, however, he was awakened by the sound of a ship that was approaching the island. It had come to rescue him. "How did you know I was here?" asked the weary man of his rescuers. "We saw your smoke signal," they replied.

It is easy to get discouraged when things are going bad. But we shouldn't lose heart, because God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of pain and suffering. Paul wrote, "... I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want" (Philippians 4:12). Paul had confidence that good would come out of everything, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:28), so he learned to be thankful, not bitter, even when he was suffering.

For all the negative things we have to say to ourselves, God has a positive answer for it:

You say, "It's impossible." God says: "All things are possible." (Luke 18:27)
 You say, "I'm too tired." God says: "I will give you rest." (Matt. 11:28-29)
 You say, "Nobody really loves me." God says: "I love you." (John 3:16)
 You say, "I can't go on." God says: "My grace is sufficient." (II Cor. 12:9)
 You say, "I can't figure things out." God says: "I will direct your steps." (Prov. 3:5-6)
 You say, "I can't do it." God says: "You can do all things." (Phil. 4:13)
 You say, "It's not worth it." God says: "It will be worth it." (Rom. 8:28)
 You say, "I can't forgive myself." God says: "I forgive you." (I John 1:9)
 You say, "I can't manage." God says: "I will supply all your needs." (Phil. 4:19)
 You say, "I'm afraid." God says: "I have not given you the spirit of fear." (2Tim. 1:7)
 You say, "I'm always worried and frustrated." God says: "Cast all your cares on Me." (I Peter 5:7)
 You say, "I don't have enough faith." God says: "I've given everyone the measure of faith." (Rom. 12:3)
 You say, "I'm not smart enough." God says: "I give you wisdom." (I Cor. 1:30)
 You say, "I feel all alone." God says: "I will never leave you or forsake you." (Heb. 13:5)

Remember, next time your little hut is burning to the ground, it just may be a smoke signal that summons the grace of God. Let me personally invite you to our Wednesday Night Bible Study as we look at Paul's letter to the Philippians. This book is known as the Book of Joy. Hopefully we can learn some lessons to help us when life throws us a curveball and gets hard.

Jason Taylor



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

Scholarship Applications

Due to the church office by
Monday, April 25. Applications available in the Church Office.

- *Ervin and Freddie Queener Scholarship*
- *James and Imogene Cheely Memorial Seminary Scholarship*
- *Judy Parish Turner Music Scholarship*
- *Carson Newman Endowment*

Senior Recognition Day

Sunday, May 1
 High School Seniors will be recognized in both morning services. There will be a luncheon in the Family Life Center for graduates and their families.



CENTRIFUGE

Youth Summer Camp
 Grades 6 - 12
SAVE THE DATE:
June 27 - July 1
 @ Carson-Newman University
COST PER STUDENT: \$125
\$50 DEPOSIT DUE BY APRIL 4

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



FBC Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 16
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 Hosted by the Merkle Family
280 Lone Ridge Lane, Clinton.



Pizza ● Crafts ● Photo Booth

- Consider bringing a chair
- Please wear closed-toe shoes as there are wooded areas.
- Crafts & Food 11 - 12 p.m.
- Egg Hunt 12 p.m.

FBC Kids Musical

Wednesday, May 11
6:00 p.m.
 Sanctuary



Vacation Bible School

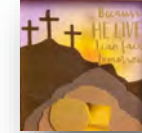
Save the Date:
June 13-17
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 Age 3 - Grade 5



Sign up for VBS here!
 lauren@fbclinton.org

Towers Easter Craft

Saturday, April 9
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 Volunteers needed! Please contact the church office if you can help.



Towers Movie Night

Saturday, April 23
6:00 p.m.
 Movie to be announced.
 Popcorn and Drinks provided.
 Volunteers needed! Please contact the church office if you can help.

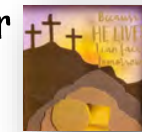


Spring Window Art at the Waters

Saturday, April 2
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 At the Waters Nursing Home
 Can you draw a flower?
 How about sunshine?
 A smiley face? A balloon?
 If so, contact the church office to sign up!

FBC Crafts for Homebound

Wednesday, April 6
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
 Fellowship Hall
Delivering craft to homebound members on **Palm Sunday, April 10 from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**



Please call the church office to sign up for craft and/or delivery.

THANK YOU volunteers

Christian Service Center Volunteer Appreciation Cookout

Tuesday, April 26
6:00 p.m.
Family Life Center
 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.

Christian Service Center Feb. Report

Served 177 individuals
 18 Children
 95 Adults
 64 Seniors
 6225 food items were distributed compared to 5310 in January.
 364 clothing items and 94 miscellaneous items such as kleenex, toilet paper, soap, toothpaste, laundry and dishwashing detergents, and Covid tests. We also distributed bags of dog and cat food which we received from Second Harvest, through donation and purchase. In all areas this reflects an increase over last month with one slow week due to rainy conditions. The many donations of coats are greatly appreciated both by recipients and CSC volunteers.

****The C.S.C. is not accepting winter clothing at this time to prepare to distribute spring and summer clothes. All clothing should be clean and in good condition. Gently worn shoes are also welcome. No dry clean items are accepted.****

Christian Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Lorene Holt** (3/2), to the family of **Mary Ruth Stansberry** (3/12), to the family of **Betsy Kay Robinson** (3/18), and to the family of **Betty S. Cooper** (3/19).

Memorial Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary on April 3 are in loving memory of **Bessie May Wallace**, whose birthdate is April 2, given by Dorothy Howell.

The flowers in the Sanctuary on April 10, are in loving memory of **Ray C. Cate, Mary F. Cate, and Minnie F. Miller**, given by Jane and Mark Halcomb.

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.

Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, April 12
5:30 p.m.
Sanctuary

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesdays
5:30 p.m.
Family Life Center

Baby Dedication

Jason and Amanda Taylor dedicated Reiya Taylor to the Lord on Sunday, March 6.



PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays:
April 6, 13, 27 and May 4
6:30 p.m.
Lower Auditorium
Led by Jason Taylor

From the Pulpit

Sundays in April
8:30 a.m. Family Life Center
10:40 a.m. Sanctuary
03 Matthew 26:36-46
10 John 12:12-19
17 Matthew 28:1-10
24 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

First Baptist Church - In The Heart of Clinton



Mugs are available for you to purchase at \$10.00 each in the church office.

Holy Week Services @St. Mark United Methodist Church

Pastor Danny will be giving the message at the Holy Week Service on Monday, April 11 at noon.

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 14
6:00 p.m.
Sanctuary
Lord's Supper will be observed.

College Graduates

If you are graduating from College this year, please contact the church office with your information so we can list you in the Senior Booklet that will given out on Senior Sunday, May 1.

February Financial Summary

Budget Receipts	\$97,754
2022 Receipts/Wkly Avg.	\$17,483
2022 Weekly Budget Req.	\$17,732
Budget Expense	\$66,545
February Deficit/Income	\$29,209
2022 Deficit/Income	(\$ 8,357)
TOTAL February 28	\$20,852

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 worship services.



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FBC Missions Goal

The Annie Armstrong and Global Missions combined Goal is **\$3,500**.
Annie Armstrong: \$915
Global Missions: \$1,155
Total Received to Date: \$2,070

Business Meeting Report

The February Financials and Minutes were approved. Debbie Long was added to the Personnel Committee and the resignation of Caroline Bray from the Preschool and Children's Committees were approved. We will pay BESCO the balance due for the completion of the Sanctuary lighting. Finance Committee added \$2500 to the 2022 Budget for Young Adult Ministries. A \$200 donation for Ukraine will be split between SBC and CBF efforts in Ukraine. New Deacons were approved (names listed to the right) for a three year term ending March 31, 2025.

April Business Meeting

Wednesday, April 20
6:30 p.m.
Lower Auditorium

Good Friday

April 15
The Church Office, FLC & W.E.E. will be closed.

New Deacons

Term beginning April 1, 2022

The new deacons will serve a three year term, ending March 31, 2025.

*Rebecca Aiken

Gary Bowers

Ernie Bowles

*Jacob Floyd

Alan Neal

Todd Temple

Johnafred Thomas

Gene Widener

Garry Whitley Sr

*Johanna Whitley

*to be ordained

Other Deacons Serving:

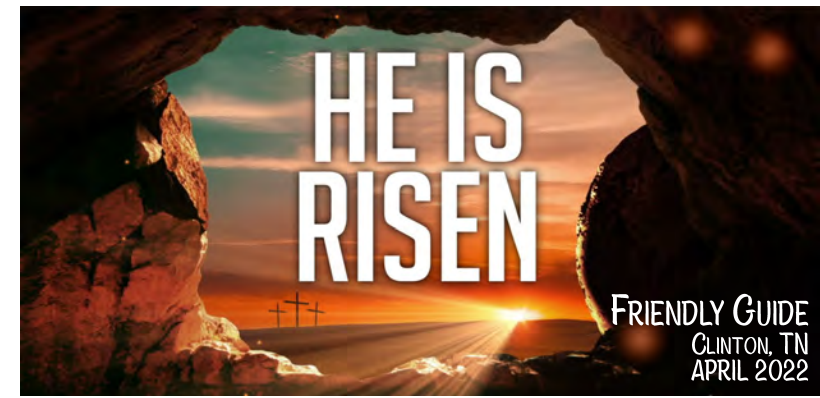
Mike Aiken, Kevin Barber, Jackie Champion, Ann Gann, Larry Gann, James Garrett, Mark Halcomb, Mike Hammons, Mary Magill, Tom Marshall, Tommy Meredith, Ashley Neal, Scott Page, Page Scarborough, David Wall, Jill Whitaker, Sam Zachary

1st Service Song List

You can get a preview of what we will be singing in the contemporary service by checking the church Facebook page!

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Palm Sunday Services

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

Holy Week Service

@ St. Mark United Methodist Church
Monday, April 11 - Friday, April 15
12:00 p.m.

Pastor Danny will be giving the message on Monday, April 11.

Maundy Thursday Service

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

Good Friday

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

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 16
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