

First Thoughts

It's happening more frequently. After worship on Sunday mornings, I'll have people talk to me as if they've known me for a while, even though they've never been in the same room with me. It's a phenomenon of having people who have attended our worship services online (often for months) and then decide to attend worship in-person for the first time.

It's an interesting dynamic; those who have been previously joined us online are now are opting to be in the room with us. The in-person AND online experience is being called a 'hybrid' approach to worship and ministry.

While important, this hybrid approach does create additional work for our AV team. Having two worship services on Sunday equates to four worship services for them (2 in person, 2 online). Specific preparations are required for each of them—so I'm especially grateful for their efforts and abilities to do these effectively and well.

Some churches have attempted to wean their people off the online service, thinking this will force (strongly encourage?) their people to come to the building. What they are finding is that people get accustomed to choice and will simply 'tune in' to another church's worship service. A hybrid approach to worship is here to stay, a 21st century reality enhanced by the arrival of the COVID19 pandemic.

Most of you are aware that Rev. William Caldwell's funeral service was in our Sanctuary a few weeks ago. The room was filled to capacity and the event was live-streamed on our Facebook and YouTube platforms. Since that moment, we have had more than 2000 views of the funeral service. At least 2000 persons used computers, phones, and other electronic devices to access a window into the life and worship of our church. And, a number of these persons who found us are now following us and want to be notified when we go "live" for our worship services.

There's no substitute for being in the room for worship and fellowship. But, the reality is that an online worship service is now the 'front door' for getting people into the church. So, here are two final thoughts on the subject:

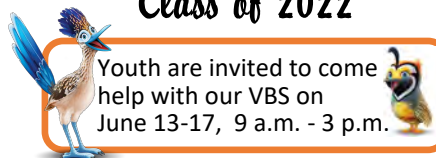
First, when you see someone on Sunday for the first time (and we're having more 1st time guests), it's possible that s/he may have seen us online and that's why they've chosen to be in our building.

Second, this ministry (and others like it) is made possible by your generous support of our operating budget. Let's keep up our giving through the Lord's tithe and our offerings—especially as we enter the summer months. Your faithful financial support enables all of us to be part of something that's making an eternal difference.

Pastor Danny



Congratulations! Class of 2022



Youth are invited to come help with our VBS on June 13-17, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.



CENTRIFUGE
Youth Summer Camp
@ Carson-Newman University
Grades 6 - 12
June 27 - July 1
COST PER STUDENT: \$125
\$50 DEPOSIT DUE TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT

Youth Trip to a Braves Game

Wednesday, July 13
Leave FBC at 7:00 a.m.
Game is at 12:20 p.m.
Cost: \$20.00 per person
Includes: Game Ticket, Transportation and Lunch Provided. RSVP to the Church Office. Limited tickets.



SUMMERTIME POOL PARTY

Hosted by the Whitley's
(100 Mariner Point Dr. Clinton)
Thursday, June 9
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Age 3 - Grade 5
Join us for Swimming & Pizza!



RSVP to Lauren@fbclinton.org
Register TODAY for VBS!
June 13-17
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Age 3 - Grade 5



Fischer Neal

made a public profession of faith on Sunday, May 22. He will be baptized by his uncle, Rev. Ben Neal in the ocean on their family beach trip.



Compassion Ministries

has asked to use our parking lot for a very big drive-thru food distribution to our county, so we are partnering with them to make this happen. If you would like to volunteer at this event, **Saturday, June 11, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**, please let Amanda or the church office know.

Movie Night at the Towers

Saturday, June 18
7:00 p.m.

Popcorn and Drinks provided. Volunteers needed! Please contact the church office if you can help.



Christian Service Center April Report

Served 170 individuals
17 Children
87 Adults
66 Seniors

5,912 food items were distributed.
323 clothing items
66 miscellaneous items such as kleenex, toilet paper, soap, toothpaste, laundry and dishwashing detergents.

CSC volunteers also wish to thank all who contributed to the dinner in honor of CSC volunteers on 4/26, especially Amanda Taylor and the Missions Committee.

Our Response to SBC Sexual Abuse Report

The allegations of the mishandling of sexual abuse incidents, as recently reported by Guidepost Solutions, an investigative firm, detailing failures of leadership in the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) in addressing complaints of sex abuse by pastors and staff, are both shocking and saddening. We pray for positive and real changes to occur throughout the SBC and for the leadership to implement and enforce policies and procedures to identify and prevent all forms of sexual misconduct. We want to assure you, here at FBC, we are proactive and are continuing the process of working with committees and staff members to create procedures and policies that will identify and avert any type of sexual misconduct from occurring in our Church. The policy of First Baptist Church of Clinton is that inappropriate sexual behavior is a violation of the principles set forth in scripture and is never permissible nor will it be tolerated. Furthermore, it is the policy of this Church that any allegation of sexual misconduct will be treated with the seriousness it deserves and dealt with swiftly and fairly for the benefit of all parties concerned.

May we be in prayer for all victims of sexual abuse no matter where they occur.

Prevention of Sexual Misconduct Committee:

*Debbie Long
Greg Fay
Vicki Violette*

Christian Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Jim Hamby** (5/18) and to Johnafred Thomas, whose father, **Floyd Thomas**, passed away (5/19).

Memorial Flowers

The flowers on the altar Sunday, June 5, are in loving memory of **Homer and Bessie Wallace**, whose anniversary was June 3, given by Dorothy Howell and the Wallace family.

The flowers on the altar Sunday, June 19, are in honor of all those special dads out there on Father's Day and in loving memory of our dad, **John Cobb**, given by Beth and Connie.

The flowers on the altar, Sunday, June 26, are in loving memory of **Sissy Holt**, given by Bob, Donna and Doug.



It's a Boy! Congratulations to John and Laurel Stair on the birth of a baby boy, **Shepherd Sol Stair**, born 5/14. Also, congratulations to grandparents, John and Sandra Stair, aunt and uncle, Jeremy and Holly Webb and cousins Riley and Hadley Webb.

Faith Hall of Fame



Welcome New Member

Dana Clark



From the Pulpit

Sundays in June

8:30 a.m. Family Life Center

10:40 a.m. Sanctuary

6/05 Psalm 113

6/12 Psalm 119:9-16,105

6/19 Psalm 15

6/26 Psalm 8

New Wednesday Series- Hard Sayings of Jesus

Led by Pastor Danny

6:30 p.m.

Lower Auditorium

6/01 Turn the Other Cheek

6/08 Forgive—How many times?

6/15 Business Meeting

6/22 No Meeting

6/29 A Camel through eye of a Needle

Women's Bible Study Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World



Mondays, June 13, 27 and July 11 and 25, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Family Life Center

Led by Jessica Temple

Book Cost: \$10

Call the Church Office to sign up!

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.

April Financial Summary

Budget Receipts \$ 60,048

2022 Receipts/Wkly Avg. \$ 15,808

2022 Weekly Budget Req. \$ 17,732

Budget Expense \$ 70,729

April Deficit/Income (\$10,681)

2022 Deficit/Income \$ 3,062

TOTAL April 30 (\$ 7,619)

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.



Scan the QR Code
to Connect with
online giving.

Business Meeting Report

The April Financials and Minutes were approved. The Youth Minister Search Committee with the approval of Personnel Committee recommends **Kristofer Hicks** for the Minister of Youth Position. There will be a Special Called Business Meeting on Sunday, May 29 to vote on Kris. **Dana Clark** was added to the church roll by letter (Kirby Woods Baptist Church, Memphis). The following names were removed from the church roll: **Jonathan, Anita, Anna, Isaac, and Sarah Childers** (Central Baptist, Bearden).

Business Meeting

Wednesday, June 15

6:30 p.m.

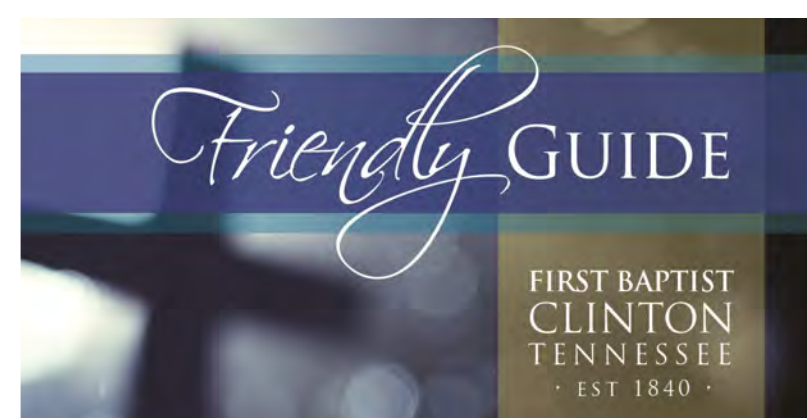
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Vacation Bible School June 13-17

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Age 3 - Grade 5

REGISTER TODAY!



Deacon Ordination Council Meeting

Sunday, June 5

4:30 p.m.

Lower Auditorium

All Ordained Deacons are asked to attend this meeting with our Deacon Candidates.

Deacon Ordination

Sunday, June 5

6:00 p.m.

Sanctuary

Candidates: Rebecca Aiken, Jacob Floyd, Johanna Whitley

Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, June 14

5:30 p.m.

Lower Auditorium