

## First Thoughts

“When my decision for Christ was made I walked slowly down and knelt in prayer. I opened my heart and knew for the first time the sweetness and joy of God, of truly being born again. I didn’t have any tears, I didn’t have any emotion. I didn’t hear any thunder, there was no lightning. But, I knew in my heart that I was somehow different and changed. That night absolutely changed the direction of my life.”

These words are located on a wall at the *Billy Graham Training Center at The Cove*. The famed evangelist was reflecting upon his salvation experience which proved formative in determining the purpose of his life. Graham’s life was uniquely suited to his time, and his impact was dramatic and historic.

As Christians, we can have different kinds of conversion experiences—some are similar to Graham’s while others are more emotional. But, we all have been changed by Christ to be “salt and light” in our world. Few of us will have Graham’s global impact, but your Christian witness may very well mean the world to the people around you.

Our motto “In the Heart of Clinton” is more than a cliché; it describes not only our geographical location but also a spiritual one as well. Our church is strategically located to make a difference for Christ in our town. As I’ve said before, we are the church when we gather in our building, and we remain the church when we scatter into our homes, jobs, and community.

The month of August means that it’s time for teachers and students to return to school. There will be children who will be starting Kindergarten this month, those who are beginning their senior year, and other students who will be taking the next step of their academic journey.

I know you’ll be joining me in praying for and giving appreciation to those who teach in our schools. We’ll also do this in one of our worship services this month. I value the efforts and influence of our teachers, and am grateful for their Christlike example in our schools.

August signals another beginning for our church as well—the FBC Fall schedule kicks off! I’m hopeful to see many of us together once again; let’s also encourage others who may need a church home to take part in our fellowship as well.

It’s been a great blessing to have been on sabbatical this past month. I want to thank you all for providing this opportunity to take a ministry pause and re-charge my spiritual batteries a little bit. I appreciate very much those who have filled in for me during my absence, and look forward to seeing you all soon.

Pastor Danny



## Stay informed! Youth Fb Page



Parents & Youth are encouraged to scan this QR code to stay connected with youth activities and events.

## Youth & Parent Meeting

**Monday, August 1  
6:30 p.m.**

Family Life Center, Youth Room  
Join us for pizza and drinks and learn about a new check-in/check-out system, Fall plans, more about Kris, and who we have volunteering.

**YOUTH  
REGISTER FOR SCHOOL  
AND  
DROP-BY THE FLC  
FOR FOOD AND GAMES!  
Wednesday, August 3  
Anytime between  
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

## Youth Cookout & Activities

**Wednesday, August 17  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**  
Family Life Center

## Youth Refuge Fall Schedule

**Wednesdays  
Beginning, August 24**  
Dinner, Bible Study, & Games!  
**6:00 p.m.** Free Dinner  
**6:30 p.m.** Refuge  
Family Life Center-Youth Room  
**Fall Focus is on Loving Jesus,  
Loving Others and Loving  
Yourself**



**Homemade  
Ice Cream  
Contest &  
Social  
Return of the  
Golden Scoop  
Award with  
Bragging Rights!**

**Wednesday, August 10  
6:30 p.m.**  
Family Life Center

Contact the Church Office if you plan to bring Homemade Ice Cream for the event!



## FBC Kids Back to School Party

**Wednesday, August 17  
5:30 p.m.**  
Lower Parking Lot  
Age 3 - Grade 5

## FBC Kids Resumes

**Wednesday, August 24  
5:30 p.m. Free Dinner  
6:00 p.m. FBC Kids**  
Focus for First Semester:  
**In the Beginning  
God Has A Plan  
Good News for Outsiders**

## Nursery Workers Needed

If you are available to be a Nursery Worker on Sunday mornings or Wednesday nights, please contact Lauren Neal at [Lauren@fbclinton.org](mailto:Lauren@fbclinton.org) or call the church office at (865)457-9353. The hours for this paid position are Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. and on Sundays from 8:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

JOIN US FOR THE DEDICATION OF

## Lillian Mae Harness

ON SUNDAY,  
AUGUST 7 AT  
10:40 A.M.  
IN THE  
SANCTUARY.



## Movie Night @ the Towers

**Sunday, August 14  
7:00 p.m.**

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

## Christian Service Center Report - June 2022

Served 191 individuals  
23 Children, 100 Adults, 68 Seniors  
3637 food items were distributed.  
507 clothing items  
84 miscellaneous items such as toilet paper, soap, toothpaste, laundry and dishwashing detergents, adult incontinence items, wipes, soap, etc. The CSC also purchased a fan for a gentleman who contacted the church.

Several CSC volunteers assisted with Compassionate Ministries, Inc. on Saturday, June 11 to staff a mobile drive-through food distribution. Approximately 310 families were served.

Under the leadership of Sondra Davis has been partnering with MIST and provided donations from our church: piano, bunk beds and mattresses, wheelchair, flower arrangement, planter, and entertainment center. In May, a sleep number bed with mattress, bunk beds with mattresses, lamps, cookware, dishes and other household items were distributed. We will continue this partnership under the umbrella of the CSC. In addition, the CSC also partners with a representative from TORCH to help homeless find housing. Allison Morgan is regularly available on Tuesdays in the CSC to assist.

## Christian Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Glenn Healey** (7/15); to the family of **Jeff Bailey** (7/16); to the family of **Lela Delmonte** (7/27).

## Memorial Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary on August 7 are in loving memory of **Bill Biven's** birthday, August 10, given by his wife, Zora and their children, Beth Ann, Susan, and Bill.

The flowers in the Sanctuary, Sunday, August 14, are in loving memory of **W.A. Bowling, Jr.**, whose birthday was August 15, given by Billie Sue Hammer, Will, Whitney, Morgan, and Millie Hammer, Clay, Ashley, Gabriella, Adiaha and C.J. Hammer and Carolyn Wilson.

The flowers on the altar Sunday, August 21, are given in loving memory of **James and Ernestine Gann** by their children - Larry Gann, Barbara Sanders, Elaine McCall, and Lisa Hackworth.

The flowers in the Sanctuary Sunday, August 28, are in loving memory of Jane Halcomb's mother, **Theda M. Cate's** birthday, August 29 and in celebration of **Mark and Jane Halcomb's 41st Anniversary**, also, August 29, given by Mark and Jane 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.

## Online & On the Air

Sunday Services are 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.

## From the Pulpit

### Sundays in August

**8:30 a.m.** Family Life Center  
**10:40 a.m.** Sanctuary  
Aug 07 Mark 1:14-20  
Aug 14 Mark 1:21-28  
Aug 21 Mark 1:35-39  
Aug 28 Mark 6:1-6

## Women's Bible Study

**"Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World"**

**Final Session, Monday, August 8**  
**6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**  
Family Life Center  
Led by Jessica Temple

## Adult Bible Study

**Wednesdays**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
Lower Auditorium

## Combined Worship Service

**Sunday, August 21**  
**10:40 a.m.**  
**In the Sanctuary**  
Life Groups are at 9:30 a.m.  
There will be no 8:30 service.  
AC Community Resource Fair will follow in the FLC at 12:00 p.m.



JOIN US FOR A BABY SHOWER  
HONORING

**ERIN ALDERSON**  
*and baby Judah Banks*

DROP IN AUGUST 28, 1PM-3PM  
IN THE HEARTH ROOM

ERIN IS REGISTERED ON AMAZON  
& AT BUY BUY BABY

## June Financial Summary

Budget Receipts \$ 74,942  
2022 Receipts/Wkly Avg. \$ 15,358  
2022 Weekly Budget Req. \$ 17,732  
Budget Expense \$ 71,552  
June Deficit/Income \$ 3,390  
2022 Deficit/Income (\$ 19,193)  
TOTAL June 30 (\$ 15,803)

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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## Business Meeting Report

The June Financials and Minutes were approved. Committee on Committees added new committee members, effective August 1. Account # 22840 is now the Mana Ministry Fund and the funds that were in the account are now Manna Ministry Funds since we no longer have Shepherd's Table. Church Council added Jane Halcomb and Susan Hammons to the Nominating Committee. The WEE Ministry will update flooring of the Education building and renovate Women's Restroom with grant money they have received. Central Technologies will upgrade the Internet/network equipment so we can continue to live stream our services. NEXT BUSINESS MEETING is Wednesday, August 17, 6:30 p.m.

## Teacher Dedication and Kids & Youth LifeGroup Promotion

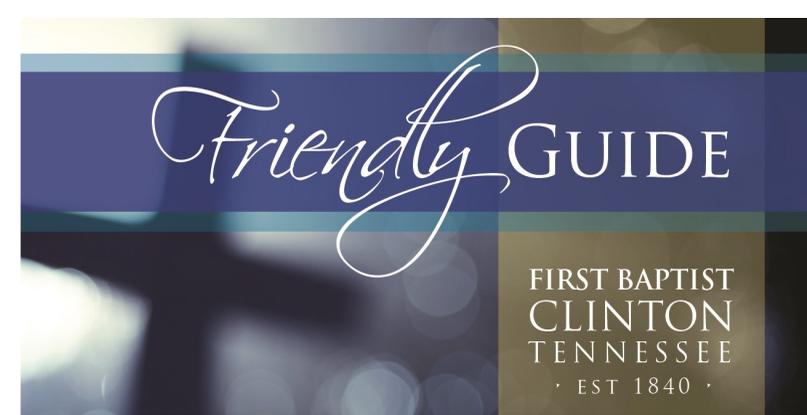
**Sunday, August 7**  
8:30 a.m. & 10:40 a.m.  
LifeGroups at 9:30 a.m.

## Deacons Meeting

**Tuesday, August 9**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
Lower Auditorium

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## 3rd Annual Anderson County Community Resource Fair **The More We Know** **The More Love We Show**

**Sunday, August 21**  
**12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**  
Family Life Center, Gym

Find the resources you need!  
Eat free lunch while learning about the wonderful services taking place in our community!  
Helping agencies and ministries will set up tables with info and freebies.  
Children's activities will also be provided.

MORE DETAILS ON THESE EVENTS INSIDE

**Teacher Dedication**  
**kids and youth lifegroups promotion**  
**And Baby Dedication**  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

**Homemade Ice Cream Contest & Social**  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

**combined worship service**  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 21  
10:40 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY