

First Thoughts

In "Why In Person Worship Will Never Go Out of Style," Phillip Yancey offers thoughts about our changing culture contrasted with the church he knew as a child:

"Many of the people were working class. They didn't sit at home evenings fretting over the fine points of theology; they worried about how to pay bills and feed the kids. When a family's house burned down, or a drunken husband locked his wife out, or a widow couldn't afford her groceries, they had nowhere to turn but their local church.

Since those childhood days, I have encountered many grace-dispensing churches that serve needs beyond those of their members. Admittedly, the pews are less comfortable than the chairs in my living room, and the quality of the worship service can't match the slick productions I watched during the pandemic lockdown periods. What they do have, though, is a strong sense of community—something all too rare in our individualistic society."

The Anderson County Resource Fair was a great success! This event is part of our church's unique witness and story in our community; it is also personal to Amanda who deserves our gratitude for her planning and preparation. Thanks also to those who volunteered their time to serve and show hospitality to those who entered our Family Life Center.

For me, the pandemic brought about the beginning of new ministries, the continuation of others, and the end for others. It's been a season of re-visiting who our church is and what we should be doing for the cause of Christ.

On that note, I leave you with two thoughts. First, I have informed our church about the internet speed problems that are hindering the quality of our livestream. The equipment is on order and we are in a waiting period to have it installed. In the meantime, our focus on Sundays will remain providing a meaningful worship service in the Family Life Center or Sanctuary.

Finally, this month signifies the beginning of Wednesday night suppers. The mid-week meal kicks off on September 7th around the tables in the Family Life Center. This will be a gathering place for our entire church to gather around the tables for food and fellowship.

It has been several years since the church has had Wednesday night suppers, and I am unsure how well the meal offering will be supported by our people. For this reason, a determination will be made at Fall break as to whether the meal will be continued or discontinued. You'll be informed of this decision in October.

Let's be thankful for what we've been given. See you soon--

Pastor Danny



Youth Refuge Fall Schedule

Wednesdays

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



YOUTH TAILGATE PARTY

Saturday, September 24
12:00 p.m.
FLC Youth Room

FOOD & UT VS. FL GAME

SWAG CONTEST!
Winner gets a PRIZE

Like our FBC Youth Facebook Page to keep up with Youth Events and Activities.



Congratulations

to **Steve & Debbie Long** on winning the 2022 Golden Scoop Award!

Thank You FBC

Dear First Baptist Church,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$250.00 to the Clinton High School Band. Your support is greatly appreciated and will leave a lasting impact on our students.

Mr. Bimstein
CHS, Band Director



Andy & Bradley Harness dedicated **Lillian Mae Harness** to the Lord on Sunday, August 8.



Wednesdays

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

BUSY BAG ETIQUETTE

Please return Busy Bags with only clipboard and crayons. Remove all trash and used papers. Thank you!

NEW: Kid's Church

Begins Sunday, September 4

10:40 a.m.

Church Library
Kids will have the option to leave with Ms. Lauren after the children's message. They can be picked up in the Church Library located behind the Sanctuary, next to the nursery on level 2.



Towers Movie Night

Saturday, September 3

7:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to join us for popcorn and a movie.

Crafts at the Towers

Saturday, September 10

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Volunteers needed.

Towers Yard Sale

Saturday, October 1
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

In the FBC Parking Lot
(During the Clinton Fall Antique Festival)



Many of the Clinton Towers residents need some extra income but are unable to work on a full-time basis. The quarters and dollars they collect at this yard sale are very meaningful to them.

► Help set up and breakdown tables and chairs the day of the event

► Help people who are elderly or disabled carry (or cart) boxes/bags of their belongings to and from the yard sale

► Be a witness and build relationships by working the event—visiting with participants, serving them cups of water or hot chocolate—SO MUCH of ministry is **relational**

► Love yard sales and thrift stores? Come shop at this yard sale! Help people feel good about their efforts to better their circumstances.

► Help advertise this event in the community—mention the event on your social media pages or tell people to stop by the tables on their way to the antique festival.

► Let us borrow your canopy to help shade the sales area.

If you would like to volunteer at this event, please contact Amanda: amanda@fbclinton.org, 865-924-0420 or call the church office to sign up: 865-457-9353.

**In case of rain, this event will be the next weekend, Sat., Oct. 8.*

Christian Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Marie Norman** (7/28), the grandmother of Jessica Zody and great grandmother of Tara and Garrett Zody, to Ronnie & Bobbie Williams, whose granddaughter, **Jessica Graham**, passed away (8/4), to the family of **James Cantrell** (8/16) and the family of **Margaret Stallard** (8/21).

Memorial Flowers

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar, Sunday, September 4, are in loving memory of **Bill Howell's** birthday, September 6, given by Dot Howell.

The flowers in the baptistry on Sunday, September 4 are in loving memory of **Dwayne Hicks**, given by Penny, Hanna, & Kris.

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar, Sunday, September 11, are in loving memory of **Steven Clark's** birthday, which was September 14, given by his mother, Ada Ann and his brother, Robert Clark.

The flowers in the Sanctuary, Sunday, September 18 are in loving memory **Andy Halcomb's** birthday, September 11 and **Anne Halcomb's** birthday, September 21, given by Mark, Jane, Foster, Andrew and Emily Halcomb.

The flowers in the Sanctuary, Sunday, September 25 are in honor of and in celebration of **Elizabeth Tavenner's** birthday given by her 3 sons - Tim, Sam, and Jim.

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.

*Due to Labor Day the meeting will be **September 12.**

Welcome New Members



**Jeremy,
Tiffany,
Lillian,
and
Madelyn
Osborne**

From the Pulpit

Sundays in September

8:30 a.m. Family Life Center

10:40 a.m. Sanctuary

Sept 04 Mark 7:24-30

Sept 11 Proverbs 12:17-28

Sept 18 Jeremiah 17:5-10

Sept 25 Jeremiah 29:10-14

Mayberry Bible Study

Wednesdays

6:30 p.m.

Lower Auditorium

Led by Dr. Danny Chisholm

(Business Meeting is 9/21)

Fellowship Dinners

Sept 07 Tacos, Burritos, Cheese Dips, Salad, Dessert

Sept 14 Chicken Tenders, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad, Dessert

Sept 21 Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad, Dessert

Sept 28 Pork Loin, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad, Dessert



The Church Office, Family Life Center, and WEE Ministry will be closed on **Monday, September 5** for Labor Day.

July Financial Summary

Budget Receipts	\$ 77,753
2022 Receipts/Wkly Avg.	\$ 15,389
2022 Weekly Budget Req.	\$ 17,732
Budget Expense	\$ 72,884
July Deficit/Income	\$ 4,869
2022 Deficit/Income	(\$15,803)
TOTAL July 31	(\$10,934)

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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to Connect with
online giving.

Business Meeting Report

The July Financials and Minutes were approved. **Bob Jameson's** resignations from Ushers Committee and Trustees Committee. We added **Jeremy & Tiffany Osborne** to our church roll by statement. NEXT BUSINESS MEETING is Wednesday, September 21, 6:30 p.m.

Deacons Meeting

**Tuesday, September 13
5:30 p.m.**

Lower Auditorium

Christian Service Center Report - July 2022

FBC Christian Service Center
Distributions for July, 2022.

41 Children

103 Adults

59 Seniors

4323 food items were distributed

662 clothing items

245 miscellaneous items such as toilet paper, soap, toothpaste, laundry and dishwashing detergents, adult incontinence items, wipes, soap, etc.

CSC volunteers greatly appreciate your generous donations, and our recipients are very grateful for your generosity.

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Wednesday Fellowship Dinners

**Beginning September 7
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.**

Family Life Center

RSVP to the Church Office!

Cost is \$8.00 per person.

Kids and Youth Eat Free!

See September Menu Inside Newsletter



Sunday, October 2

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

(Meal 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.)

Norris Dam State Park - Shelter #2

Catered by Buddy's Bar-B-Q.

Sponsored by the FBC Deacons.

Please RSVP to the Church Office by Wed., Sept. 28
(please let us know how many you have under the age 6)
Cost: \$5.00 per person (\$20 Max. Per Family)

MENU: Pulled Pork, Hotdogs, Chili, Baked Beans, Chips, Cole Slaw, Lemonade, Sweet and Unsweet Tea.

Please bring a DESSERT to SHARE.

We will have fun games and activities!

IT'S A BOY STORY

You are invited to a baby shower
Honoring
Sean & Haleigh Copeland
& baby *Matthew Lee Copeland*
on
Sunday, September 18
Drop-in 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Family Life Center, Hearth Room

Registered at Target, Amazon
and Buy Buy Baby

A Night of Worship & Tribute

**Saturday, September 10
6:00 p.m.**

First Baptist Church, Sanctuary
The Overflow Worship Ministry
In conjunction with Mt. Sinai
Baptist Church presents:
A Night of Worship & Tribute,
in memory of **Rev. William
Caldwell, Jr.**