

First Thoughts

We are truly blessed to live in East Tennessee. During this time of year, in particular, it's a great place to be, as there are cooler temperatures and changing leaves for us all to enjoy. There's something therapeutic about getting outside and appreciating the beauty of God's creation.

There's a lot for us to be grateful for, and with all that is going on in our world, it's a good idea to slow down and "be where our feet are." It means so much when we gather in person for fellowship and worship as a family of faith. It's a reminder that we have more in common than we realize—primarily our shared faith in Jesus Christ.

Phil Vischer is known for being one of the creators of Veggie Tales; it's an animated series featuring Bob the Tomato and Larry the Cucumber. My children grew up on this wonderful show that highlighted biblical truths; many of the episodes ended with "What's the Big Idea?"

In a recent interview, Vischer commented on the divisions that often plague our church and society: "We're finding new ways to dislike each other, and that's really been the most upsetting thing. There's an idolatry of politics that has made it impossible for many of us who were fine worshipping together to continue worshipping together."

I'm continuing the sermon series on "In the Heart of Clinton" this month; each Sunday's passage has the word "heart" in it. This is an obvious reference to our campus being in the geographical center of town. But, also (and more importantly) I want us to seek to be a spiritual center as well.

Let's remember the words of Jesus: "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself" (John 12.32). This was obviously a reference to his mode of death, but it's also an admonition for us to keep focus on Jesus in our work and witness. We can "lift up" a lot of things, but as a church we must point people to Christ first and foremost. Only Jesus is "the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13.8).

It's OCTOBER! There will be numerous occasions for fellowship and worship in our church. I hope you'll take advantage of them and bring a friend with you.

It's a good time to be part of FBC! Thanks for your faithfulness in your attendance, financial support, service, and prayers.

Pastor Danny

Mrs. Bradley Harness

is our new FBC Preschool Coordinator.

She has been a member at FBC with her husband Andy since 2019. Their daughter Lillian was born in 2021. Prior to being a mom, she has experience with children of all ages during her time as a music therapist. She looks forward working with your kids!



Youth Refuge

Sundays, beginning October 16
6:00 p.m.

Family Life Center
Youth Room
Dinner, Bible Study & Games



Wednesdays
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. Dinner
6:15 p.m. - 8 p.m. Fellowship,
Games and Homework!

No Refuge 10/12 - Fall Break

YOUTH TAILGATE

PARTY



Grades 6 - 12
Saturday, October 29
Time to Be Announced

FLC Youth Room

FOOD & GAME

UT VS. KY

SWAG CONTEST!
Winner gets a PRIZE

HEARTS ON FIRE

Friday, November 18 &
Saturday, November 19

Departure time TBA
LeConte Event Center
Pigeon Forge, TN
Grades 6-12
Cost: \$75 per youth (includes
ticket, t-shirt, hotel room,
transportation, & Cici's Pizza)
Bring money for other meals and
to shop with at Tanger.

Music: Chris Tomlin
Speakers: Jonathan Evans
(Chaplain for the Dallas Cowboys &
former NFL fullback), and Clayton
King, Pastor/Evangelist.
See Kris to sign up!

Calling All Women! Women's Ministry Reunion Dinner

Thursday, November 3
6:00 p.m.

Family Life Center
Admission is \$10.

RSVP to the church office.



Join us for a night of food, fellowship, laughs and heart touching truth as **Laura West** reveals that "If you have a pulse, you have a purpose." Christian comedian and inspirational speaker, Laura West, along with her daughter Maleka, will be sharing their testimony.

Encore Trip

(FBC Senior Adult Ministry)
Cumberland County Playhouse
Thursday, October 27

Cost: \$50

Includes: lunch, ticket,
and transportation (vans)

- Meet in the FBC Parking Lot at **10:30 a.m.**
- Lunch at Cumberland County State Park Restaurant and then "The Buddy Holly Story" at **2:30 p.m.**
- Supper and snacks at Buc-ee's (on your own!)
- Return to FBC parking lot at **7:30 p.m.**
- RSVP to the church office by **October 14!**



FBC Kids

Age 3 - Grade 5

Wednesdays

5:30 p.m. Dinner

6:00 p.m. FBC Kids

Music, Bible Study, Crafts

No FBC Kids 10/12 - Fall Break

Kid's Church

Sundays during the 10:40 a.m. service 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.

BUSY BAG ETIQUETTE

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

Congratulations to our Scholarship Recipients!

Tara Zody and Sam Whitaker were awarded the Ervin & Freddie Queener Scholarship.



Towers Yard Sale

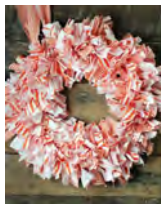
Saturday, October 1
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
In the FBC Parking Lot
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Towers Movie Night

Saturday, October 1
7:00 p.m.

Join us for popcorn and the movie Woodlawn.



Towers Craft

Saturday, October 15
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Volunteers needed.
Everyone is welcome to come make your own wreath.

The Creative Art Ministry Presents...

Splatter Screen Pumpkin

Tuesday, October 25
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall (Level B)



Want a new fall decoration? Need a gift for a friend?

Please join us to make a splatter screen pumpkin to take home or give to a friend. Call the church office (865-457-9353) to **sign up by Sunday, Oct. 23rd**, also stating how many crafts you intend to make. Cost: \$5.00 per splatter screen pumpkin.

Christian Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Susan Hammons, whose mother, **Jane Morgan**, passed away, September 15.

Memorial Flowers

The flowers on the altar Sunday, October 2, are in loving memory of **Gary Hylton** and **Judy Hylton**. With Love, Jim, Mike, Jeff, Christa, Amy, Noah, Patty and George.

The flowers on the altar, Sunday, October 9, were placed there by Charlie Abner in loving memory of **Wanda Abner** for their Wedding Anniversary.

The flowers in the baptistry, Sunday, October 9 are in loving memory of **R.C. Fox's** birthday, October 7, given by the Fox Family.

The flowers on the altar Sunday, October 16 are in loving memory of **JoAnne Zody's** birthday, October 21, given by Bill, Billy, Michael, and their families.

The flowers in the baptistry Sunday, October 16 are in loving memory of **Clara Wallace McClure's** Memorial Service which is October 15, 2022 and her birthday, November 5, given by her sister, Dorothy Howell and the Wallace family.

The flowers on the altar, Sunday, October 23, are in honor and appreciation of our **Pastor, Dr. Danny Chisholm and his family**, given by Beth and Jack Green.

The flowers on the altar Sunday, October 30, are in loving memory of **Leon & Delores Golden's** Wedding Anniversary, October 31.

The flowers in the baptistry on Sunday, October 30 are in loving memory of **Joseph Edward Holbrook's** birthday which was October 29 given by Maxine Holbrook & Family.

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.

From the Pulpit

Sundays in October

8:30 a.m. Family Life Center
10:40 a.m. Sanctuary
Oct. 02 | Samuel 16:4-13
Oct. 09 Proverbs 3:1-6
Oct. 16 Kris Hicks
Oct. 23 Matthew 12:33-37
Oct. 30 Matthew 14:22-33

Church Picnic

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
Sponsored by the FBC Deacons.
Bring a **DESSERT to SHARE.**

Fellowship Dinner

Wednesday, October 5

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!

Menu: Chicken Casserole,
Carrots, Salad and Dessert.
Other menus TBA

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Write Out, and Share Their
Testimonies

Wednesday Bible Study

October 5 - December 7

6:30 p.m.

Lower Auditorium

Led by Jason Taylor

No Bible Study Fall Break - 10/12

Deacons Meeting

***Tuesday, October 18, 5:30 p.m.**

Lower Auditorium

*date change due to Fall Break

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.

August Financial Summary

Budget Receipts \$ 65,015
2022 Receipts/Wkly Avg. \$ 15,488
2022 Weekly Budget Req. \$ 17,732
Budget Expense \$ 72,087
August Deficit/Income (\$ 7,072)
2022 Deficit/Income (\$10,934)
TOTAL August 31 (\$18,006)

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 August Financials and Minutes were approved. The hiring of **Brogdon Roofing** to replace damaged fascia board on FLC and the hiring of **Michael Smith** to replace flooring on the second floor of FLC (Hearth Room to Youth Room) were approved. **Mark Halcomb's** resignation from Trustees Committee was approved. The revamping of the Youth Room was approved. **Tim and Amanda Borum's** letter was transferred to Orchard View Baptist Church, Oliver Springs. **NEXT BUSINESS MEETING is Wednesday, October 19, 6:30 p.m.**

Christian Service Center Report, August, 2022

61 Children 159 Adults 86 Seniors
Total: 306 individuals and 219 families
152 families for same period last year
6,702 food items were distributed
529 clothing items
316 miscellaneous items such as toilet paper, soap, toothpaste, laundry and dishwashing detergents, adult incontinence items, wipes, soap, etc.

C.S.C. Clothing Closet Volunteers Needed

Tuesdays, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Contact Karen Eslinger if you can help.

C.S.C. Closet

The C.S.C. is accepting winter clothing, coats, sweaters and jackets. Their biggest need is for winter clothing for school age children. All clothing should be clean. No dry clean items accepted. No summer clothing accepted at this time.

You are invited to a
Wedding Shower
honoring

Trevor White 
and *Cayla Rader*

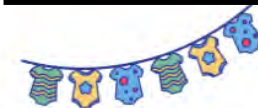
(daughter of Cheryl Broome)

Saturday, October 8

Drop-in 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

FBC Family Life Center

RSVP by text at 865-804-4447 or email jbradley1317@gmail.com
Registered at Target.



Save the Date:

Baby Shower honoring
Jason & Amanda Taylor
Sunday, November 6
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Family Life Center Hearth Room
Registered at Amazon & Target.

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Clinton Upward Basketball & Cheer

Register online at clintonupward.org beginning October 1.
Early registration ends November 4 at a cost of \$80.

There will be no evaluations.

Scholarships are available upon request.

Practice begins the week of Jan. 2.
Games begin the week of Jan. 14.
Awards Night is March 7.

