

A 17th century German pastor buried dozens of his parishioners every day during the "Thirty Years War" which devastated Europe. Millions of civilians and soldiers died as a result of war, disease, and economic depression during these decades of horror and difficulty. During this painful and seemingly unending conflict, Martin Rinkart wrote this simple prayer of blessing for his children:

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices; Who wondrous things hath done, in Whom His world rejoices. Who, from our mother's arms, hath led us on our way, with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

These beautiful words, penned in 1636, were put to music and can be found in our Sanctuary hymnal. It's the first stanza of a song of gratitude based not upon circumstances but rather upon God's character and faithfulness. For centuries, these words have encouraged and inspired us as the people of God.

We are in the last months of the calendar year, and from a church standpoint that means we're entering an increased level of activity relating to the holiday season. This is a great time to get back in the habit of in person worship, fellowship, and Bible study. Let's be thankful for what we've been given and the freedom we have to gather together.

November also signals that we are close to ending the fiscal year as well. Your regular, faithful, financial support through tithes and offerings is critical to our making a significant impact in our community and beyond. We're in this together, so let's do our best to finish the year on strong financial footing.

It's remarkable that Rinkart could find the mental and spiritual fortitude to be grateful during that time. His example is important and timely for our church. I'm keenly aware of the sadness we've experienced through death and difficulty as well as the joy and excitement that bubbles over with newborns coming into the world. All these life experiences are shared in our life together as the family of faith known as First Baptist Church.

Thanksgiving is upon us. The natural beauty of East Tennessee is a wonderful incentive and reminder of God's presence. Gratitude is an antidote for worry, so let's remember the words of the Apostle Paul: "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks to God in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thess. 5.18).

Remember--"life is a gift."

Pastor Danny

The Church Office, Family Life Center and WEE Ministry will be closed on November 24 & 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday. The CSC will be closed on Tuesday, November 22. There will be no Wednesday night activities on November 23.

Youth Refuge

Grades 6-12
 FLC Youth Room
Sundays (No Refuge 11/27)
6:00 p.m.
 Dinner, Bible Study & Games
Wednesdays (No Refuge 11/23)
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. Dinner
6:15 p.m. - 8 p.m. Fellowship, Games and Homework!

HEARTS ON FIRE

November 18 & 19
 LeConte Event Center
 Leaving FBC Parking Lot, **Friday, Nov. 18 at 4:45 p.m.**
 Returning to FBC, **Saturday, Nov. 19 at 10:30 p.m.**

Youth LifeGroup Christmas Party

Sunday, Dec. 11 @ 9:30 a.m.
 FLC Youth Room

Youth Refuge Christmas Party

Wednesday, Dec. 14 @ 6 p.m.
 FLC Youth Room

Creative Arts Ministry presents:

2-part Calligraphy (& painting) Class with local calligrapher Sally Atkins
Thursdays, November 10 & 17
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
 Lower Auditorium.

Cost: \$15 each (includes supplies)
 RSVP to the Church Office by Nov. 8.

- Participants will learn the basics of calligraphy and be provided an example alphabet, while mainly concentrating on creating the Christmas card pictured here.
- Each participant will make one card, which they can replicate later on their own time.
- The first night will be painting the watercolor backdrop of the card.
- The second night doing the calligraphy.

Women's Ministry Reunion Dinner

Thursday, November 3 6:00 p.m.
 Family Life Center
 Admission is \$10.
 Call the Church Office to RSVP.
 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.



Keyboards at Christmas

Sunday, December 4 3:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.
 Sanctuary
 Tickets are free but needed.
 Get your tickets beginning Nov. 6, 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in the Garden Room or call the church office to reserve.



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.



FBC Kids

Wednesdays (No FBC Kids 11/23)
5:30 p.m.
 Dinner, Music, & Bible Study!
 Kids need to be signed in at the Family Life Center. Pick up in the car line in the lower parking lot at 7:15 p.m.

Birth Announcements



Congratulations to Erin and Johnathan Alderson on the birth of a baby boy, **Judah Banks Alderson**, born, Thursday, October 6. Also, congratulations to big brother, Lucas Ridenour, grandmother, Kandi Alderson, aunt, Katie Phillips, and cousin, Abby Phillips.



Congratulations to Haleigh and Sean Copeland on the birth of a baby boy, **Matthew Lee Copeland**, born on Friday, October 14. Also, congratulations to grandparents, Page and Carol Scarborough and uncle, Hunter Scarborough.

Towers Movie Night

Saturday, November 5 6:00 p.m. (note time is different)
 Join us for popcorn and a movie!
 Everyone is welcome!

Towers Craft

Saturday, November 12 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 Volunteers needed.
 Everyone is welcome to attend!

LifeGroup Teachers Luncheon

Sunday, November 13 12:00 p.m.
 FLC Gym
 LifeGroup teachers and their families are invited to a special luncheon in their honor. Please RSVP to the Church Office by November 6 and let us know how many will be attending in your family.

Christmas Memorials Poinsettias \$10 Wreaths \$25



Memorial for: _____

Given by: _____

Amount Given: _____

Mail to FBC, P.O. Box 268
 Clinton, TN 37717

Angel Tree Coming Soon!

The Angel Tree will be in the Garden Room (Level 2) beginning Sunday, November 6.

Christian Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Faye Yakel** (10/10), to the family of **Ada Ann Healey** (10/15) and to the family of **Lyndsey Denton** (10/17).

Memorial Flowers

The flowers on the altar in the sanctuary on Sunday, November 6 are in honor of all **Veterans**, given by Mike & Carolyn Cook.

The flowers in the baptistry, Sunday, November 6, are in loving memory of **Maud Fox's** birthday, which was November 3, given by the Fox Family.

The flowers in the baptistry on Sunday, November 6 are in loving memory of **Wanda Abner**, given by her family.

The flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday, November 13 are given by **Paul Smith's** wife and children in loving memory of his 98th birthday, which would have been November 14.

The flowers in the Baptistry on November 13 are in loving memory of **Jim Hannah's** birthday which is November 15, given by Kay and family.

The flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday, November 20 are in loving memory of **Larry Pierce**, whose birthday was November 22, given by Betty Kay Pierce and Lydia Thorpe.

The flowers in the front of the sanctuary on Sunday, November 27 are in loving memory of **Jennings Meredith's** Birthday, November 29, given by Phyllis, Ashley, Emma Kate, and Jackson.

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 November

8:30 a.m. Family Life Center
10:40 a.m. Sanctuary
06 John 14:1-6
13 Matthew 6:19-21
20 Deuteronomy 11:13-21
27 Rev. Ben Neal

LifeGroups

Sundays
9:30 a.m.

We have LifeGroups for all ages.

Monthly Fellowship Dinners

Wednesday, November 2
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

RSVP to the Church Office.

Cost: \$8.00 for adults
(Kids & Youth eat free weekly)

Menu: Ham, Sweet Potato Casserole, Broccoli Casserole, Salad, Rolls, Pumpkin Pie

THE 2ND GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

Helping People Think Through, Write Out, and Share Their Testimonies

Wednesday Bible Study
6:30 p.m.

Lower Auditorium

Taught by Jason Taylor
11/02 Prepare - Part 1
11/09 Prepare - Part 2
11/30 & 12/7 You use your opportunity to share

Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, November 15
5:30 p.m.

Lower Auditorium

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.

September Financial Summary

Budget Receipts	\$ 63,751
2022 Receipts/Wkly Avg.	\$ 15,534
2022 Weekly Budget Req.	\$ 17,732
Budget Expense	\$ 74,447
September Deficit/Income	(\$10,696)
2022 Deficit/Income	(\$18,006)
TOTAL September 30	(\$28,702)

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 **September** Financials and Minutes were approved. The church hired **Bradley Harness** as Nursery Coordinator. The church will provide **Amanda Taylor** with a 12 week paid leave of absence for maternity leave. **Mackenzie Hutchison** resigned from the Youth Committee. **NEXT BUSINESS MEETING is Wednesday, November 16, 6:30 p.m.**

Missions Goal

The Lottie Moon and Global Missions combined Goal is **\$8,000**.

Christian Service Center Report, September, 2022

30 Children/168 Adults/76 Seniors

Total: 194 individuals/152 families
6,386 food items were distributed

483 clothing items

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

C.S.C. Clothing Closet

The C.S.C. is accepting winter clothing, coats, sweaters and jackets. All clothing should be clean. No dry clean items accepted. No summer clothing accepted at this time.

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FBC CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER TURKEY TIME

If you would like to donate a Holiday Food Box for a family in need at Thanksgiving and Christmas, they are **\$25.00** each. Please mark your envelope Turkey Time!

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER HOLIDAY FOOD BOX DISTRIBUTION

Monday, November 21 & Monday, December 19
Drive-Thru beginning at 9:00 a.m.

First Come, First Serve

Bring Photo ID

(The C.S.C. will be closed on Tuesdays, Nov. 22 & Dec. 20)

CLINTON UPWARD BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING

Scan the QR Code to register or go to clintonupward.org
Early registration ends November 4 at a cost of \$85.

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



Registration

Baby Shower

honoring

Jason & Amanda Taylor

Sunday, November 6

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

FLC Hearth Room

Registered at

Amazon & Target

It's a Boy!



Hospitality Bag

Assembly - Help Needed

Monday, November 7

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Family Life Center, Gym

We need help assembling the Hospitality Snack Bags we

hand out during the C.S.C.

Thanksgiving and Christmas

Food Box Distribution.

Please call the church office

at 865-457-9353 or email

katrina@fbclinton.org if you

can help.