

First Thoughts...

Mike Glenn (Christianity Today) tells a story about when he learned the difference between wishing and wanting:

Several years ago I was playing golf with a very talented man. I stood up and hit my drive and like usual, the ball went way right of where I was aiming. While I was trying to watch my ball to see where it would come down, I heard my friend laughing.

Now, I don't know if you know this, but it's very rude to laugh at another player's bad shot. It's considered bad form. So, I asked my friend, "What are you laughing at?"

"I'm laughing at you," he said. "Why are you laughing at me?"

"Because, he said, "you don't do anything in your swing to make the ball go where you want it to go. You just stand up here and wish."

Many Americans will make New Year's Resolutions. The more popular ones are about losing weight, going to the gym, and reading the Bible. Most of them will be broken by Ground Hog Day. We may wish for change but not want it enough to do what's necessary to bring it about.

One definition of insanity is to keep doing the same things over and over again while expecting different results.

You've heard me use this John Claypool quote before but it's appropriate as we begin another year together: "Life is a Gift."

I am not a resolutions person but I do want to have a greater appreciation for the blessings and gifts of family and friends this upcoming year. Looking back upon 2022, I can now say that many things occurred that none of us could have anticipated. These unexpected events added to the joys, sorrows, trials, and triumphs of the past year. I suspect the same will be true for 2023.

Let's be grateful for life, and our shared life together as the people of God known as First Baptist Church Clinton. Happy New Year!

Pastor Danny

2023 Deacon Eligibility List

The 2023 Deacon Eligibility List will be mailed to church members the first week in January. If your name was inadvertently left off the list or if you want your name removed, please contact the church office. Return your Deacon Nominations by January 31.

Preventions of Sexual Misconduct Training

The annual church-wide training for the Prevention of Sexual Misconduct will be held on **Sunday, January 29**, at **9:30 a.m.** in the Sanctuary. The Nursery, Pre-K, and Children's LifeGroups will meet as scheduled in their classrooms. An abbreviated make-up session will be held at noon on **Sunday, February 5** in the Lower Auditorium.

Encore Event

Our Encore Group will have a Seminar in January led by an estate attorney titled, "**Are Your Legal Affairs In Order?**" We will meet at noon for lunch in the Lower Auditorium with the program to follow. The agenda will cover Wills, estate planning, Power of Attorney, and other legal topics related to senior adults. **The date for this event will be announced soon!**

youth refuge

Sundays

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Grades 6-12

FLC Youth Room

Dinner, Bible Study & Games

Spring Theme begins January 8:

What's Holding You Back?

Letting Go

And Moving Forward

Youth Hangout

Wednesdays

5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Grades 6-12

FLC Youth Room

Dinner, Fellowship, Games and

Homework!

Youth Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 12

Time TBA

Family Life Center

Save the Date!

Youth Spring Retreat

February 17 -19



Kids Church

Sundays during the 10:40 a.m. Service, kids can leave with Ms. Lauren after the children's message. Pick up following the service in the Church Library located behind the sanctuary.

FBC Kids

Wednesdays

5:30 p.m. - 7:15 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.

Clinton Upward

Practices begin week of January 2.

Games begin January 14.

Awards Night is March 7.

Welcome New Members

Jamie, Shelley & Cooper Phillips



**Penny Hicks
Hanna Hicks**



Lucas Ridenour



Thank you!



Food City's Race Against Hunger Campaign donated \$1,500 to the FBC Christian Service Center. Picture above is **James Garrett** accepting the check from store manager **Sam Turner**.

Angel Tree Report

The 2022 FBC Angel Tree served 68 angels - 6 mothers and 62 children. The names came from a variety of sources in our area; Clinton City School System, Head Start, Mist Program and specific known needs. One mother writes:

"I just want to say thank you so much. That was more than enough for these kids. They are going to be so happy Christmas morning with whatever they got!!! I can't tell you thank you enough!!!!"

We are a community blessing because of your generosity. Thank you to all who picked angels, shopped, and contributed funds to make this year's Angel Tree a success.



**Suncatchers
CD Craft**

Towers Craft

Saturday, January 14

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Volunteers needed.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Towers Movie Night

Saturday, January 21

6:00 p.m.

Movie: Snow Dogs

Free Movie & Popcorn!

Everyone is welcome!



Christmas Memorials

Wreaths in Memory of:

Virgil & Faye Callaway

H.E. & Ruby Rosenbaum

by Ed & Becky Rosenbaum

Larry & Louise Egner

by Cindy, Jack, Katie & Sophie

Bonnie West

by Billy West & Rusty & Darla Fritts

Steve Reynolds

by Felecia Reynolds & Family

Martha Jameson

by Felecia Reynolds

Homer & Bessie Wallace

Clara McClure

William & Julie Wallace (In honor of)

by Dorothy Howell

Mr. & Mrs. W.B. McCall, Sr.

& Jim McCall

James & Ernestine Gann

James & Martha Smith

Charles & Ruth Nahodil

by Buddy & Elaine Gann McCall

Steve Pyatt

by Lindy Pyatt & Family

Don & Bonnie Page

by Steve & Carolyn Page

Randy Page

by Steve & Carolyn Page & Family

Poinsettias in memory of:

Ozelle & Joe Aylor

Paige & Jeff Jeffers

by George & Patricia Aylor

Roy Darnell

Meghan Darnell Kovach

By Betty, Jana, Michael,

& Sean Darnell

Monnie Champion

by Betty & Jana Darnell

James & Ernestine Gann

James & Martha Smith

by Ann & Larry Gann

Jim Hannah

by Kay Hannah

Bill Howell

Dorothy Howell's Nieces (In honor of)

by Dorothy Howell

Gene McClanahan

Les Swann

by Jo & Lesley

Jennings Meredith

by Phyllis Meredith & Family

Claude & Maxine Ownby

by Terri King

Clifton & Maude Sweet

by Merelyn Young,

Steve & Carolyn Page

Richard Buckner

Richard Buckner, Jr.

by Marilyn & family

Memorial Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary on January 8 are in loving memory of **Fred and Scott Fox**, given by Onah Fox.

The flowers in the sanctuary on January 15 are in loving memory of **Monnie Champion's** birthday, which was January 15, given by Jackie, Elyssa, and Eric Champion and Erin Lambert.

The flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday, January 22, are in loving memory of **Homer H. Wallace**, whose date of birth was January 27, given by Dorothy Howell.

Fellowship Dinner & Game Night



Join us for dinner and family Bingo fun in the Family Life Center.

Wednesday, January 4

5:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

RSVP to the Church Office.

Cost: \$8.00 for adults

(Kids & Youth eat free weekly)

Church Council Meeting

Monday, January 9

5:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

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.

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.

Christian Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Gale Jones (11/29)**, **Claude McCuiston (12/7)**, **Doodles Mayes (12/9)**, and **Sara Bumpus (12/14)**.

Birth Announcements

Congratulations to Amanda and Jason Taylor on the birth of a baby boy, **Michael (Mica) Henlea Taylor**, born Friday, December 2. Also, congratulations to big sister, Reiya Taylor.



Congratulations to Stefanie Holbrook and Buck Shepherd on the birth of a baby boy, **Storm Michael**, born Thursday, December 8. Also, congratulations to big sister, Marlee and grandparents, Rodney & Sonya Holbrook.



From the Pulpit

Sundays in January

8:30 a.m. Family Life Center

10:40 a.m. Sanctuary

January 1 Dr. Vicki Violette (Combined Service at 10 a.m. in the FLC, No LifeGroups)

January 8 Matthew 2:1-12

January 15 John 13:31-38

January 22 Ephesians 4:1-6

January 29 Ezra 3:10-13

Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Lower Auditorium

January 4 Game Night

January 11 Mayberry Study

January 18 Business Meeting

January 25 Mayberry Study

LifeGroups

Sundays (no LifeGroups 1/1)

9:30 a.m.

We have LifeGroups for all ages.

Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, January 10

5:30 p.m.

Lower Auditorium

November Financial Summary

Budget Receipts	\$ 54,287
2022 Receipts/Wkly Avg.	\$ 15,291
2022 Weekly Budget Req.	\$ 17,732
Budget Expense	\$ 76,795
November Deficit/Income	(\$ 22,508)
2022 Deficit/Income	(\$ 29,301)
TOTAL November 30	(\$ 51,809)

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR PICK UP IN THE HALLWAY BEHIND THE SANCTUARY.



Scan the QR Code to Connect with online giving.

Business Meeting

Wednesday, January 18

6:30 p.m.

Lower Auditorium

Business Meeting Report

The **November** Financials and Minutes were approved. **Frank Hammerling** resigned from the Tellers Committee. **George Aylor** and **Mike Hammons** were added to the Trustees Committee. The Prevention of Sexual Misconduct Policy and Procedures for Nursery, Children and Youth was approved. We added **Penny Hicks** and **Hanna Hicks** to the church roll. **Bridget Jones** was removed from the church roll. Results of the called business meetings on December 4 for the proposed 2023 budget: 121 voted yes and 8 voted no.

Christian Service Center Report, November 2022

28 Children

111 Adults

74 Seniors

Total: 213 individuals and 126 families

5732 food items were distributed

496 clothing items

55 miscellaneous items such as sheets, diapers, toilet paper, etc.

30 coats (also gave cards for a coat at KARM during Thanksgiving Dist.)

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The Mayberry Bible Study Vol. 2

Wednesdays beginning

January 11!

6:30 p.m.

Lower Auditorium

We are starting a new year by making a return trip back to the town of Mayberry! On Wednesday nights, Pastor Danny will be leading this study once again as we review biblical themes and insights from another four episodes from the popular TV series *The Andy Griffith Show*.

Workbooks are available in the church office for \$5!

Missions Goal

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

Lottie Moon: \$1,540

Global Missions: \$1,075

Total Received: \$2,615

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JANUARY 2023



New Year's Day Service

Combined Service, 10:00 a.m., FLC

Upward Basketball and Cheer

practices begin the week of January 2

Mayberry Bible Study

Wednesdays, beginning January 11, 6:30 p.m.

Lower Auditorium

Annual Church-Wide Training for the Prevention of Sexual Misconduct

Sunday, January 29, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary

The Church Office, WEE Ministry, and FLC will be closed Monday, January 2.