

# First Thoughts...

"In one sense, the road back to God is a road of moral effort, of trying harder and harder. But in another sense it is not trying that is ever going to bring us home. All this trying leads up to the vital moment at which you turn to God and say, "You must do this. I can't."

I came across this quote from C. S. Lewis in my sermon preparation a few weeks ago. It brought me back to a familiar passage by the Apostle Paul in which he referenced our salvation as a means of God's grace in our lives (Ephesians 2.8-9). It is not based on works. However, there a natural progression from our salvation experience to our serving the Lord. The Apostle Paul adds (verse 10): "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

I appreciate the faithfulness of so many of you in your participation in the life of our church. Your attendance, prayers, giving of your time and financial resources to the ministry of this church is a great encouragement. Keep in mind that your involvement is not only about yourself but also a means of encouragement to the people around you.

February is a month in which many of us think about our loved ones. Let's spend time giving thanks for those in our families who pour love and support into our lives. These persons model for us the simple admonition to live out our faith one day at a time. That is a cliché, living "one day at a time" but that is all our Lord has asked us to do.

Let's also think about our church and those whom you've met and love as part of your extended family. There are those who have loved and supported you through particularly dark and difficult times, as well as during times of celebration and gladness. Life in the fellowship of the church is too precious to discard and take for granted. Let's lean into and learn from these moments of worship, fellowship, and time together.

There are some things only God can do. But, there are also some things that we can do. May God help us understand the difference. During this month in particular, let's realize these words of our Lord Jesus: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13.35).

Pastor Danny

## Preventions of Sexual Misconduct Training

An abbreviated make-up date for the annual church-wide training for the Prevention of Sexual Misconduct will be held on **Sunday, February 5**, at **12:00 p.m.** in the Lower Auditorium.

## youth refuge

**Sundays**  
**6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**  
Grades 6-12  
FLC Youth Room  
Dinner, Bible Study & Games  
Spring Theme:

**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**  
5:00 p.m. Arena Football  
6:00 p.m. Game  
Food, Arena Football in the Gym and the Super Bowl in the Youth Room

## Save the Date! Senior Recognition

**Sunday, April 23**  
**8:30 a.m. & 10:40 a.m.**  
Lunch will be provided for high school graduates and their families at noon in the FLC.

## Clinton Upward

Awards Night is **Monday, March 6** at **6:00 pm.** at SBC.



## 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.

Join us for the Baptism of **Lucas Ridenour** **Sunday, February 26, at 10:40 a.m.** in the Sanctuary.



*For others that would like to be baptized, please contact Pastor Danny or Ms. Lauren.*

## Save the Date!

**FBC Kid's Musical**  
**Wednesday, May 3**



## Combined Worship Service

**Sunday, February 5**  
**10:40 a.m.**

In the Sanctuary  
Message by Dr. Charles A. Fowler, President,  
Carson-Newman University

## Encore Event Are Your Legal Affairs in Order?

**Guest Speaker: Angelia Nystrom**  
**Attorney at Long, Ragsdale & Waters**

FLC Hearth Room  
**Thursday, February 16**  
**12:00 p.m.**

Soup and Sandwich lunch provided. Free Event!  
RSVP to the church office at 865-457-9353 or email [vicki@fbclinton.org](mailto:vicki@fbclinton.org) by Feb. 13.

## Encore Save the Dates:

- Thursday, March 23**  
Tour of the Lynn and Lyndsey Denton Bible Display at Carson-Newman University and a visit to the Bush's Bean Museum along with lunch at their Café

- Friday, April 28**  
Dogwood Arts Festival

- Thursday, June 1**  
Encore Picnic at Norris State Park

## Deacon Workshop

**Saturday, February 25**  
**8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Lower Auditorium  
**Speaker: Dr. Michael Smith, Interim Pastor, First Baptist Church, Jefferson City**  
All ordained deacons are invited to attend. Please RSVP to the church office at 865-457-9353 or [katrina@fbclinton.org](mailto:katrina@fbclinton.org).



## Church Picnic

**Sunday, April 30**  
**3:00 p.m.** Meet  
**4:00 p.m.** Eat  
Norris Dam State Park - Shelter #2  
RSVP to the Church Office at 865-898-9752 or [katrina@fbclinton.org](mailto:katrina@fbclinton.org) by **Monday, April 24.**

## BUDDY'S bar-b-q

Pulled Pork, Hotdogs, Chili, Baked Beans, Chips, Coleslaw, Tea and Lemonade.

**Bring your favorite dessert to share.**

Cost: \$5.00 per person or \$20 max per family

## Memorial Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, February 5, are in loving memory of **William Barry Pace**, whose birthday was February 1, given by Bill and Joanna Pace.

The flowers in the Sanctuary **Sunday, February 12**, are in loving memory of **Herbert Ward**, given by Chloe Ann and family.

## Birth Announcements

Congratulations to Caleb and Mackenzie Clement on the birth of a baby boy, **Beau Thomas Clement**, born on Thursday,



January 12. Also, congratulations to grandparents, Whitney Denton, Michael and Heather Clement, aunt, Rachel Clement, and great grandfather, Lynn Denton.

## Christian Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Catherine Rutherford** (1/22).

## Fellowship Dinner

**Wednesday, February 1**  
**5:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.**  
RSVP to the Church Office.  
**Menu: Corn Chowder, Vegetable Soup, Salad, Rolls, Strawberry Cake**  
Cost: \$8.00 for adults  
(Kids & Youth eat free weekly)

## 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.

## From the Pulpit

**Sundays in February**  
**8:30 a.m.** Family Life Center  
**10:40 a.m.** Sanctuary  
Feb. 05 Dr. Charles Fowler  
Feb. 12 Numbers 11:18-23  
Feb. 19 Numbers 13:26-33  
Feb. 26 Rev. Jason Taylor

## LifeGroups

**Sundays**  
**9:30 a.m.**  
We have LifeGroups for all ages.



## Adult Bible Study

**Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.**  
Lower Auditorium  
Feb. 01 Mayberry Study  
Feb. 08 Mayberry Study  
Feb. 15 Business Meeting  
Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday Service

## Deacons Meeting

**\*Thursday, February 16**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
Lower Auditorium  
\*Please notice date change due to Valentine's Day.

## Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 22  
6:30 p.m.  
Sanctuary

## Church Fish Fry

**Sunday, March 5**  
**12:00 p.m.**  
Family Life Center  
\$10.00 per person  
\$25.00 max per family  
3 and under free  
Tickets will be available for purchase beginning February 5, before and after LifeGroups in the Family Life Center and Garden Room.

## December Financial Summary

Budget Receipts	\$ 184,836
2022 Receipts/Wkly Avg.	\$ 17,669
2022 Weekly Budget Req.	\$ 17,732
Budget Expense	\$ 83,751
December Deficit/Income	\$ 101,085
2022 Deficit/Income	(\$ 51,809)
TOTAL December 31	\$ 49,276

**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, February 15**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
Lower Auditorium

## Business Meeting Report

The **December** Financials and Minutes were approved. The newer church van will have a new catalytic converter installed at Clinton Muffler due to ours being stollen. ADT will be hired to install two additional cameras showing the church parking lot. We will hire ML Sound to install new stage box and stage input wall panels in the FLC. The Missions Goal for Annie Armstrong and Global Missions was set at \$3,500 combined. Lucas Ridenour was added to our church roll by baptism.

## Christian Service Center Report, December 2022

14 Children  
65 Adults  
55 Seniors  
**Total:** 134 individuals and 85 families (These figures are for 3 Tuesdays CSC was open. Closed on Dec. 20 after Turkey box distribution.)  
3894 food items were distributed  
281 clothing items  
137 toiletry items  
24 coats  
Christmas turkey box distribution was December 19. Distributed 205 boxes.

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## Missions Goal

The Annie Armstrong and Global Missions combined Goal is **\$3,500**.

## Towers Craft

**Saturday, February 11**  
**10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**  
Volunteers needed.  
Everyone is welcome to attend!



## Painting & Pies

*Sponsored by the FBC Women's Ministry.*  
**Monday, February 27**  
**6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**  
Fellowship Hall  
**Join us for a painting class led by Jessica Temple.**  
Cost is \$10.00 (11X14 Canvas)  
RSVP to the church office at 865-457-9353 or email [katrina@fbclinton.org](mailto:katrina@fbclinton.org).



FRIENDLY GUIDE

FEBRUARY 2023

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10:40 a.m.  
Message by

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Carson-Newman University

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## Encore Event

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## Painting & Pies - Women's Event

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Please see inside the Friendly Guide for more details on these events and other upcoming events.