

First Thoughts...

Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of the 40 day period known as Lent. I'm extremely grateful our church can provide an opportunity for this observance and appreciate those who were part of that worship service.

The number 40 is significant in the Bible—it is the length of time Moses spent on Mount Sinai before descending with the 10 Commandments. It's also the length of time Jesus was tested in the wilderness after his baptism and before his earthly ministry. Lent offers a time for reflection, fasting, and generosity leading up to Easter Sunday.

Some people will "give up" something for Lent—chocolate, alcohol, certain foods, and even social media are among the more notable choices. The primary motivation for the Lenten season is to slow down in remembering the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus. Simplicity is a spiritual discipline that helps us in growing closer to Christ, especially as we make our way to the cross.

The Lenten season helps us realize our own mortality, sinfulness, and need for humility. "From dust you are, and from dust you shall return" is an important theme of these days leading to Holy Week.

Life is a gift, and none of us is promised another day. Let's do our best to embrace each moment that we have together, especially as we remember the journey Jesus made to the cross. In a similar way, Lent allows each one of us to take our own pilgrimage to the cross. The Apostle Paul wrote, "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2.20).

I appreciate the words of John Pierce: "Perhaps in addition to our accountability groups, we need grace groups to remind one another that we are loved and affirmed in failures, differences, and in perfections—keeping in forefront the reality that none of us has it all figure out."

I'm grateful to make this journey to the cross with our family of faith. I encourage you to be present for worship and LifeGroups as well as the special worship services that occur during Lent. Let's keep on keeping on, one day at a time.

Pastor Danny

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 by **Monday, April 24.**

BUDDY'S
bar-b-q

Menu: 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



Youth Refuge

Wednesdays

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

Grades 6-12

FLC Youth Room

Dinner, Fellowship, Games,
and Bible Lesson.

Youth will no longer meet on
Sunday evenings. Join us for
Refuge on Wednesdays.

Guy's Lock-in

Grades 6-12

Friday, March 10

9:00 p.m. Drop off

Saturday, March 11

7:30 a.m. Pick up

FREE EVENT!

**Basketball, Video Games, Food
and No Sleep!**

Permission slip signed by
parent/guardian is required.



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.

If you have a graduating senior
and you have not received an
email from Katrina, please
contact her at 865-457-9353 or
katrina@fbclinton.org.

College Students

If you or child are graduating
from college, please call or
email Katrina at
katrina@fbclinton.org.
We would like to add their
information to the Senior
Booklet that will be handed out
on April 23.



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.

Upward Awards

Monday, March 6

6:00 pm.

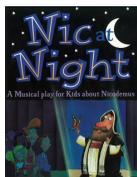
Second Baptist Church

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 9

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

At First Baptist Church following
the 10:40 service.



Save the Date!

FBC Kid's Musical

Wednesday,

May 17 (date change)

6:30 p.m.

Sanctuary



Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 12 - Friday, June 16

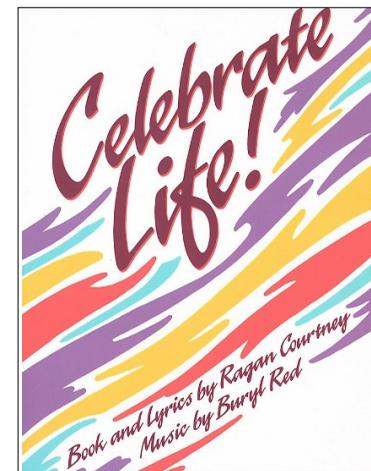
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

Age 3 - Grade 6

Volunteers needed!

Contact Lauren Neal if you would
like to volunteer.



We will be celebrating
the 50th Anniversary of
the Musical "Celebrate
Life!" on **Sunday, March
26 at 10:40 a.m.** in the
Sanctuary.

Celebrate Life tells the
story of Jesus in simple
terms. Matthew, Mark,
Luke, and John share
their faith and some of
their experiences.



Women's Event

Sunday, April 16

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Buff City Soap in Oak Ridge, TN
Cost: \$20.00

RSVP to the Church Office by
Wednesday, April 12.

We will meet at 5:00 p.m. at
McAlister's in Oak Ridge for those
that would like to eat together
before the event.



Atlanta Braves Game

Church-wide Trip

Thursday, July 20

Leave FBC at 7:00 a.m.

Game is at 12:20 p.m.

Cost: \$20 (includes ticket,
transportation, and lunch)
Tickets are still available.

Anyone is welcome to attend!
Please call the church office to
reserve your ticket!

Encore Trip

Carson-Newman University - Lynn
& Lyndsey Denton Bible Display
and Bush's Beans Museum & Café

Thursday, March 23

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Van Transportation Cost: \$10 ea.
RSVP to the Church Office.

We will tour the Lynn & Lyndsey
Denton Bible Display at 10:00
a.m. We will then go to Bush's
Beans Visitor Center at 11:30 a.m.
where we will tour the Museum
and have lunch in the café.
Everyone is on their own for the
cost of lunch. We will return to
the church by 3:00 p.m.

Encore Save the Date:

• **Friday, April 28**
Dogwood Arts Festival

• **Thursday, June 1**
Encore Picnic at
Norris Dam State Park

Memorial Flowers

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar Sunday, March 5 are in loving memory of **Terry Carpenter's** birthday, March 3 and in memory of **Von and Toni Carpenter**, given by Carol Carpenter.

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar, Sunday, March 12 are in loving memory of **Frank Boggs'** birthday, March 11, given by Sue and family.

The flowers on the altar Sunday, March 19 are in loving memory of **Helen Bowling's** birthday which was March 23, given by Billie Sue Hammer, Will, Whitney, Morgan and Millie Hammer, Clay, Ashley, Gabriella, Adaiah and C.J. Hammer and Carolyn Wilson.

Christian Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Rick Gann** (2/8).

Fellowship Dinner

Wednesday, March 1

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

RSVP to the Church Office.

Menu: Lasagna, Green Beans, Salad, Garlic Bread, Cookies

Cost: \$8.00 for adults

(Kids & Youth eat free weekly)

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sunday, March 12

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

8:30 a.m. Family Life Center

10:40 a.m. Sanctuary

March 05 Luke 9:57-60

March 12 Matthew 23:1-12

March 19 Kris Hicks

March 26 Dr. Chisholm (8:30)
50th Anniversary of
Celebrate Life (10:40)

LifeGroups

Sundays

9:30 a.m.

We have LifeGroups for all ages.

Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays,

beginning March 1

6:30 p.m.

Lower Auditorium

Pastor Danny will be leading

"Eyeing Easter: Walking through

Lent" for our Adult Bible Study. This

is a series which will cover selected

biblical passages that relate to the

Lenten themes of confession,

contrition, repentance, and

forgiveness. We will spend time

reflecting upon the importance of

God's grace and mercy shown

through the sacrificial death of our

Lord Jesus Christ. Our series will

culminate with the celebration of

Easter.

Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, March 14

5:30 p.m.

Lower Auditorium

Church Fish Fry Fundraiser

Sunday, March 5

12:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

\$10.00 per person

\$25.00 max per family

3 and under free

Tickets are available for purchase on Sundays and in the church office during the week.

Proceeds will go towards new security cameras on campus.



January Financial Summary

Budget Receipts \$ 59,460

2023 Receipts/Wkly Avg. \$ 11,892

2023 Weekly Budget Req. \$ 17,786

Budget Expense \$ 69,890

January Deficit/Income (\$ 10,430)

2023 Deficit/Income (\$ 10,430)

TOTAL January 31 (\$ 10,430)

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, March 22**

6:30 p.m.

Lower Auditorium

*meeting moved to March 22 due to Spring Break.

Business Meeting Report

The **January** Financials and Minutes

were approved. James Garret was

added as a check signer for 2023 and

2023 teachers were approved.

Christian Service Center Report, January 2023

Served: 17 Children

89 Adults

76 Seniors

Total: 182 individuals and 114 families

Distributed:

5,910 food items

364 clothing items

122 miscellaneous items such as

wipes, toilet paper,

diapers, toothpaste,

toothbrushes, etc.

21 coats (included in clothes)

In March, the C.S.C. will accept summer items. All items should be washable. Men's, women's, and children's clean socks are needed. Men's shoes are especially needed.

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Church-wide Wedding Shower

Honoring
Garrett Zody & Zoe Carter
Sunday, March 26
Drop-in
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
FLC Hearth Room
The bride and groom are registered at Target & Amazon.