

# First Thoughts...

It's Back to School Time! Like many of you parents (and students), I'm finding it hard to believe that we're gearing up for another semester. Teachers are getting their classrooms ready, parents are getting lists for school supplies, and life will fall back into a routine once again.

The same will be taking place with church life. Children and Youth will resume their Wednesday activities this month. Our choir and praise team will continue their rehearsals and I'm leading a new Bible Study series for the month of August. LifeGroups and opportunities for worship will continue to be a part of our lives, too.

As we move into the second half of the year, let me thank you all for your support of the operating budget. The June financial report indicates that our giving year to date is approximately \$50,000 higher than it was last year. Our expenses are understandably higher too, indicating that we are fully staffed and are doing more with activities, outreach, and fellowship opportunities.

Through six months, we are running about even with giving and our expenses. This is a great accomplishment and a source of encouragement that I wanted to share with you all. Let's keep up the good work--your giving makes a difference!

There is still more yet to do this year. I am excited about the possibilities of reaching people for Christ and having them get connected with our church family. Buildings and budgets are important, but our most important resource is our people.

For years, First Baptist Church Clinton has had a Christian witness that is felt within and beyond this town. For example, our WEE Ministry and Christian Service Center remain two of our signature ministries and identifiable with this church. Countless children, individuals, and families have been impacted for Christ through these ministries.

Also, and only a few weeks ago, I spoke with a dozen African-American students who were part of a Children's Defense Fund meeting on Alex Haley Farm. They toured Green McAdoo Cultural Center and stopped by to view the Rev. Paul Turner historical marker. I gladly took photos and gave them booklets provided by the Turner Memorial Committee. These young people had never heard about the Clinton 12 or Rev. Turner's role in the desegregation of the high school.

And, our church is known for its affirmation of the biblical and theological basis for women in ministry. This month we ordain Lauren Neal and Vicki Violette to the gospel ministry. We celebrate once again the important truth that service of our Lord is based on gifts and calling rather than gender. It's a privilege to be part of this moment in their lives.

This church has had a meaningful past yet there's more Kingdom work to be done. I'm grateful we can all be part of it. Let's keep praying, giving, serving, and following Jesus and trust him with the results.

## Teacher Dedication & LifeGroups Promotion Sunday, August 6

Teacher Dedication in both services 8:30 a.m. & 10:40 a.m.  
LifeGroups at 9:30 a.m.



**IGNITE**  
YOUTH MINISTRY  
FBC CLINTON

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Fall Kick-Off  
Wednesday, August 9  
@ 5:30pm  
FBC Front Lawn  
FUN - MESSY - SURPRISE Games  
Wear clothing that can be ruined!  
Pizza for Supper!

### Youth Ignite

Wednesdays, beginning Aug. 9  
5:30 p.m.  
FLC Youth Room  
Grades 6-12

### College LifeGroup Pool Party

Saturday, August 12  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
At Jackie Champion's Home  
904 Riverbend Rd., Clinton



### Terri King's 5 Year Anniversary

Terri King has served as our Minister of Music for 5 years. We are so thankful for her many talents that she shares with us! Take time to wish her a happy anniversary!



**fbc  
kids**



**BRING A FRIEND!**

**WELCOME  
BACK!**

**FBC Kids**

AUGUST 9 AT 5:30-7:15  
AGES 3-5TH GRADE  
PARTY IN THE FLC GYM!  
BOUNCE HOUSE, GAMES, PIZZA

### FBC Kids

Wednesdays, beginning Aug. 9  
5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

### Kids Church

Sundays during the 10:40 a.m.  
Service in the Church Library.

## Creative Arts Ministry

### Creative Arts Interest Sheet

Are you interested in seeing our church do more painting nights, crafts, pottery, or other visual arts? Would you participate in a Photography Group? Do you want to see more opportunities at FBC for things like drama, dance/interpretive movement, sign language, mime, puppetry, black light theatre, or shadow theatre? Do you have other creative gifts, skills, or interests you'd like to see involved in ministry? Would you like to be notified, specifically, as such opportunities arise in our congregation? Find the Creative Arts sign-up sheet posted in the Garden Room, FLC Lobby, or call the church office to let your interests be known and help guide future activities. Everyone, any age, is welcome to sign-up on this no obligation list.

### Church-Wide Picnic

@ Cove Lake  
Sunday, September 24  
Arrive at 4:00 p.m.  
Eat at 5:00 p.m.  
Cove Lake State Park  
Shelter #1  
Last Shelter on the Left  
\$10 per person  
\$25 max per family  
Catered by Buddy's BBQ  
Bring a dessert to share and a lawn chair if you wish.  
Call the church office to RSVP.  
Please let the office know if you need transportation.  
Sponsored by the Deacons.

## Missions

### Benevolence Email Group

Did you know our church has an email list of caring community members who want to be notified of occasional benevolence requests above and beyond our church's normal benevolence assistance limits? Together, this group has helped with in-kind needs, volunteer services, and financial needs, such as large utility bills and funeral costs. Not every benevolence request is shared, and participants respond only when they wish to--no obligation. If you'd like to be added to this email list, please email Amanda with "NEEDS" in the subject line: [amanda@fbclinton.org](mailto:amanda@fbclinton.org)

### C.S.C. Report: June

Served 250 individuals.  
52 Children, 117 Adults, 81 Seniors  
6466 food items were distributed.  
723 clothing items  
79 miscellaneous items such as toiletries, diapers, Depends, etc.  
We are accepting clean, washable summer clothes. **No dry clean items are accepted.** Gently worn shoes are also welcome, and men's shoes are really needed. Socks are always needed. Men's and children's clothing are especially needed. We also accept linens in good condition. Blankets, sheets, and pillows are frequently requested. We also accept donations of dog and cat food as these are also often requested and especially appreciate the donation of dog food this month when a family pet passed away.

### Towers Craft

Third Thursday, Monthly  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Led by Julia Spradling  
At the Towers  
Volunteers Needed

## In Christian Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Jean Gann** (6/25), to the family of **Ann Talley Weaver** (6/27) and to Morgan Smith, whose father, **Dr. Charles "Chuck" Tompkins**, passed away (7/12).

## Memorial Flowers

The flowers in the baptistry on Sunday, August 13, are in loving memory of **Bill Biven's** birthday, August 10, given by his wife, Zora and their children, Beth Anne, Susan, and Bill.

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar, Sunday, August 13, are in loving memory of **W.A. Bowling, Jr.**, whose birthday was August 15, given by Billie Sue Hammer, Will, Whitney, Morgan, and Millie Hammer, Clay, Ashley, Gabriella, Adiaha and C.J. Hammer and Carolyn Wilson.

The flowers on the altar Sunday, August 20, are given in loving memory of **James and Ernestine Gann** by their children - Larry Gann, Barbara Sanders, Elaine McCall, and Lisa Hackworth.

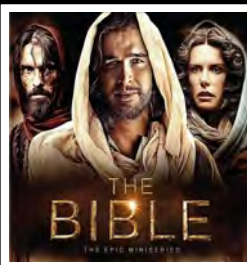
The flowers in the Sanctuary Sunday, August 27, are in loving memory of Jane Halcomb's mother, **Theda M. Cate's** birthday, August 29 and in celebration of **Mark and Jane Halcomb's 42nd Anniversary**, given by Mark and Jane Halcomb.

## From the Pulpit Sundays

**8:30 a.m.** Family Life Center  
**10:40 a.m.** Sanctuary  
August 06 Hebrews 12:1-3  
August 13 Ephesians 2:8-10  
August 20 1 Cor 9:24-27 (combined second service)  
August 27 John 3:16-18

## LifeGroups

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



## Wednesday Series

**Beginning, Wednesday, August 2 6:30 p.m.**

Lower Auditorium  
Pastor Danny will lead a series on stories from the Bible. We will view scenes from the television mini-series "The Bible" and discuss. Among the stories are Abraham and Isaac, David and Goliath, Daniel and the Lion's Den, and Jesus and the Last Supper.

## Business Meeting

**Wednesday, August 16 6:30 p.m.**

Lower Auditorium

## Combined Service

**Sunday, August 20 10:40 a.m.**

Sanctuary

## Spirit Sisters

(Widows Support Group)  
Meetings are the **1st Monday, monthly at 6:00 p.m.** in the FLC Hearth Room.  
*There will be no social outing the third Monday in August.*

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Tuesdays 5:30 p.m.**  
Family Life Center - Level 2

## 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.

## June Financial Summary

Budget Receipts	\$ 87,962
2023 Receipts/Wkly Avg.	\$ 17,469
2023 Weekly Budget Req.	\$ 17,786
Budget Expense	\$ 74,818
June Deficit/Income	\$ 13,144
2023 Deficit/Income	(\$15,361)
TOTAL June 30	(\$ 2,217)

## Business Meeting Report

The June Financials and Minutes were approved. Committee Members rotating on August 1 were approved. The Nominating Committee was removed from the active committees list. The Finance Committee will be responsible for selecting and recommending check signers. A new refrigerator will be purchased for the FLC.

## Deacons Meeting

**Tuesday, August 8 5:30 p.m.**

Lower Auditorium



## Baby Shower

honoring  
**Zachary Page & Taylor Goodman**  
**Saturday, August 5 2:00 p.m.**

Family Life Center  
They are having a son!  
Registered at Target and Amazon  
Bring a pack of diapers or wipes for a diaper raffle!

## Encore Seminar "Don't Be Scammed!"

**Thursday, August 17 12:00 p.m.**  
Box Lunch: \$10.00  
Presented by Lesley Swann, Human Risk Analyst with Baker Donelson  
RSVP to the Church Office.  
Learn some of the ways that people may try to steal your money or identification by phone, mail, email, or online, and learn strategies to prevent this from happening to you.

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ONLINE GIVING

## In Other News...

First Baptist Church, Clinton, is supporting Anderson County Schools by providing sponsorships, meals, ads, building usage, etc.

◆ We provided breakfast to CHS Staff on July 27.

◆ We placed an ad in the Annual Anderson County Schools Football Preseason Preview Magazine.

◆ We are sponsoring the CHS Band.

◆ We provided pizza for the CHS Football team.

◆ We are sponsoring the CHS Cheerleaders.

◆ We collected school supplies for the Education Foundation Teacher Supply Depot.

◆ The CMS Dance Team is using our FLC Gym, once a week, for practices.

# IN THE Heart OF CLINTON

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

FRIENDLY GUIDE

AUGUST 2023

## Are You "In the Know"?

Join Us for the  
**4th Annual Anderson County Community Resource Fair**



**The More We Know  
The More Love We Show**

Sunday, August 20  
12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Family Life Center Gym

Join us and learn more about what resources are available in Anderson County.  
There will be Freebies, Free Food and Children's Activities!

Help us get the word out about the AC Community Resource Fair!

1. Share our social media posts about the Resource Fair
2. Encourage others to attend the event.
3. If you can help by posting fliers or making phone calls to helping agencies, please let Amanda know.

## Ordination to the Gospel Ministry for Lauren Neal and Dr. Vicki Violette

**Sunday, August 6 @ 6:00 p.m.**

In the Sanctuary  
Reception to follow in the Lower Auditorium.