

Labor Day Closings

The Church Office, Family Life Center, and WEE Ministry will be closed for Labor Day, September 4.

Christian Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Michael Shrader** (8/26).

Memorial Flowers

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar, Sunday, September 3, are in loving memory of **Bill Howell's** birthday, September 6, given by Dot Howell.

The flowers in the baptistry on Sunday, September 3 are in loving memory of **Dwayne Hicks**, given by Penny, Hanna, & Kris.

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar, Sunday, September 10, are in loving memory of **Steven Clark's** birthday, which was September 14, given by Herbie Clark and Robert Clark.

The flowers in the Sanctuary, Sunday, September 17 are in loving memory of **Andy Halcomb's** birthday, September 11 and **Anne Halcomb's** birthday, September 21, given by Mark, Jane, Foster, Andrew and Emily Halcomb.

The flowers in the Sanctuary, Sunday, September 24 are in honor of and in celebration of **Elizabeth Tavenner's** Birthday given by her 3 sons - Tim, Sam, and Jim.

From the Pulpit

Sundays
8:30 a.m. Family Life Center
10:40 a.m. Sanctuary
September Sermon Series:
"Questions Jesus Asked"
03 Matthew 12:1-14
10 Matthew 5:43-48
17 Matthew 6:25-27
24 Matthew 7:1-5

LifeGroups

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

Hand-Me-Downs

Leaving A Legacy

Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays, beginning September 6 6:30 p.m.

Lower Auditorium

This is a 6 week study led by Rev. Jason Taylor.

When you hear the term hand-me-downs, you may think of worn-out shoes passed down by your sister or your brother's old broken down bike that you were given as a kid. That is one form of a hand-me-down, but in this study we're going to focus on a more far reaching kind—the spiritual hand-me-downs that are passed down from generation to generation. During this six week study you will have the chance to reflect on the faith heritage you've received, whether strong or weak, and then determine the legacy you want to leave for others. I hope that you will take the time to slow down over these weeks and allow God to speak to you about the legacy you are creating.

Business Meeting

Wednesday, September 20 6:30 p.m.

Lower Auditorium

Spirit Sisters

(Widows Support Group)
Meetings are the **1st Monday, monthly at 6:00 p.m.** in the FLC Hearth Room.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursdays 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.

July Financial Summary

Budget Receipts	\$ 78,338
2023 Receipts/Wkly Avg.	\$ 17,179
2023 Weekly Budget Req.	\$ 17,786
Budget Expense	\$ 75,370
July Deficit/Income	\$ 2,968
2023 Deficit/Income	(\$ 2,217)
TOTAL July 31	\$ 751

Business Meeting Report

The July Financials and Minutes were approved. **Greg Fay** was elected to the position of Deacon Emeritus and **David Wall's** resignation as deacon was approved. The camera installation from **Central Technologies** to match actual cost instead of estimate was approved. **T.K. Elevator** was approved to modernize our current elevator at a cost of \$134,859.13. **McKamey Electric** will do the electrical work required for the elevator at a cost not to exceed \$16,900.

Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, September 12

5:30 p.m.

Lower Auditorium



Join us for a Co-Ed
Wedding Shower
honoring
Rachel Clement & Scott Heston
Sunday, September 10
Drop-in 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Family Life Center, Hearth Room
Registered at Target,
Walmart, Amazon and
TheKnot.com/TheHestons



Did you know if you bring a friend to youth, who has never been to Youth Ignite, you get to put a pie in the youth pastor's face?

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**Rev. Lauren Neal
and
Dr. Vicki Violette**

were Ordained to the Gospel
Ministry on Sunday, August 6.

Staff Retreat

**Tuesday, September 12
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

This will be an offsite staff
retreat led by Dr. Rick Bennett.

IN THE Heart OF CLINTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

FRIENDLY GUIDE

SEPTEMBER 2023

CHURCH PICNIC AT COVE LAKE STATE PARK



**BUDDY'S
bar-b-q**

• \$10 PER PERSON OR \$25 MAX PER FAMILY •
BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE AND A LAWN CHAIR!

**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 24**

ARRIVE
4 PM
EAT
5 PM

COVE LAKE STATE PARK
110 COVE LAKE LANE
CARYVILLE, TN 37714
SHELTER #1 (LAST SHELTER ON LEFT)

RSVP TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER 15
SPONSORED BY THE DEACONS

First Thoughts...

What goes up, must come down!

This is the law of gravity, of course, but it's also an apt description of what an elevator is supposed to do.

In the August business meeting, our church approved a recommendation from the Trustees to modernize our current elevator. The cost of completing this project is approximately \$150,000.

This recommendation is many months in the making, and I'm grateful for Joanna and the Trustee Committee for their due diligence in receiving bids and asking the necessary questions for this approval to occur.

While the vote to modernize the elevator took place last month, it will take several weeks (and months) to order and secure the needed parts before the work can begin. Once everything needed is in place, the estimated time needed to modernize the elevator will be 6-8 weeks. This means that we will not have an elevator for this period of time.

Fortunately, we can take the 50% down payment from our Capital Expenditures account. The remaining half will be due when the project is completed. We will use some funds from our equity and some from our line of credit with Regions Bank to make the final payment.

If you've been fortunate enough not to notice, let me inform you that there have been occasions in which our elevator has stopped working. The people who've been stuck in the elevator have shared their stories with me and others on staff.

The critical issue is the age of the elevator and that the parts needed to repair it are no longer available. So, it's imperative to move forward with this modernization process.

You'll be informed when the actual repair work will begin, and this obviously means that some classes on the upper floors may be temporarily relocated to the floor levels.

I appreciate your support of this needed maintenance of our main building. We all use the elevator, and this is a necessary investment. I'm grateful we already have funds in place to begin the work and know we can all work together to provide the remaining balance at the proper time.



Jeana Partin's 5 Year Staff Anniversary

Jeana Partin has served as our pianist for 5 years. We are so thankful for her service at FBC. Please take time to wish her a happy anniversary!



Youth Ignite

Wednesdays
5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
FLC Youth Room
Grades 6-12
Free Dinner, Games,
& Bible Study

Youth Cookout and Pool Party

At Garry & Johanna Whitley's House, 100 Mariner Point Drive, Clinton on **Wednesday night, September 6** from **5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** Transportation is provided upon request. If you plan to go, please let Kris know.

Youth Family Breakfast

Sunday, September 17
Youth and their family are invited to breakfast in the Youth Room following LifeGroups, Please let Kris know if you and your family plan to attend, so we can prepare enough food.

Congratulations Scholarship Recipients!

The Queener Scholarship was awarded to **Emily Bigler** and **Sophia Whitaker**. The Carson-Newman University Endowment was awarded to **Hanna Hicks** and **Tara Zody** (not pictured). The Turner Music Scholarship was awarded to **Matthew Chisholm**. The Cheely Seminary Scholarship was awarded to **Marlon Smith** (not pictured) and **James Bigler** (not pictured).



Wednesdays
5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
Free Dinner, Music, Games
& Bible Study

Kids Church

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

Promotion Sunday

Bibles were presented to children moving up to 1st Grade on August 6th.



Instrument of Praise



GospelFest Night of Worship

**Sunday, September 17
5:30 p.m.**

FBC Sanctuary
Reception to Follow
Including: Mt. Sinai Gospel Choir, Asbury United Methodist Church Choir, The Overflow Worship Ministry, Bethel A.M.E. Sanctuary Choir, FBC Clinton Sanctuary Choir, & Kenny Springs!

Creative Arts Ministry

Please call the church office, If you are interested in the church doing more of the following : Painting Classes, Crafts, Pottery, Drama, Dance, Sign Language, Mime, Puppetry, Black Light Theater, Shadow Theater, Photography.



Encore Event

**Abraham Lincoln Museum
& Gap Creek Coffee House
Wednesday, September 13**

Leave for Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tennessee at **9:00 a.m.** Lunch is at noon. We will return to the church at **2:00 p.m.** The cost is \$13.00 for the Museum ticket and transportation on vans. If you choose to drive your car, the cost of the Museum ticket will be \$3.00. Lunch will be on your own! RSVP to the Church Office.



In the Heart of Clinton T-shirts

The color options for adult sizes small - 3X are Columbia Blue, Black, Sand and Mint.

We also have **kid's t-shirts** available in **Red and Purple** in sizes Youth XS - Youth XL.

Cost is \$10 each. The deadline to place an order is September 5. Orders can be called in to the church office at 865-457-9353 or email Katrina@fbclinton.org.

C.S.C. July Report:

Served 250 individuals in June and 252 in July in 3 weeks (closed on July 4)
68 children
117 adults
67 seniors

6,457 food items were distributed in July.
574 clothing items
110 miscellaneous items such as toiletries, tissue paper, diapers, Depends, etc.

We accept clean, washable summer clothes. **No dry clean items please.** Consider KARM or some other charity for dry cleaning. Men's and children's clothing items are especially needed. We also accept linens in good condition. Blankets, sheets, and pillows are often requested.

Towers Craft

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



School Donation Sunday for the Family Resource Center

(affiliated with Anderson County Schools)

Sunday, October 1

ITEMS NEEDED: Hooded Sweatshirts (sizes 3T - adult 3XL), Leggings (females sizes 3T - 2XL), Pants (sweats/joggers male sizes 3T - men 3XL), Socks & Underwear (all sizes boys, girls, men, & women), Shoes (new/slightly used tennis shoes from boys/girls size 10 up to men/women size 13), Hygiene products. **Drop off items in the Garden Room or at the FLC Desk.**