

First Thoughts...

Yes, it's OCTOBER! It's time for Fall, the changing color of leaves, and football games are in full swing. We're also meeting regularly on Sundays and Wednesdays for worship, fellowship, spiritual formation, and prayer. I hope you're taking advantage of the opportunities we can be together as a church family.

Each of our staff members is working effectively and well in their ministry areas. It's a great privilege to know them and serve the Lord with them. I hope you'll continue your prayers for our families, ministries, and witness in the life of our church and community.

On a related note (pun intended), I'd like to express gratitude to Marlon and Terri for their ongoing good work in planning and leading us in worship each Sunday morning. His work in the contemporary service and her work in the traditional service are a great blessing to us all. Please pray for both of them as we move into the holidays with increased rehearsals and preparation time.

I want to encourage us to be present with our hearts, minds, and voices each Lord's Day—singing is a vital part of worship. Let's make sure we "make a joyful noise" together!

I also wanted to thank Amanda for her efforts in coordinating GospelFest a few Sunday nights ago. Hosting the event and reception took time and energy but demonstrated our church's spiritual leadership in the life of our town. I'm grateful to our own Adult Choir for their involvement and additional time and effort required to be part of it.

The Fall season is typically a time for us to count our blessings and reflect upon God's graciousness to us. In response, each of us has the privilege and responsibility to be faithful in our financial support of the Lord's work through our church.

There are a few months remaining in 2023, and thus far we've managed to meet our operating expenses. This past month proved to be the exception as we've fallen behind a bit in our giving. Let me encourage all of us in our faithful, regular financial support of our church. Our ministries, personnel, and operating expenses are supported by tithes and offerings.

The Fall months also signal the beginning of the budget planning cycle for our church. Those who will be submitting proposals will be notified soon.

The picnic at Cove Lake State Park went great! Thanks so much to our deacons and others who had a part in making this event successful. It was fun getting to fellowship together in such a beautiful venue.

Finally, Rev. Stan and Lydia Elliott will be us on Sunday, October 8th. Stan will preach and Lydia will also be taking part in the worship service. Many of you know and love them for their previous ministry and faithfulness to this church. I realize it's Fall break, but if you're in town let me encourage you to be part of this special day. We will have ONE combined worship service at 10:40 am in the Sanctuary.

Let's keep on keeping on and remember that "more blessings come from giving than receiving" (Acts 20.35 CEV). I'll see you soon!

Pastor Danny



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

Youth Tailgate Party

Saturday, October 21

Time TBA

Family Life Center
Swag Contest, Food,
and Games!



Watch for more information!

Youth Save-the-Date:

Watch for more information on these events!

Friendsgiving

Wednesday, November 15

Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 13



You are invited to
the Wedding Ceremony of
Rachel Clement
and
Scott Heston
on Saturday, October 7
2:00 p.m.
at First Baptist Church
Reception to follow



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.

Trick or Treat



Sunday, October 29
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Family Life Center, Gym
Free Hot Dogs & Candy!
Prize for best decorated table!
See front cover for more
information!

The Tale of the Drowsy Shepherd

FBC Kids Christmas Program
Wednesday, December 6
6:00 p.m.

It's A Boy!

Congratulations
to Zachary Page
and Taylor
Goodman on the
birth of a baby
boy, **Hudson
Briggs Page**,
born on
Saturday,
September 23.



Baby Shower

Honoring
**Madison Floyd
& Baby Bennett**
Sunday, October 22
Drop-in 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Family Life Center,
Hearth Room
Registered at Babylist.com



Encore Trip

Carver's Orchard &
Applehouse Restaurant in
Cosby & Bass Pro Shop in
Sevierville

Wednesday, October 4

Leave the Church at 9:00 a.m.
Return to the Church at 4:00 p.m.
Transportation: \$10

Shopping at Carver's Orchard and
Lunch at the Applehouse
Restaurant at 11:00 a.m. Lunch
and other purchases will be on
your own.

RSVP to the Church Office.

Hopefully, we will be able to see
some beautiful Fall colors
as we travel to these locations!

Encore

Save the Dates!

November 13—Visual

Presentation of Holy Land Trip
Soup & Sandwiches from the Soup
Kitchen

December 12—Cumberland
County Playhouse: "White
Christmas" and Lunch at the
Cumberland County State Park

Missions

Opportunity

We have been asked to provide a
male Language Partner/Mentor
for a local male international
student in foster care (10th
Grade). It would be 45 minutes to
1 hour, weekly, of conversational
English and being a friend to this
young man. Please prayerfully
consider and let Amanda Taylor
know if you can help.

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.

C.S.C. August Report:

Served 334 individuals in August
66 children 168 adults 100 seniors

8,410 food items were distributed
in August. This increase is the result
of receiving fresh produce from
Second Harvest and a local farmer
at no cost to the CSC.

936 clothing items were distributed
and 88 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.**

Memorial Flowers

The flowers on the altar, Sunday, October 1 are in loving memory of **Lyndsey Denton** given by Lynn, Whitney, and Clark.

The flowers on the altar, Sunday, October 8, were placed there by Charlie Abner in loving memory of **Wanda Abner**, for their Wedding Anniversary, October 14.

The flowers in the baptistry, Sunday, October 8 are in loving memory of **R.C. Fox's** birthday, October 7, given by the Fox Family.

The flowers on the altar Sunday, October 15 are in loving memory of **JoAnne Zody's** birthday, October 21, given by Bill, Billy, Michael, and their families.

The flowers in the baptistry Sunday, October 15 are in loving memory of **Clara Wallace McClure's** memorial service which was October 15, 2022 and her birthday, November 5th, given by her sister, Dorothy Howell and the Wallace family.

The flowers on the altar, Sunday, October 22 are in loving memory of **Claude McCuiston's** birthday, October 18, given by his wife, Susie, and their daughters, Susan and Heather and their families.

The flowers in the baptistry Sanctuary, Sunday, October 22, are in honor and appreciation of our **Pastor, Dr. Danny Chisholm and his family**, given by Beth and Jack Green.

The flowers on the altar, Sunday, October 29, are in loving memory of **Gary Hylton, Judy Hylton and Leon and Delores Golden**, given by Jim, Mike, Jeff, Christa, Amy, Noah, Patty and George.

The flowers in the baptistry on Sunday, October 29 are in loving memory of **Joseph Edward Holbrook's** birthday which was October 29 given by Maxine Holbrook & Family.

Christian Sympathy

is extended to the family of **Michael Shrader** (8/26) and to family of **William Zacchi** (9/13).

Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, October 10
5:30 p.m.
Lower Auditorium

Hand-Me-Downs

Leaving A Legacy
Adult Bible Study Continues
Wednesdays
October 4, 25 & November 1
6:30 p.m.
Lower Auditorium
Led by Rev. Jason Taylor

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursdays @ 5:30 p.m.
Family Life Center - Level 2

From the Pulpit

Sundays in October
8:30 a.m. Family Life Center
10:40 a.m. Sanctuary
01 Acts 20:32-38
08 Isaiah 43:1-2; 16-19
Luke 24:33-45
Rev. Stan Elliott
15 Hebrews 11:23-31
Rev. Mike Aiken
22 2 Corinthians 9:6-11
29 John 11:38-44

LifeGroups

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

Spirit Sisters Meeting

(Widows Support Group)
1st Monday, Monthly
6:00 p.m.
Family Life Center - Hearth Room

August Financial Summary

Budget Receipts	\$ 73,488
2023 Receipts/Wkly Avg.	\$ 17,179
2023 Weekly Budget Req.	\$ 17,315
Budget Expense	\$ 73,101
Audget Deficit/Income	\$ 387
2023 Deficit/Income	\$ 751
TOTAL August 31	\$ 1,138

Business Meeting Report

The August Financials and Minutes were approved. The FBC Missions Goal for **Lottie Moon and Global Missions** was set at **\$8,000**, combined.

Business Meeting

Wednesday, October 18
6:30 p.m.
Lower Auditorium



Combined Worship Service

Sunday, October 8
10:40 a.m.
In the Sanctuary
Rev. Stan Elliott
will be preaching.



ONLINE GIVING



Happy 35th Anniversary

to **Tammy Braden**,
WEE Ministry Director.
FBC is thankful for you!

Welcome New Members!



Mike & Carolyn Jones
Beverly Taylor



Louise McGaha

Veteran's Day Recognition Service

Sunday, November 12
8:30 a.m. & 10:40 a.m.

Fall Break

There will be no Wednesday night activities on **October 11**, due to Fall Break.

IN THE Heart OF CLINTON

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

FRIENDLY GUIDE

OCTOBER 2023



JOIN US TO

TRICK OR TREAT

@ FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, October 29 at 5:00pm

in the Family Life Center (Gym)

Prize for best decorated table!

Free Hotdogs!

CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED!

- decorate a table and hand out candy •
- send candy donations to the office •

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