

First Thoughts...

An elderly woman showed up for church one Sunday. An usher wanted to help her and asked, "where would you like to sit?" The woman responded, "I'd like to sit up front." The usher tried to discourage her but she insisted.

On the way down the aisle with her, the usher replied, "ma'am, I hate to say this, but our preacher is really bad, in fact he's pretty boring. We're trying to tolerate him and I'm afraid that if you sit at the front, you'll fall asleep and everyone will see you."

The woman, who at this point was visibly upset, responded, "Young man, do you know who I am?" He said, "no, ma'am." She said, "I am the pastor's mother, and I am very offended at what you've just said. I'm going to tell my son after the worship service!"

The young usher was silent for a moment and when they arrived at the front pew, said, "Ma'am, do you know who I am?" She said, "No, I don't." And he said, "Good!"

Knowledge is important. I'm very much supportive of our public schools and education in general. It's important to know what we know, but also what we don't know. Humility is an important part of learning. This is a truth I've had to accept during my educational process.

During this time of year, it is also important to know what we *believe*. The reason our church exists is because of the testimony of those first witnesses to the life, death, AND resurrection of Jesus Christ. This month we'll once again see the resurrected Jesus through the eyes of Mary Magdalene who went to the disciples and said, "I have seen the Lord!" (John 20:18).

I hope you'll join me in participating in the life of our church this month, and may together we proclaim, "we have seen the Lord!"

This month, Carl Morrison is retiring as our Building and Maintenance Supervisor, a position he has held for an incredible 40 years. I'm extremely grateful for his devoting his life and energies to this work. He has served faithfully and well, and I know you'll join me in expressing gratitude for his service to our Lord and our church.

Since December 31, our church has relied upon individuals to lead our choir and congregation. I wanted to thank Jim Tomlinson and Nancy Fay, in particular, for their leadership these last several weeks. Please keep our Music Minister Search Committee in your prayers as we all seek the Lord's direction to fill this important ministry position.

Pastor Danny

New Deacons

The following deacons will be serving a 3 year term
beginning April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2028:

**Mike Aiken, Kevin Barber, Jackie Champion, Ann Gann, Mark Halcomb,
Tommy Meredith, Page Scarborough**

Other Deacons Currently Serving: Leah Barber, Al Coleman, Larry Gann, Beth Green, Susan Hammons, Pat Marshall, Tom Marshall, Rick Meredith, Mary Haven Merkle, Ben Neal, Scott Page, Teresa Schlandt, Wimp Shoopman, John Stair, Sr., Jill Whitaker, Sam Zachary



Youth Ignite

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

Youth Movie Day

Sunday, April 13

We will watch a movie and have lunch following LifeGroups in the Youth Room.



Youth Event

Wednesday, April 16
Leaving FLC at 5:30 p.m.
Free Dinner at Chick-fil-a
& Hide Easter Eggs

Senior Recognition



Sunday, May 4
8:30 a.m. & 10:40 a.m.
Contact the Church Office if your high school graduate wants to participate.

College Graduates

If you are graduating from College this year, please contact the church office with your information so it can be listed in the front of the Senior Booklet and Friendly Guide.

Scholarship Applications

Scholarship applications are available in the Church Office and are due back by **5 p.m. Monday, April 21**. See insert for details.



Youth Summer Kick Off

Wednesday, May 14
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Video Game Truck & Pizza



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

Kids Church

Sundays during the 10:40 a.m.
Service in the Church Library (next to the nursery) for Age 3 - Grade 5.

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 20
12:00 p.m.



At First Baptist Church following the 10:40 a.m. Worship Service.

Kids Sing in Worship

Sunday, April 27
10:40 a.m.
Sanctuary



Wednesday, April 30
6:00 p.m.
Sanctuary



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday - Friday, June 9-13
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Family Life Center
Scan the **QR Codes** to give access our gift registry to help fund our VBS Supplies for 2025.



FBC KIDS & Families Movie Day

The King of Kings
Friday, April 11

7:05 p.m.
Tinseltown, Oak Ridge
Ticket cost is \$7.50 (give to Lauren or church office)
RSVP to the Church Office
*All children must be accompanied by an adult or teen family member and provide your own transportation. Limited spots available, first come first serve.

FBC Christian Service Center Distributions for February 2025

Total: 136 Families served.
(270 Individuals)
5599 food items
710 clothing items
169 miscellaneous items
The CSC Clothing Closet is accepting clean, non dry clean, summer (no winter) clothing! Please drop items off in the CSC Bin located in Central Park - lvl 1.

Towers Movie Night

Movie TBA
Saturday, April 12
6:00 p.m.

At the Towers
Everyone is invited to join us for a movie, popcorn, cokes, hot chocolate, and treats!

Towers Craft

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

FBC Compassionate Acts Ministry Food Drive for MMC Hospitality Houses April 1 - 13

If you would like to donate any of the following items, drop off boxes are located in the Garden Room and FLC.
Individual cold cereal cups
Individual box of oatmeal, cream of wheat or grits
Peanut butter and crackers.
Cheese and crackers
Pudding or Jello Cups, fruit cups
Can soups (nothing spicy) ie., chicken noodle, beef vegetable , potato etc.
Toilet paper
Paper towels
Kleenex tissue
Laundry detergent (no scent)
Snack bars, protein bars, fig bars, cookies , pretzels & chips individually wrapped.
Macaroni cups
Garbage bags 33 galloon
Garbage bags tall kitchen size
Handmade items: crocheted lap size blankets, chemo hats
cotton, nylon or crocheted



Hanna Hicks Mission Trip

to South Africa (Cape Town) doing kid's clubs and mission studies with Carson-Newman May 24, 2025 - June 4, 2025
Please pray for Hanna! If you would like to give towards her trip, please make checks payable to First Baptist Church and mark the memo field "Hanna Hicks Mission Trip" and let us know whether you want to keep the donation confidential or if you would like us to let Hanna know of your sponsorship.

From the Pulpit

8:30 a.m. Family Life Center

9:30 a.m. LifeGroups

10:40 a.m. Sanctuary

April 06 Luke 9.57-60

April 13 Matt 21.1-11

April 20 John 20.11-18

April 27 Rev. Jason Taylor

Wednesdays in April

Wednesdays

6:30 p.m.

Lower Auditorium

April 02 Daniel study

April 09 Rev. Mike Aiken

April 16 Business Meeting

April 23 New Bible Study

April 30 FBC Kids Musical

Tracks of a Fellow Struggler

Living & Growing through

Grief By John R. Claypool

New Bible Study - Wednesdays

6:30 p.m.

Led by Pastor Danny

Book Cost: \$10.00

This study will begin on April 23

and end on June 4.

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 13

8:30 a.m. & 10:40 a.m.

Kids process in with palm branches.

Holy Week Service

Monday, April 14

12:00 p.m.

St. Mark Methodist Church

Message by Dr. Chisholm

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 17

Service at 6:00 p.m.

Sanctuary

Observance of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday

Church Office, FLC, WEE Ministry,

closed on Friday, April 18.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 20

8:30 a.m. & 10:40 a.m.

In Christian Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Onah Fox** (3/5).

Memorial Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary on April 6 are in loving memory of **Bessie May Wallace**, whose birthdate is April 2, given by Dorothy Howell.

The flowers in the Sanctuary April 13, are in loving memory of **Ray C. Cate, Mary F. Cate, and Minnie F. Miller**, given by Jane and Mark Halcomb.

The flowers on the altar Sunday, April 27, are in loving memory of, **John Cobb's** birthday, May 3, given by Beth and Connie.

Donuts with Your Deacon



Sunday, May 4

Drop In 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Central Park - level 1

LifeGroups will meet but may start late or end a little early.



Encore Trip

to Barter Theater

Abington, Virginia

Tuesday, April 29

Leave FBC at 9:30 a.m.

Return to FBC at 6:30 p.m.

Group Ticket Cost: \$44 per person

Call the Church Office to RSVP by April 15.

Lunch will be on your own at your choice of several small cafes near the Theatre before the 2:00 p.m. show.

Men's Prayer & Coffee

Thursday, May 1

8:00 a.m.

Family Life Center, Lobby

Led by Pastor Danny

Feb. Financial Summary

Budget Receipts \$ 55,580

2025 Receipts/Wkly Avg. \$ 13,855

2025 Weekly Budget Req. \$ 18,542

Budget Expense \$ 79,883

February Deficit/Income (\$ 24,303)

2025 Deficit/Income (\$ 22,556)

TOTAL February 28 (\$ 46,859)

February Business Meeting Report

February Minutes and Financials were approved.

The church approved the resignations of Johanna Whitley and Garry Whitley, Jr. from the Technology Committee. The church approved adding Ben Neal and Jamie Phillips to the Technology Committee and Phil Harber to the Missions Committee.

The following deacons were approved to serve a three year term: Mike Aiken, Kevin Barber, Jacki Champion, Ann Gann, Mark Halcomb, Tommy Meredith, Page Scarborough.

The Technology Committee recommended that the church update the Committee job description by removing #3—Shall be responsible for recruiting and training an adequate number of person to operate the technology across the entire campus.

The Technology Committee gave a statement: We encourage the church to consult the Technology Committee on all technology purchases and upgrades for the church campus not to limit purchases, but to support all purchases and to check for compatibility of hardware, software and applications.

The FBC Missions Offering Goal for Annie Armstrong and Global Missions combined was set at \$3,000.

The church approved the Youth Committee to purchase a pool table from Academy Sports for \$600.

WEE Graduation

Thursday, April 24

11:30 a.m.

Sanctuary

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ONLINE GIVING

Giving options to FBC Clinton include the offering envelope system (checks and cash), scanning the QR code (digital giving), or by setting up a recurring bank draft through the church office.

Annie Armstrong & Global Missions

Goal: \$3,000 (combined)

Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, April 8

5:30 p.m.

Lower Auditorium

Business Meeting

Wednesday, April 16

6:30 p.m.

Lower Auditorium

FBC Is On The Air:

The broadcast is heard on WYSH which is on AM 1380, FM 101.1, FM 99.5 and World Wide on wyshradio.com.

It is on a one week delay and airs from 11am -12 noon each Sunday.



FRIENDLY GUIDE

APRIL 2025

Palm Sunday Services

Sunday, April 13

Holy Week Service

Monday, April 14

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 17

Good Friday

Friday, April 18

Church Office, Family Life Center & WEE Ministry - Closed

Easter Sunday Services

Sunday, April 20

See inside FG for more details!

Spring Banquet

Sponsored by the Deacons
Honoring our Widows and Widowers
Sunday, April 6

5:00 p.m.

Family Life Center, Gym
Entertainment by: **Meredith Cabe Trio**
Catered by: **Apple Blossom**