

# First Thoughts...

Summer is here! This means the end of school and vacations. As is the case in previous years, there will be a noticeable change in the church schedule. Here are a few items to keep in mind:

PLEASE keep our Vacation Bible School volunteers and children in your prayers. I'm grateful once again to have Lauren leading and organizing this important evangelistic and outreach opportunity. The theme is "True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World" which highlights some of the beauty, wildlife, and topography of Alaska. VBS is always an exciting week, and THANKS to all who will be volunteering to share the love of Christ to these children. I'm hopeful we will have professions of faith and grow closer to one another as a church family through our work and witness.

Our ENCORE group is (coincidentally) in Alaska. I'm grateful for Vicki's leadership in providing this wonderful fellowship time for our senior adults. I'm excited for them and know you will join me in praying for them.

The CBF General Assembly is in St. Louis later this month. Cally and I will be in attendance, and yes, there will be a CBF night at Busch stadium when the Cardinals host the Cubs. A few weeks ago, it was good to see Dr. Paul Baxley, CBF Executive Coordinator, at a new pastor welcome event in Knoxville. I'll look forward to seeing other friends and networking at this annual gathering of Baptists.

Let's be grateful for the progress taking place around us—the new FLC steps have been installed and other improvements to our campus have been accomplished. This most recent capital improvement was made possible through strong support of last year's operating budget.

As a reminder, we are behind meeting our operating budget this year. Good things are happening in our fellowship, so let's do our best to maintain our faithful and generous financial support.

If you attend the traditional service, you've noticed David Glover leading the choir and congregation in our music. He will be with us through July 6, and has already been a blessing. I'm grateful he's helping us through this transitional period as the Minister of Music search committee continues its work.

Also, Rick Birchfield is now serving as Building and Grounds Supervisor. He most recently worked in the Clinton City School system, and some of you already know him. I know you'll welcome him to our church staff!

Finally, I'm working toward reviewing and rebranding our existing website and invite your input. You can go to <https://www.fbclinton.org/feedback/> to fill out a short survey about our existing content and design. This survey will be live through June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Danny

**Pastor Danny** has a podcast called "Elisha's Bears." It's about life, faith, and the Bible, and the church in general. He'll have conversations with guests about various topics from time to time, too. His most recent conversations have been with Jason Taylor and Kelly Johnson. You can follow the podcast on Spotify and Apple Podcasts.



## Youth Ignite

Youth Ignite is on a short break and will resume activities on June 18.



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



resumes in **August**. Check out our July Summer Pop-up events below.

## Kids Church

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



## FBC KIDS SUMMER POP-UP EVENTS

**6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**  
**July 02** Sweet P's Snowball Shack  
**July 09** Chunky Monkey (Clinton)  
**July 16** Lake Front Splash Pad  
**July 23** South Clinton Park

## FINANCIAL UPDATE 2025 - 1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER

At the end of March 2025, our church's expenses are within budget at just over 24% of the annual budget. We did not experience any unusual or unexpected budget expenses in the first quarter.

Similar to last year, receipts are less than actual expenses for the first quarter. In 2024, this deficit was \$32,000. In 2025, this deficit was \$49,000. Our increased deficit is because receipts (giving) is \$18,000 less than the first quarter last year.

Even with our first quarter deficit, we still have a budget equity of over \$115,000. This budget equity is because receipts have exceeded budget expenses in prior years. We had a large gift at the end of 2024 that the Finance Committee decided to hold in the Capital Expenditures designated account. This large gift is *not* reflected in our budget equity. This large gift allows us to repair the Family Life Center steps without impacting our operating budget negatively. It can also help with any other unforeseen repairs that may occur this year.

It's not unusual to have a deficit in the first quarter. We would certainly like to hold the line or reduce this deficit in the second quarter. The Finance Committee recognizes that your family expenses have increased. God's work through our Church to this community continues. Please examine your giving. Let's all commit to carrying out God's mission through First Baptist Church.

## Rick Burchfield

*FBC Building Maintenance Supervisor*  
We welcome Rick to the Church Staff. Rick lives in Oliver Springs with his wife Lisa. They have 5 children, 9 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. He enjoys fishing, woodworking, and time with family. Rick works 8:00am - 5:00pm, Monday - Friday and every other Sunday.



## Catherine Meredith

*Audio/Visual Tech Summer Intern*

Catherine will be working this summer for 12 weeks as our A/V Tech Intern. She attends Savannah College of Arts and Design. Catherine's major is Sound Design with a minor in Music Production.



## David Glover

David is filling in as our Music Director (traditional service), now through July 6. He was born & raised in Alabama; the son of a Baptist pastor, he accepted God's call to ministry in high school. He is a Carson Newman College graduate. He has served as a Minister of Music in AL, FL, NC & TN (including among others FBC of Oak Ridge & FBC of Jefferson City) until retirement in 2013. Married to his HS sweetheart for 52 years until her death in 2018. He has one daughter, April Martin, and lives with a Westie named Tuck. He was a long time member of The CenturyMen and currently is a singer and Board member of the Knoxville Choral Society.



## Women's Summer Bible Study

**Mondays in June**  
**6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**  
Lower Auditorium  
Refreshments provided  
**June 9** - Sandi Tomlinson:  
Mary, Mother of Jesus  
**June 16** - Becky Rosenbaum: Ruth  
**June 23** - Jill Whitaker: Tamar  
**June 30** - Shelley Phillips: Abigail



Tom and Tanya Roseberry

NEW MEMBERS

## Atlanta Braves Game

Church-wide Trip  
**Wednesday, July 23**  
**12:15 p.m.**  
Cost: \$25  
Travel and Lunch Provided!  
**Anyone is welcome to attend!**  
Please call the church office to reserve your ticket!



## CBF Disaster Relief

FBC Kids took up donations for CBF Disaster Relief at their Spring Musical, "Storms". They raised enough money to provide 30 Disaster Relief Buckets for the CBF Disaster Relief Team to take to those affected by recent storms. Way to go FBC Kids!



# Combined Worship Service

Sunday, June 1  
8:30 a.m.  
Family Life Center  
LifeGroups will meet at 9:30.  
There will be no 10:40 service.

## From the Pulpit in June

8:30 a.m. Family Life Center  
9:30 a.m. LifeGroups  
10:40 a.m. Sanctuary  
01 Acts 1:4-11 (Combined 8:30)  
08 Acts 2:1-12  
15 Mark 10:13-16  
22 John 9:1-12  
29 Matthew 23:1-12

## Wednesdays in June

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6:30 p.m.  
Lower Auditorium  
04 Tracks of a Fellow Struggler  
11 VBS (No Adult Bible Study)  
18 Business Meeting  
25 Rev. Mike Aiken

## Tracks of a Fellow Struggler

Living & Growing through  
Grief By John R. Claypool  
Wednesday, June 4 (last study)  
6:30 p.m.



## Pickleball for Beginners

Wednesdays and Thursdays  
9 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
First Baptist Clinton - FLC  
Call the Church Office to sign up!  
Pickleball equipment is available  
for you to use in the FLC.  
Please take time to watch/read  
pickleball rules & tutorials as this  
is a beginners group with no  
instructor.

## Memorial Flowers

The flowers on Sunday, June 8, are  
in loving memory of **Libby Marshall**  
and her parents, **Charles and Lucille  
Taylor**; Tom Marshall's parents, **Jim  
and Patsy Marshall**; and Pat  
Marshall's parents, **Wayne and  
Thelma Reynolds**, given by Tom and  
Pat.

The flowers on the altar Sunday,  
June 15, are in honor of all those  
special dads out there on Father's  
Day and in loving memory of our  
dad, **John Cobb**, given by Beth and  
Connie.

The flowers on the altar Sunday,  
June 22, are in loving memory of  
**SSgt. Foster Halcomb's** birthday,  
which was June 21, given by Mark,  
Jane, Andrew, Emily and Spencer.

The flowers on the altar, Sunday,  
June 29, are in loving memory of  
**Sissy Holt**, given by Bob, Donna and  
Doug.

## In Christian Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family  
of Gwenda Ford, whose grandson,  
**Cody Davis** passed away, May 22.



## How to donate your Memorial Flowers...

If you have flowers for the altar or  
baptistry and would like to donate  
them to Methodist Medical Center  
to make smaller arrangements for  
patients, please call Katrina in the  
Church Office. Volunteers at MMC  
were able to make 11 arrangements  
for patients with the past two weeks  
memorial flowers. Thank you!

## April Financial Summary

Budget Receipts	\$ 57,698
2025 Receipts/Wkly Avg.	\$ 14,171
2025 Weekly Budget Req.	\$ 18,542
Budget Expense	\$ 83,699
April Deficit/Income	(\$26,001)
2025 Deficit/Income	(\$49,445)
TOTAL April 30	(\$75,446)

## May Business Meeting Report

April Minutes and Financials were  
approved.

The Deacons recommendation to  
make a change to Article VI, Section B  
(Deacons) of the Church Constitution  
was approved.

The hire of Catherine Meredith to  
be our Audio/Visual Tech Intern for the  
summer(12 weeks) was approved.

An \$875 scholarship was approved  
for Kris Hicks to attend Leadership  
Anderson County.

Combined Worship dates were  
approved: August 17, 10:40 a.m. and  
December 28, 8:30 a.m.

The Music Committee and  
Personnel Committee presented a  
new job description for Music  
Director, traditional service and it  
was approved.

## Business Meeting

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

## FBC Christian Service Center Distributions for April 2025

Total: 138 Families served. (261  
Individuals)  
5058 food items  
711 clothing items  
225 miscellaneous items  
CSC volunteers greatly appreciate  
your continued support of this  
ministry through prayers, donation  
items, and financial support.  
**\*\*The C.S.C. will be closed on June  
3.\*\***



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)  
Global Missions (CBF): \$935.00  
Annie Armstrong (SBC): \$745.00  
Total Received: \$1,680.00

## Deacons' Meeting

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

## Towers Movie Night

Saturday, June 14  
7:00 p.m.  
Movie: Daddy Daycare  
Popcorn & Drinks will be served.

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JUNE 2025



Age 3 - Grade 5

VBS  
JUNE 9-13

9 am - Noon



REGISTER NOW

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Special Music by Sanctuary Choir & Praise Team