

First Thoughts...

In the July Business Meeting, the Personnel Committee brought two recommendations which were given approval by the church. The first recommendation related to changing job titles and job responsibilities for Jason, Joanna, and Kris.

Jason is now the Minister of Campus Operations and Facilities. He will no longer have oversight of the young adult ministry. He'll continue to preach and teach on occasion and assist with other ministerial duties.

One key change will be that Rick Burchfield, Building Maintenance Supervisor, will now report to Jason instead of Joanna. I've been pleased with how Rick has stepped in and the work he is doing for us. Other than reporting to Jason, his duties will remain the same.

Kris will now be the Minister of Youth and Young Adults. He will continue his ministry to our middle and high school students, while now also working with college students and others who fall into that age category. Kris has been on staff for three years, built relationships with our recent graduates, and now will be able to continue that ministry to them.

Joanna now has the position of Financial Administrator. Her primary role will remain handling the financial requirements of the church. However, she will be retiring at the end of this year which means a search for her successor will begin soon.

The Personnel Committee will have oversight of this hiring process and I'll be meeting with them in the near future to talk about it. I'd like this new staff person to have time with Joanna for training and orientation.

I've spoken with Jason, Kris, and Joanna about these changes and they are supportive of them. It is not unusual for staff responsibilities to shift or change over time, especially when staff members are talented and faithful in their efforts. I look forward to their ongoing leadership in their new ministry areas.

The second recommendation adds Teresa Schlandt to our church staff as Interim Director of Education and Adults. This is a part-time position which will be effective August 1 and go through the end of the year. I've spoken with Teresa and am excited for her and for our church. She is kind, energetic, and possesses a gentle good humor which will help in this new role. Please be in prayer for her as she begins this new work.

On a related note (pun intended), I'm mindful of our Pianist and Minister of Music (traditional service) vacancies. We've been fortunate to have had capable individuals filling in on a weekly basis, so please keep praying for the Lord to bring the right person to us. Our Music Committee and Minister of Music Search Committee are contacting our friends in the music world to assist in these efforts.

On a financial note, we're halfway through the fiscal year. Through June, we've shown increased giving of \$20,000 compared to this point last year. Our giving is below our expenses, but it does show improvement as to where we were last year. This is not an unusual giving pattern for this church; I'm grateful for your faithful, consistent giving to the Lord's work as we 'catch up' on this difference.

Finally, I appreciate Jason and Dr. Prince preaching while my family and I were on vacation. I'll look forward to seeing you all again. And, I'm beginning a new Wednesday night series in August and will get information out about that soon.

Pastor Danny

LifeGroup Promotion & Bible Presentation

Sunday, August 3 Kids and Youth will promote to their new LifeGroup Classes. Bibles will be presented during the worship services to kids going into first grade and those going into 6th grade.



Youth Ignite
Wednesdays
(No Youth 8/13)
5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
FLC Youth Room
Grades 6-12
Free Dinner, Games,

Youth Pool Party

Wednesday, August 6
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
At Garry & Angela Whitley's
514 Mariner Point Drive
Pizza and Swimming



Wednesday, August 20
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Door Prizes, Pizza and Drinks
Family Life Center
Guest Speaker: Sterl The Pearl

Youth Family Breakfast

Sunday, September 7
11:00 a.m.
Family Life Center, Gym
Youth arrive at 9:30 a.m. to prepare breakfast for their families.

Save the Date:

Youth Chili Fundraiser

Sunday, October 19
Following the second service.
Family Life Center, Gym
Proceeds will help offset some of the cost for the youth to attend the Youth Beach Trip scheduled for Spring Break, March 14-19 at Emerald Isle Beach in NC. Watch for more information.



Kids Church

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



Bounce House Party

Wednesday, August 13
5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
Age 3 - Grade 5
Family Life Center, Gym

College & Career LifeGroup

Age 18-25
Moved to the FLC Room 203
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Teacher: Kris Hicks



Congratulations, Scholarship Recipients

Matthew Chisholm received the Ervin & Freddie Queener Scholarship and the Judy Parrish Turner Music Scholarship. **Marlon Smith** received the James & Imogene Cheely Seminary Scholarship. **Tara Zody** received the Carson-Newman Endowment (not pictured).

Interim Director of Education & Adults Teresa Schlandt

My name is Teresa Allen Schlandt and I was born and raised in Athens, TN. I love new adventures and do not take a day for granted. By day, I am a Memaw to three beautiful granddaughters and one grandson. I retired two years ago after 39 years as a Clinton City Elementary School teacher (18 years) and librarian (21 years). In my spare time I like to swim, walk, read and cook a good meal. I love to travel (beaches or mountains....they all will do) and try new places and new foods. My church, my family and friendships are very important to me. I have two grown children, both married, Tyler and Cristine Schlandt and Matthew and Meredith McCarter. I love music and constantly have it playing wherever I am....contemporary Christian is one of my favorites. I have been a member of First Baptist Church for 27 years and I have served as a deacon two terms, have been in the praise band, and have been on too many committees to count. My church is my lifeline and I am excited to be filling the interim position of Minister of Education and Adults!



Photography Group Project

The FBC Creative Arts Photography Group invites you to submit photographs of the following subject matters by their meeting on Thursday, August 21, 6:00 p.m. in the FLC: flowers, waterfalls, wild animals, and old barns & houses. Photos can be emailed to Amanda@fbclinton.org with "PHOTO PROJECT" in the subject line or they can be brought to the meeting. A photo exhibit will be created with some of the images to share with the church.



Sunday Bible Study
Sundays, August 24 - October 19
(no study September 14)
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Lower Auditorium

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. You can follow the podcast on Spotify and Apple Podcasts. Recent episodes include a discussion on the IRS and Johnson Amendment, Liberty of Conscious and an interview with Brian Kaylor, editor of the *Word & Way*.



From the Pulpit
in August

8:30 a.m. Family Life Center
9:30 a.m. LifeGroups
10:40 a.m. Sanctuary
3 Matthew 22:34-40
10 Matthew 28:16-20
17 Mark 7:24-30
(combined 2nd service)
24 I Peter 5:8-11
31 Matthew 12:1-14

AS YOU GO...

An Honest Look at the First
Followers of Jesus
New Wednesday Night Bible Study
Wednesdays beginning, August 6
6:30 p.m.
Lower Auditorium.
Led by Pastor Danny
Book Cost: \$5.00
(No Study on July 30)

National Night Out
Block Party

Tuesday, August 5
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Parking lots of the Towers & FBC
Music, Games, Facepainting,
Emergency Vehicles to Tour,
Business & Nonprofit Info Tables,
Free Medical Care through the
RAM Telehealth Bus, & Free
Food: hot dogs, popcorn, ice
cream, & snow cones.
Note: Kincaid Street will be closed
to thru-traffic but open for daycare
pickup via Main Street entrance.

Church-Wide Picnic

Sunday, September 14
Arrive at 3:30 p.m.
Eat at 4:00 p.m.
Norris Dam State Park Shelter #2
Catered by Rickard BBQ
Cost: \$12.00 per person
or \$30.00 max per family
Call the church office to sign up by
Friday, September 5.
**Please bring a dessert to share
and a lawn chair if you wish!**

In Christian Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to family of
John Greene (7/10).


Memorial Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary on
August 10 are in loving memory of
Bill Biven’s birthday , August 10,
given by his wife, Zora and their
children, Beth Ann, Susan, and Bill.

The flowers in the Sanctuary,
Sunday, August 17, 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 24, 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 31, 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 44th Anniversary, also,
August 29, given by Mark and Jane
Halcomb.

 **Isaiah 117 House**
FBC Collected \$627 at the
Lemonade Stand on
Sunday, July 27 and online
gifts of \$23 for a total of \$650!
Thank you to Amanda and FBC Kids
for making and serving the
lemonade.

Combined Worship
Service

Sunday, August 17
10:40 a.m.
Sanctuary
There will be no 8:30 service.
LifeGroups meet at 9:30 a.m.

June Financial Summary

Budget Receipts	\$ 85,358
2025 Receipts/Wkly Avg.	\$ 15,178
2025 Weekly Budget Req.	\$ 18,542
Budget Expense	\$ 77,343
June Deficit/Income	\$ 8,015
2025 Deficit/Income	(\$ 88,009)
TOTAL June 30	(\$ 79,994)

July Business
Meeting Report

June Minutes and Financials were
approved. Committee on Committees
presented new committee members
for the next three year term and all
were approved. The Personnel
recommendation to revise the job title
and responsibilities for the Young
Adults and FLC Ministries, Church
Administrator, and Minister of Youth,
were approved. The Personnel
recommendation to hire Teresa
Schlandt as Interim Director of
Education and Adults was approved.

Business Meeting

Wednesday, August 20
6:30 p.m.
Lower Auditorium

Committee
Orientation

Wednesday, August 27
6:00 p.m.
Family Life Center, Gym
If you are serving on a Church
Committee, please plan to attend this
important meeting as officers will be
elected.

FBC Christian Service
Center Distributions
for June 2025

FBC Christian Service Center
Distributions for June 2025
Total: 109 Families served.
(206 Individuals)
4248 food items
450 clothing items
50 miscellaneous items
3 weeks only



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.

Family Life Center

Closed Monday, August 4 due to
the city work on the waterline.

Deacons’ Meeting

Tuesday, August 12
5:30 p.m.
Lower Auditorium

Towers Movie Night

Saturday, August 23
7:00 p.m.
Movie: “August Rush”
Popcorn & Drinks will be served.

Towers Craft

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

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AUGUST 2025

6th Annual
Anderson County Community
Resource Fair

The More We Know
The More Love We Show

Sunday, August 17
12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Family Life Center, Gym
Find the resources you need!
Eat free lunch while learning about the wonderful services
taking place in our community!

Helping agencies and ministries will set up tables with
info and freebies. Children’s activities will also be provided.

RAM Telehealth Bus

Tuesday, August 5
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
FBC Parking Lot

This ministry is kicking off in our National Night Out Block Party
(details inside newsletter) area and will continue to be in the
FBC parking lot every 1st Tuesday (time may vary).
Remote Area Medical provides free, quality healthcare to those in
need. First-Come, First-Served Until Capacity is Reached.
No ID or Insurance Required!



TELEHEALTH

Medication refills, Second Opinions on Diagnoses, Blood Sugar/
Diabetes Education, Evaluation and prescriptions for
common ailments, cold, flu, UTIs, sinus infections and more.

For more information: RAMUSA.ORG 865-579-1530