

## First Thoughts...

In 1968, the country was close to having a nervous breakdown. The Vietnam War was going on, culture wars were raging and racial tensions were at a boiling point. In April, Martin Luther King was assassinated in Memphis. A few months later, in June, Robert Kennedy was assassinated as he campaigned for the presidency.

US News and World Report described it this way: "As the year ended, it was not all clear how or whether the nation would settle down. Many wondered if the country was becoming ungovernable as everyday Americans began to lose optimism about the future. A travel ad in France summed up the mood of the country felt by many: 'See America While it Lasts.'"

The history and mood of our nation is instructive for where we are today.

Charlie Kirk's assassination has rocked and shocked our nation. Emotions are running high right now, and I hope we can all pray for his wife and two small children. No one should have their spouse, parent, or child taken away from them like this. I hope we can also agree that political violence and retaliatory violence have no place in this country.

Kirk had a large online following and his Turning Point USA chapters exist on many college campuses. He'd visit these campuses and sit under a tent with the words "Prove Me Wrong" on top of it. Students, faculty, and others were allowed to come to a microphone and debate, disagree, challenge, or question his views. What I hope we can take away from this example is how precious our 1st Amendment right to the freedom of speech is in this nation.

Dr. Jon Meacham, Professor of Political Science at Vanderbilt University and Presidential Historian said this: "When we lose our capacity for argument, dissent, and debate—peaceably—we are breaking faith with the American covenant. And the American covenant is that we live in contention with each other, but we're not at each other's throat."

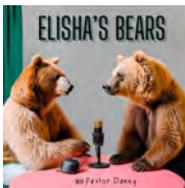
In Luke 9, Jesus sends James and John into Samaria, but the people would not welcome Jesus, because he was heading towards Jerusalem. This reaction frustrated James and John so they asked Jesus, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" Jesus rebuked them, and he and his disciples went to another village.

Gov. Spencer Cox of Utah said this: "We can return violence with violence. We can return hate with hate, and that's the problem w/ political violence—is it metastasizes, because we can always point the finger at the other side. And at some point, we have to find an off ramp, or it's going to get much, more worse. History will dictate if this is a turning point for our country, but every single one of us gets to choose right now if this is a turning point for us."

People are looking and listening to the church right now. Let's make sure we're looking and listening to Jesus, and living for Him as well. Stay encouraged and remember that you are loved.

## 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, Apple Podcast and Amazon Music. His most recent conversation was with Kim Cook, Clinical Director of Elu, on "Understanding Clergy Burnout".



## Youth Ignite

Wednesdays

5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

FLC Youth Room

Grades 6-12

Free Dinner, Games,

## YOUTH CHILI FUNDRAISER

Sunday, October 19

12:00 p.m.

FLC, Gym

RSVP to the Church Office.

Cost: \$5.00 per person

There will also be a donation box available at the fundraiser. If you can't attend the fundraiser and would like to make a donation, please mark your envelope "Youth Spring Break Trip". All proceeds will benefit the Youth 2026 Spring Break Trip to Emerald Isle, NC.



## Corn Maze Youth Trip



Saturday, October 25

12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Cost is \$8.00 per person.

Scholarships available.

The Church van will leave the church at 12:30 p.m. The Corn Maze is located at 922 Old Dutch Valley Road, Clinton, if you plan to meet us there.

Please eat lunch before you arrive or bring money for food trucks at the Corn Maze.

Cost includes: Transportation & Corn Maze Ticket (Corn Maze, Hill Slide, Corn Pool, Corn Hole, Hay Ride, Farm Animals, & Pumpkin Patch)

## It's A Boy!

Congratulations to Sean and Haleigh Copeland on the birth of a baby boy!

**Henry Gaines Copeland**

was born Wednesday, August 27. Also, congratulations to big brother, Matthew, grandparents, Page & Carol Scarborough & uncle, Hunter.



## FBC Kids

Wednesdays

5:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Free Dinner, Music,

Bible Study

Parents sign in children in the FLC Lobby between 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. to eat dinner. They go to the Choir Room (Level 2 Main Building) at 5:40 p.m.

## Kids Church

Sundays during the 10:40 a.m.

Service in the Church Library (next to the nursery) for Age 3 - Grade 5.



## Trick or Treat

Sunday, October 26

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

FLC, Gym

If you would like to sign up to decorate a table and give out candy at this community event, please let Lauren or the Church Office know.

**CANDY DONATIONS** for this event can be dropped off in the Garden Room or in the FLC Lobby.



## Upward Basketball and Cheerleading Online Registration is Open!

We are excited to be hosting an Upward season this year! Online registration is now



open and will be available until early November, 2025. Practices will begin the week of January 5, 2026 and the first game will be Saturday, January 17, 2026. We will play every Saturday through March 7, 2026 (a total of 8 games). We plan to play the first four Saturdays at First Baptist and the following four Saturdays at Second Baptist. Tentatively, we have an Upward Celebration scheduled for Monday, March 9, 2026. We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!



## FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM SUNDAY

Sunday, October 19

Wear your favorite sports team jersey or team color to Worship Service and LifeGroups.



## First Things First: Conversation with Pastor Danny

Sunday, October 26

9:40 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.

Church Library (level 2 - Main Building)

This meeting is for new members and guests who would like more information about us. Please email Katrina to RSVP at [katrina@fbclinton.org](mailto:katrina@fbclinton.org). Childcare is available.

## 2025 Advent Devotional Book

Theme: "Tidings of Joy" and will consist of Christmas photos. If you would like to submit a photo for the book, please send in a jpg format to Katrina at [Katrina@fbclinton.org](mailto:Katrina@fbclinton.org) by 10/15. Please make sure this a personal photo, not copyrighted material found on the internet or publications. Photos should be a Christmas photo of Scenery, Nativity, Decorations or Individuals. Please include a short (paragraph or less) devotion that gives some details about the photo and why it brings you joy. Call Katrina if you have questions.

## GospelFest

### Night of Worship

Sunday, November 16  
5:30 p.m.  
FBC Sanctuary  
Reception to Follow in FLC  
More information coming soon.

## Christian Sympathy

is extended to Jerry Schlandt, whose mother, **Ruby Schlandt**, passed away, September 7.

## From the Pulpit in October

8:30 a.m. Family Life Center

9:30 a.m. LifeGroups

10:40 a.m. Sanctuary

05 1 Peter 4:7-11

12 Rev. Jason Taylor

19 1 Samuel 3:1-10

26 Genesis 12:1-6

## AS YOU GO...

**An Honest Look at the First Followers of Jesus**  
Wednesday, October 1  
6:30 p.m.

Lower Auditorium.

Led by Pastor Danny

## The Chosen - Season 2

Sundays through October 19

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Lower Auditorium

Led by Amanda & Jason Taylor

## Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, October 14

5:30 p.m.

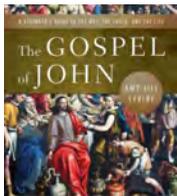
Lower Auditorium

## Business Meeting

Wednesday, October 15

6:30 p.m.

Lower Auditorium



## Pastor's Book Club

Mondays, beginning, October 20

10:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.

Family Life Center, Hearth Room

The Gospel of John

by Amy-Jill Levine

6 Sessions led by Pastor Danny

Book Cost: \$10.00

## Memorial Flowers

The flowers on the altar, in the Sanctuary, Sunday, October 5 are in loving memory of **Lyndsey Denton** given by Lynn, Whitney, and Clark.

The flowers on the altar, in the Sanctuary, Sunday, October 12, were placed there by Charlie Abner in loving memory of **Wanda Abner** for their Wedding Anniversary, October 14.

The flowers on the altar, in the Sanctuary, Sunday, October 19 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 19 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 on the altar in the Sanctuary, Sunday, October 26, are in honor and appreciation of our **Pastor, Dr. Danny Chisholm and his family**, given by Beth and Jack Green.

The flowers in the baptistry, Sunday, October 26, 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.

## Photography Group

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, Monthly

6:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.

FLC - Hearth Room

## Free Mobile Telehealth

Tuesday, October 7

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

FBC Clinton Parking Lot

Remote Area Medical provides free, quality healthcare to those in need. First-Come, First-Served until capacity is reached.

No ID or Insurance required!



## Aug. Financial Summary

|                         |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Budget Receipts         | \$ 75,531   |
| 2025 Receipts/Wkly Avg. | \$ 15,685   |
| 2025 Weekly Budget Req. | \$ 18,542   |
| Budget Expense          | \$ 79,200   |
| August Deficit/Income   | (\$ 3,669)  |
| 2025 Deficit/Income     | (\$ 77,194) |
| TOTAL August 31         | (\$ 80,863) |



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.

## September Business Meeting Report

August Minutes and Financials were approved. The **Committee on Committees** recommendation to remove Johnafred Thomas from WEE Ministry Committee (he serves as Church Liaison for WEE Ministry), add Sarah Vick to the WEE Ministry Committee (3 year term) and add Mary Haven Merkle to the Children's Committee (3 year term) were approved. The **Trustees** recommendation for the church to pay TK Elevator, Cooks Mechanical, Central Technology, and HSC a total of \$2,296.50 for repairs due to a power surge the church experienced on August 23, 2025 was approved and will be paid from Trustees Capital Expenditures. The **Finance Committee's** recommendation to change the amount requiring prior approval from Finance Committee and Church for purchases of items/services be changed from \$500 to \$1,000 was approved. The **Deacons** recommended that Pastor Danny represent our church as a messenger at TBMB annual meeting on Nov. 9-11, was approved. The Church Clerk's recommendation to transfer the letter of **Jancie Bailey** to Grace Baptist Church, was approved.

## Christian Service Center Distributions for August 2025

**Total:** 136 Families served. (267 Individuals)

5,388 food items

814 clothing items

138 miscellaneous items

CSC volunteers greatly appreciate your continued support of this ministry through prayers, donation items, and financial support.

Till further notice, the CSC clothing closet will not be accepting any clothing donations. Please consider donating them to KARM with Corners of Your Field going towards FBC Clinton.

**If you are interested in serving as Volunteer CSC Clothing Coordinator, even if for an interim position, please contact Amanda Taylor.**

## Towers Movie Night

Saturday, October 25

7:00 p.m.

Popcorn & Drinks will be served.

## Towers Craft

Third Thursday, Monthly

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

At the Towers

Led by Julia Spradling

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FRIENDLY GUIDE

OCTOBER 2025

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Oct 26

5-7 PM

Free Candy

Trick or Treat

Open to the Community!  
Family Life Center  
230 N. Charles Seivers Blvd.

Send Candy donations to the Church office!  
We need your help handing out candy!  
Sign up with Katrina!

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