

# First Thoughts...

Alex Trebek died at age 80 due to pancreatic cancer. He is best known for hosting the daytime Emmy award winning show "Jeopardy!" It ran for 37 seasons for a total of 8200 episodes; Alex holds the Guinness World Record for hosting the most episodes of a single game show.

In his memoir, "And the Answer Is. . . Reflections on my Life" are these words: "Stop worrying about the future and just treat every day as a blessing. Try to be aware that when you leave this earth, you made a difference in the lives of other people."

He and his wife Jeannie were married for 30 years, and when asked about his legacy, said this: "I'd like to remember first of all as a good and loving husband and a decent man who did his best to help people perform their best. I'll be perfectly content if this is how my story ends—sitting on the swing with the woman I love and having my wonderful children nearby."

This is the month for graduations and celebrating accomplishments. The old adage is true: "The days are fast but the years are short!" Many people will wonder about the passage of time and how quickly these graduates have grown up (too fast!) It's an emotional and exciting time for graduates, parents, and families. I'm grateful for all our students and look forward to what the Lord has in store for each and every one.

The month of May offers many special Sunday emphases. Here is a glimpse of what is ahead over the next several weeks:

**3<sup>rd</sup>: Graduate Recognition**

**10<sup>th</sup>: Mother's Day**

**17<sup>th</sup>: Deacon Ordination (5:30pm)**

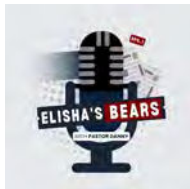
**24<sup>th</sup>: Memorial Day Remembrances**

**31<sup>st</sup>: Combined 8:30am service**

I'm starting a new Wednesday night Bible study this month on Traditional Baptists and Calvinism. I'm using a book that two of my theology professors wrote years ago; you can purchase those from the church office, if interested.

As always, thanks for your faithfulness in attendance, giving, and prayers. Let's keep on keeping on "serving the Lord with gladness."

Pastor Danny



**Pastor Danny** has a podcast called "Elisha's Bears." It's about faith, the Bible, and the church in general. You can follow the podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcast and Amazon Music. His most recent episodes include conversations with **Rev. Ben Neal, Rev. Kris Hicks, and Dr. Rebecca Poe Hays** (Associate Professor at Truett Theological Seminary)



Marriage Celebration  
honoring  
**Lindsay Bowling & Wyatt Cox**  
Sunday, June 7  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
FLC, Hearth Room  
Come enjoy some cake and fellowship!



## Youth Ignite

Wednesdays  
5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.  
FLC Youth Room  
Grades 6-12



## Senior Recognition

Sunday, May 3  
8:30 a.m. & 10:40 a.m.



## Youth Ignite End of Year Party

Wednesday, May 13  
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Church Parking Lot  
Youth, join us for Axe Throwing & Food!

## Graduation Party

Honoring Hannah Whitley  
Saturday, May 16  
Drop In 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
FLC, Hearth Room

## Girls' Day Out!

Sunday, May 17  
Leaving FBC at 10:40 a.m.  
Returning to FBC by 3:30 p.m.  
Girls, grade 6-12, are invited to join us for Build-A-Bear and lunch at Loco Burro. Free event. RSVP to Kris Hicks by Saturday, May 16.



## Youth Fundraiser

Tidal Wave Car Wash Tickets are available for \$15.00 each in the church office. Proceeds will benefit the Youth Designated Fund.



**LifeGroup**  
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.  
FLC, Level 2  
Teacher: Kris Hicks

## FBC Kids

Wednesdays  
5:30 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.

## 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 Family Fun Night

Join us for food and games at our end of year party!  
Wednesday, May 13  
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
FBC Front Lawn  
Hot Dogs, Chips, Popsicles  
Parents: Plan to stay and bring a lawn chair!



**VBS**

**JUNE 8 - JUNE 12**

9:00 A.M. - 12 P.M.  
AGE 4 - GRADE 5

- PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION
- VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION
- DONATE TO VBS

## Baby Shower

honoring Avery & Kevin Hampton  
**The Finish Line Is Very Near, A Baby Boy Will Soon Be Here!**  
Sunday, May 17  
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
FLC, Hearth Room  
Registered at Amazon  
RSVP to Rebecca at 901-736-5076



## Terry Barber

Deacon Candidate



I was born and raised in Michigan. My wife Ann and I moved here from the Detroit metro area over 20 years ago. Eagle Bend Manufacturing moved us here and I worked as a skilled tradesman, maintaining manufacturing equipment. I retired several years ago.

Our two children followed us from Michigan to live in Tennessee. Ashley has two daughters in Oliver Springs, and Brian lives in Murfreesboro.

I like to tinker and work on things like puzzles to keep my mind sharp. I have special interests with the outdoors- fishing, boating, riding motorcycles - and driving during travel vacation to see scenery and how other folks live.

I've always loved riding motorcycles - and am in two motorcycle groups - the Christian Motorcycle Association Clinton chapter, and the US Spyder Ryders Smoky Mountain Chapter (for three-wheeled motorcycles).

I volunteer with the FBC Christian Service Center and have been on the Missions Committee. We found FBC online during Covid and enjoyed the messages. Meeting our Clinton neighbors made us feel like one of the family so we're very happy with this church.

I joined the Army right after high school and spent three years in Germany. I left the Army when my dad was sick with cancer. Dad fought cancer many years and then woke up one night while we were visiting. He said he saw the light and was singing and talking like he was fine - the next morning he passed away.

My personal testimony includes a scary bout with 'hairy cell leukemia' - diagnosed when my kids were still in high school. I was successfully treated and am now cancer-free for over 30 years.

I felt the hand of God with my dad's passing and my own cancer journey; and when I saw my children being born along with different times in everyday life when I see people helping each other.

## Deacon Ordination of Terry Barber

Sunday, May 17  
5:30 p.m.  
Sanctuary  
**Ordination Council Meeting**  
4:30 p.m.  
Lower Auditorium

## Women's Book Club

May Book of the Month:  
**"The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon"** by Stephen King  
**3rd Tues., Monthly, 11:00 a.m.**  
FLC, Hearth Room  
*Please contact Kay Hannah if you would like to attend.*



## Memorial Flowers

The flowers on the altar, Sunday, May 3, are in loving memory of **Jim White's** birthday, which was May 7, given by Glenda, Beth White and Connie Schreiner.

The flowers in the baptistry, Sunday, May 3, are in loving memory of a wonderful wife, mother and friend, **Linda Liles**, given by Charles H. (Tony) Liles.

The flowers on the altar, Sunday, May 10, are in loving memory of **Miss Reba Gentry**, given by Jack G. Jones and Chris and Don Doar.

The flowers on the altar, Sunday, May 17, are in loving memory of **Richard Buckner's** birthday, May 20, given by his wife, Marilyn Buckner and children, Jaci Harris and Michael Buckner.

The flowers on the altar, Sunday, May 24, are in loving memory of **Mrs. Mary C. Hollingsworth**, whose birthday was May 23, given by Joe, Trey, and Nicci Hollingsworth.

The flowers in the baptistry, Sunday, May 24, are in loving memory of **Les Swann's** birthday which was May 24, given by Jo Anne & Lesley Swann .

The flowers on the altar, Sunday, May 31, are in loving memory of **James & Imogene Cheely**, given by daughters, Jean Cheely and Ann Hofmeister. (Imogene's birthday was May 25)

## Sundays in May

**8:30 a.m.** Family Life Center

**9:30 a.m.** LifeGroups

**10:40 a.m.** Sanctuary

May 3 Rev. Kris Hicks

May 10 Proverbs 31.25-31

May 17 Matthew 12. 33-37

May 24 John 14.6-22

May 31 Marlon Smith (Combined Worship Service 8:30 a.m.)

## In Christian Sympathy

Sympathy is extended Laura Bowles, whose stepfather, **Jerry Grasmick**, passed away (4/12), to the family of **Matt Patterson** (4/14) and to the family of **Bob Jameson** (4/26).

## Wednesdays in April

**6:30 p.m.**

Lower Auditorium

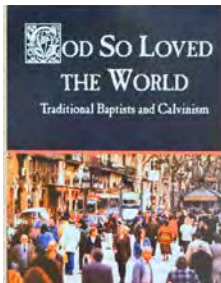
May 6 "For God So Loved the World" led by Pastor Danny

May 13 "For God So Loved the World" led by Pastor Danny

May 20 Business Meeting

May 27 "For God So Loved the World" led by Pastor Danny

## New! Wednesday Night Bible Study



Beginning

**May 6**

**6:30 p.m.**

Books

Available

In the Church Office:

\$10 each

Led by Pastor Danny

## Memorial Day Recognition Service

**Sunday, May 24**

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

During the worship services the names of church members that have passed away since last Memorial Day will be read aloud. When your loved one or friend's name is read you may go forward and move a flower from the basket to the vase.

## Memorial Day

The Church Office, Family Life Center, and WEE Ministry will be closed on May 25.

## Photography Group

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

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

FLC - Hearth Room

## March Financial Summary

Budget Receipts	\$313,502
2026 Receipts/Wkly Avg.	\$34,416
2026 Weekly Budget Req.	\$18,495
Budget Expense	\$82,233
March (Deficit)/Income	\$231,269
2026 Deficit (Deficit)/Income	(\$16,620)
TOTAL March 31	\$214,649

## Missions Offering Goal:

**\$3,000** (combined)

Annie Armstrong: \$475.00

Global Missions: \$1,275

Total received to date: \$1,750

## Deacons' Meeting

**Tuesday, May 12**

**5:30 p.m.**

Lower Auditorium

## Business Meeting

**Wednesday, May 20**

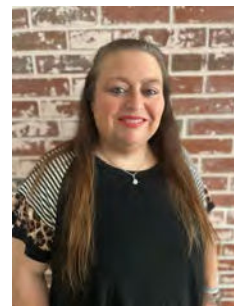
**6:30 p.m.**

Lower Auditorium

## Business

## Meeting Report

The April Minutes and Financials were approved. The Church Council recommendation to have a **Combined Worship Service** on Sunday, May 31 at 8:30 a.m. in the FLC was approved.



**Crystal Akins** is our new **W.E.E. Ministry Director** as of April 22, 2026. Ms. Crystal has worked in the WEE Ministry for 27 years. We are happy for her as she takes on this new role in the daycare. (Ms. Tammy will still be around, serving as Business Administrator)



**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.

## CSC Distributions March 2026:

287 individuals served

(143 families)

52 Children, 134 Adults,

101 Seniors

Food Items Total 5595

USDA Food 2173 (free)

Church Food 3422 (\$2,550.94)

Clothes 671, Miscellaneous 58

## CSC Clothing Closet

The CSC is in need of 2-3 more volunteers to substitute on Tues. afternoons from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. and sort through clothes on Tuesday mornings from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. If you can help, please contact K.K. Meredith.

IN THE  
*Heart* OF  
**CLINTON**  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



FRIENDLY GUIDE

MAY 2026

## CONGRATULATIONS!

## High School GRADUATES

**KENZLEE ANN HUTCHISON**

Clinton High School

**REESE RUSSELL**

Anderson County High School

**Sylvie Temple**

Clinton High School

**HANNAH GRACE WHITLEY**

Clinton High School

## COLLEGE GRADUATES

**Emily Biqler**

M.A. in International Affairs - Middle Tennessee State University

**Jacob Floyd**

Master of Divinity - Duke Divinity School

**ERIC PAGE**

A.S. in Project Management - Roane State Community College

**ELIZABETH RHYNE**

M.S. in Global Marketing Management - Boston University

**MARLON SMITH**

Master of Divinity - The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

**ALEX SWANNER**

B.S. in Business Administration - Tennessee Tech University

**SAM WHITAKER**

B.S. in Business Administration - Tennessee Tech University

**TARA ZODY**

B.S.N., Registered Nurse - Carson-Newman University