

First Thoughts...

General George S. Patton once said, "Fatigue makes cowards of us all."

Upon reading this quote, I was reminded of a story that happened long before Patton. It's about one of my favorite Old Testament figures, Elijah. There's a great deal about the prophet and his story that I can appreciate, among the most is his reaction after having a 'mountaintop experience' in defeating the prophets of Baal.

After winning the "showdown at Mount Carmel" and seeing evidence of God's greatness, Elijah inexplicably ran away when his life was threatened by Jezebel. He ran into the wilderness, sat down under a broom tree and prayed to die.

Elijah was so tired that he fell asleep; an angel woke him and gave him something to eat and drink. He went back to sleep a second time, and the angel once again woke him up again, saying "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." So Elijah ate and drank once more, and then went on from that place, having regained strength for the journey.

Many of us can appreciate the angel's simple diagnosis of Elijah's condition: "the journey is too much for you." Indeed, Elijah's story is so applicable because he's on the mountaintop one moment and in the valley dealing with discouragement the next. He's so tired of dealing with challenges that he's about ready to give up.

There are a lot of things going on in our world, nation, and families right now that are heavy and difficult. Some of you might be dealing with challenges right now. It's not your imagination that this is the case, and it's very important to recognize that "the journey is too much for you too."

As we move into the summer months, it's easy to become disconnected from your church family. I hope all of us can have some time for rest and recovery from our labors—like Elijah. But, let's also remember that life in a fellowship is a blessing and that we are stronger when we are together.

It's hard to believe but we're at the halfway point of the year. And, this month marks the arrival of VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! Thanks all of you who will be volunteering your time and energies to share Christ with these children (and their families too!).

I'm looking forward to another summer together as a family of faith. Thank you for your ongoing prayers, financial support, and participation in the life of our church.

Pastor Danny



CONGRATULATIONS!

Kris Hicks graduated from Anderson County Leadership on May 5, 2026 with Perfect Attendance!

Youth Ignite

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



*Summer gatherings may vary week to week, please stay tuned.

Youth Pool Party

Friday, June 12
1:00 p.m.

Stay tuned for more details.

Youth Fundraiser

Tidal Wave Car Wash Tickets are available for \$15.00 (\$30 value) each in the church office. Proceeds will benefit the Youth Designated Fund.

Congratulations

to our High School Graduates:
Kenzlee Hutchison,
Reese Russell, Sylvie Temple,
Hannah Whitley



Congratulations!

College Graduate: James Bigler
Master of Divinity - Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
College Graduate: Rachel Clement Heston
Masters in Criminal Law Administration - Middle Tennessee State University



LifeGroup

Sunday, 9:30a.m.
FLC, Level 2
Teacher: Kris Hicks

FBC Kids

Resumes in the Fall. Watch for information on July Pop-up Events!



Kids Church

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



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 8 - JUNE 12
9:00 A.M. - 12 P.M.
AGE 4 - GRADE 5

BABY SHOWER honoring SHANNON & DAVID BAKER

(Shannon is the daughter of Ricky & Stacey Foster and Granddaughter of the late Maxine Holbrook)
Saturday, June 20
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 P.M.
FLC Hearth Room
Registered at BabyList.com
RSVP to Stacey @ 865-599-3942 by June 14.

One small request, we hope it's not too hard. Please bring a book for baby instead of a card.

DIAPER RAFFLE

Bring a pack of diapers for your chance to win a prize!



WEE Ministry News...

On April 22, **Crystal Akins** assumed the position of Acting Daycare Director for the WEE Ministry. After 38 years of service, **Tammy Braden** is transitioning to a well deserved retirement. Crystal has worked in the WEE Ministry for 27 years, and is uniquely qualified for this position and has seamlessly assumed this role fulfilling all licensing requirements for the position. Tammy will continue to assist with the changeover, as the WEE Committee works through the process. Please join our WEE families in giving Crystal a warm welcome.

We celebrated **Yoanna Tindell's** retirement on May 8! She worked in the WEE Ministry for 33 years. Thank you, Ms. Yo, for your years of service at WEE.



New Member

Madelyn Osborne made a public profession of faith on Sunday, May 17!



Marriage Celebration honoring Lindsay & Wyatt Cox

(Lindsay is the daughter of Kevin Bowling & Julie Bowling)
Sunday, June 7
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
FLC, Hearth Room
Come enjoy some cake and fellowship!

FBC Kids had a great summer kick-off!



Christian Sympathy

Is extended to Gina Thomas, whose mother, **Frankie Bridges**, passed away (5/21), to the family of **Joan Hutchins** (5/18) and the family of **Jeff Stovall** (5/14).

Memorial Flowers

The flowers on the altar, Sunday, June 7, 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, Pat, Ginger and Robyn.

The flowers on the altar, Sunday, June 21, 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 28, are in loving memory of **Sissy Holt**, given by Bob, Donna and Doug.

Sundays in June

8:30 a.m. Family Life Center

9:30 a.m. LifeGroups

10:40 a.m. Sanctuary

07 Mark 10:13-16

14 Psalm 4

21 Father's Day-Rev. Ben Neal

28 Psalm 42

Wednesdays in June

6:30 p.m.

Lower Auditorium

03 God So Loved the World

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Encore 4th of July Celebration

Monday, June 29

5:30 p.m.

At Teresa Schlandt's
Burgers will be provided, bring a side dish or dessert to share. RSVP by Friday, June 26 to the church office and let us know what you are bringing.



Patriotic Theme Slideshow Project

The **Photography Group** is putting together a Patriotic Slideshow that will be shown in the Worship Service on July 5. If you would like to submit your favorite patriotic photo, please email to Amanda@fbclinton.org.



Women's Book Club

June Book of the Month:

"The Correspondent"

by Virginia Evans

3rd Tues., Monthly 11:00 a.m.

FLC, Hearth Room

Please contact Kay Hannah if you would like to attend.

Ram Denture Clinic

June 27-28

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Amanda Taylor

Holiday Closings

The Church Office, FLC, & WEE

Ministry will be closed on July 3.

There will be no Wednesday activities on July 1.

Save the Date:

Anderson County Resource Fair

Sunday, August 16

12 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Family Life Center

Terry Barber's Deacon Ordination Service May 17.



April Financial Summary

Budget Receipts	\$69,197
2026 Receipts/Wkly Avg.	\$30,389
2026 Weekly Budget Req.	\$18,495
Budget Expense	\$83,193
April (Deficit)/Income	(\$13,996)
2026 Deficit (Deficit)/Income	\$214,649
TOTAL April 30	\$200,653

Missions Offering Goal:

\$3,000 (combined)
Annie Armstrong: \$951
Global Missions: \$1,300
Total received to date: \$2,251

Special Called Business Meeting

The Finance Committee recommends that we amend the current fiscal year from 4/1/26—3/31/27 to 1/1/26—12/31/26 and the current budget to be retroactive to 1/1/26 ending 12/31/26. There will be a vote by ballot on **Sunday, June 7** in both services.

Business Meeting

Wednesday, June 17

6:30 p.m.

Lower Auditorium

May Business Meeting Report

The April Minutes and Financials were approved. Budget Discussion. We will vote on June 7 in both worship services on the amended current budget fiscal year. Merritt Mechanical Contractors will replace the FLC hot water heater. Michael Graves with Studio 4 Designs will be hired to do a feasibility study in determining best locations for CSC. RAM Denture Clinic expenses were approved to come from the current RAM designated account.

Towers Movie Night

Saturday, June 13

7:00 p.m.

Movie: Courageous

Popcorn & Drinks will be served.



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.

Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, June 9

5:30 p.m.

Lower Auditorium

CSC Distributions

April 2026:

275 Individuals served

(120 Families)

71 Children, 113 Adults, 91 Seniors

5325 Food Items (\$1473.33)

790 Clothing Items

59 Miscellaneous Items

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 at 865-805-1752.

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Age 4 - Grade 5

Scan to register a participant,
volunteer or donate VBS.

