

First Thoughts...

August is here and that means school is about to ring into session once again. It is hard to believe that the summer is over and teachers, students, and parents will get into the routine of another school year.

I've appreciated being able to take some vacation time with Lori and our children. We celebrated our 32nd wedding anniversary and spent some time reflecting on the people, places, and events that we've experienced together. I've made this remark numerous times, but the adage is true: "the days are long but the years are short."

Time gets away from us, and it's important to enjoy and be grateful for what we've been given. As John Claypool said, "Life is a Gift."

One reminder of this is a picture hanging on the wall in my office, given to our family from our previous church. It is a photo of me baptizing Matt when he was a boy. I was taller than him at that time, and now he towers over me. It is amazing how life can happen when we are making other plans.

One thing that has happened in our church is that Kris has resigned from our church staff effective July 31st. I wanted to thank him for his four years of service and involvement in our fellowship. Our church ordained him to the gospel ministry and he has made positive contributions to our fellowship. I have appreciated the opportunity to work with him and get to know his life story a little bit. I am confident the Lord will continue to guide him in the days to come.

I feel the same way about this church. The Lord has a purpose for us as a people as long as we continue to "fix our eyes upon Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith." Jesus said "when I am lifted up, I will draw all people to myself."

This is my focus going into the Fall. My desire is to support and work with our Youth and Personnel Committees to discern how best to move forward in the upcoming weeks and months. Please be in prayer for these committees, especially during this transitional period.

Keep in mind the upcoming events and opportunities over the next several weeks. Our church continues to receive guests in our worship services and LifeGroups. Our welcome and hospitality makes an important difference to those who are new to the community and may be searching for a church home.

Let's try to remember what it was like to come into a new building and be around new people for the first time. Our sweet spirit and kindness will make a lasting impact not only on those whom we meet on our campus, but also those we meet in our town.

I'll be doing another Pastor's Book Club in September—it's looking like it will be on Thursday mornings. The book I've chosen is "A Grief Observed" by C.S. Lewis. Lewis is one of the most influential Christian writers and theologians of the 20th century.

I'm looking forward to our conversations about this important book, but I would ask you to let the church office know if you plan to participate. We've ordered a limited number of books and these will be for sale in the church office.

Finally, and as I said at the beginning, let's remember and pray for our teachers, students, and parents as a new school year begins. May the Lord bless as we continue to follow Him and obey his Word.

Pastor Danny



Youth Fall Kick-Off
Wednesday,
August 12

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

Messy Games & Pizza!

Youth wear old clothes and old shoes and join us on the front lawn for MESSY games!!

Youth Ignite

Regular Fall schedule resumes
Wednesday, August 19 from
5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. in the Family Life Center.



If you would like to volunteer as a Youth Leader, please contact the Church office.

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.

Join us for a Church-wide Picnic!

Sunday, September 13
Arrive at 3:30 p.m.
Eat at 4:00 p.m.

Norris Dam State Park Shelter #2
Catered by Rickard BBQ
MENU: Pulled Pork Sandwiches (Hotdogs for the kids), Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Tea, Lemonade and water.

Cost: \$12.00 per person or \$30.00 max per family
Call the church office to sign up by Friday, September 4.
Please bring a dessert to share and a lawn chair if you wish!



Back to School Drop-In Celebration

Wednesday, August 12

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

FLC Gym

Join us for Pizza, Ice Cream, Bounce House and Facepainting.

FBC Kids

Fall Schedule resumes

Wednesday, August 19

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

Drop-off and Pick Up will be in the the main church building.

Kids Church

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

LifeGroup Promotion

Sunday, August 2

Kids and Youth will promote to their new classes and Bibles will be presented to those going into 1st grade and 6th grade.

Encore
July 4th Celebration
at Teresa Schlandt's home.



Join us for the Baby Dedication of **Delia Simone Ridley** on **Sunday, August 23 at 8:30 a.m.** in the FLC.

Guided Painting Night in the FLC



Thursday, August 20

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Led by Augusta Ridley

Cost for Materials: \$25 per person
RSVP to the Church Office by August 17.



Luke 12:27 "Consider how the wildflowers grow..."

Women's Book Club

August Book of the Month:

Bad Moon Rising by Ed Morrison
Tuesday, August 18

11:00 a.m.

FLC, Hearth Room

Please contact Kay Hannah if you would like to attend.

Towers Craft

Third Thursday, Monthly

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

At the Towers

Led by Julia Spradling



Their most recent project was a beautiful quilt that they entered in the Anderson County Fair. They won 3rd place.

Documentary Series & Discussion on the most timely topic affecting modern families.



Sunday Nights

August 2, 9, 23, 30

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

Lower Auditorium

8/2 The Social Dilemma

8/9 Dr. Andrew Doan Lectures

8/23 The Anxious Generation

8/30 Can't Look Away

Are you Worried About Internet Usage and its effect on our society, families, children, or minds? Should we be? The internet can be a life-changing tool for good or detriment, depending on how we hold it.



Please join us for a Showing of the
Clinton 12 Documentary
Saturday, August 29
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Family Life Center, Gym
Narrated by James Earl Jones
Preceded by a short program to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Day the Clinton 12 Desegregated Clinton High School. Refreshments will be provided.

we celebrated
THE BAPTISM OF
ERIN ALDERSON
ON SUNDAY,
JULY 12.



Christian Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Tom Roseberry, whose father, **Ronald Roseberry, Sr.**, passed away on Thursday, July 16.

Memorial Flowers

The flowers on the altar on August 2 are in loving memory of **Scott Whitaker** and **Lamar Suggs**, August Birthdays, given by Jill, Sam, and Sophie Whitaker, Jo Suggs, Heather, Jerry, Bailey and Mason Story.

The flowers in the Sanctuary on August 9 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 16, 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 23, 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 30, 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.

Adult Bible Study: Questions Jesus Asked

Wednesdays, August 5, 12, 26
6:30 p.m.
Lower Auditorium
Led by Pastor Danny

Sundays in August

8:30 a.m. Family Life Center
9:30 a.m. LifeGroups
10:40 a.m. Sanctuary
02 Genesis 50:15-21
09 1 Corinthians 16:1-9
16 Mark 1:14-20 (Combined Service)
23 Genesis 12:1-6
30 1 Samuel 3:1-10



Encore Event

Captain's Galley Seafood Restaurant

522 Patriot Drive, Dandridge, TN
Thursday, August 20
Arrive at FBC 10:15 a.m.
Lunch Reservation 11:30 a.m.
RSVP to the church office by 8/18
Transportation: \$5 (lunch cost is on your own)



SAVE THE DATE:

Encore Trip Biltmore Estate & Asheville, NC

**Tuesday, December 15
- Thursday, December 17**
Diamond Tours - Cost: \$489*
*per person, double occupancy
(add \$110 for single occupancy)
Motorcoach Transportation
Call the Church Office to sign-up!
\$75 will reserve your spot by 10/1.
Remaining balance (\$414) due by 10/8.
CHECKS PAYABLE TO
DIAMOND TOURS and place in a
personal envelope marked
"Diamond Tours". Do not place
checks in an FBC Giving Envelope.

Business Meeting

**Wednesday, August 19
6:30 p.m.**
Lower Auditorium

June Financial Summary

Budget Receipts	\$ 62,310
2026 Receipts/Wkly Avg.	\$ 31,745
2026 Weekly Budget Req.	\$ 18,644
Budget Expense	\$ 76,637
June (Deficit)/Income	(\$ 14,327)
2026 Deficit (Deficit)/Income	\$242,482
TOTAL June 30	\$228,159

July Business Meeting Report

The June Minutes and Financials were approved. Johanna Whitley's resignation as a check signer for the church was approved. The church approved the replacement of the FLC Kitchen Icemaker. The church accepted the resignation of Vicki Violette, Debbie Long, and Greg Fay from the Prevention of Sexual Misconduct (they are stepping down after serving a 5 year term). We approved adding Beth Green, Martha Foster and Tommy Meredith to the Prevention of Sexual Misconduct Committee. The Committee on Committees recommendations to add names and accept resignations was approved. A special Fact Finding Committee was formed. Cindy Koelsch moved her church letter to Second Baptist.

COME JOIN THE CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS!

Our choir will be presenting the new cantata "A Carol Mosaic" by Heather Sorenson on Sunday morning, December 13. We would be honored for you to sing with us even if you are not a regular member of the choir. This invitation is for adults and youth. The choir is having a kickoff event on **Wednesday, August 12, at 7:00 p.m.**, at the home of Martha Foster. Join us for ice cream and dessert as we preview this exciting musical cantata. We hope to see you there. If you have any questions please contact David Whipple at (865) 335-1543, or dwwhipple@tds.net.



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, August 11
5:30 p.m.**
Lower Auditorium

CSC Distributions June 2026:

357 Individuals served (152 Families)
88 Children
162 Adults
107 Seniors
7521 Food Items (\$2920.81)
918 Clothing Items
105 Miscellaneous Items

CSC Clothing Closet

needs 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. Call K.K. Meredith at 865-805-1752 if you can help.

THE FRIENDLY GUIDE - PO BOX 268 - CLINTON, TN - (865) 457-9353
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FRIENDLY GUIDE

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LifeGroup Promotion

On **Sunday, August 2**, the Kids and Youth will promote to their new classes at 9:30 a.m. Bibles will be presented to those moving up to 1st Grade and 6th Grade. There will also be a time of prayer for all of our LifeGroup Teachers and School Teachers during the 8:30 a.m. & 10:40 a.m. Services.

Combined Worship Service

Sunday, August 16 @ 10:40 a.m.
In the Sanctuary

7th Annual Anderson County Community Resource Fair

**The More We Know
The More Love We Show**

**Sunday, August 16
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.