

# First Thoughts...

At the conclusion of the second service on August 23rd, I announced that I will be resigning as your pastor. Since that time, I’ve met with the personnel committee who prayed over and encouraged me. At the September business meeting, the committee will bring a recommendation relating to the timetable and terms of my departure. I anticipate being here until the end of this month.

Please be in prayer for Lori and me. As a pastor’s wife, Lori shares the burden I carry as pastor. She has been devastated by what has been happening to me and our church, especially over the last several months. It has consumed our lives, and we are ready to move on from it.

I would ask you to read the Fact Finding Committee’s Report. The committee invested a lot of time and effort into compiling this information, and the Deacons voted to make the reports available to the church. You can contact Dr. Vicki Violette, Chair of Deacons, if you would like a copy.

Thank you all for bringing my family and me to Clinton and for allowing me to be present during significant moments in your lives. For the last seven years, I have done my best to preach the gospel, love you all, and represent this church in our community.

I want to thank the church staff. They are men and women of high character and are faithful in their service to the Lord. This church is fortunate to have such a gifted and devoted team of servants. It has been a privilege to work with them. Many of you have told me how much you appreciate them; be sure to tell them and others in the church also.

On a related note, I wanted to welcome Jacob Floyd to the church staff as Interim Minister of Youth. The church is fortunate to have such a gifted and mature leader in its fellowship, so pray for and support him.

Finally, no one asked me to resign, but there has been an ongoing tension that is not healthy for me or the church. For the first time in my life, I’m resigning from a church without a place to go. This is uncharted territory for me, but the Lord has provided a sense of peace that this is what I need to do.

Pastor Danny

**Baby Dedication**  
Mackenzie & Augusta Ridley dedicated  
Delia Simone Ridley  
to the Lord on  
Sunday, August 23, 2026.



**Wednesdays**  
**5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.**  
FLC Youth Room  
Grades 6-12  
If you would like to volunteer as a Youth Leader, please contact the Church office.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

## 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.

## CHS Band

FBC will be preparing and serving a meal to the CHS Band on October 2.

## CHS Baseball Banner

Youth Ignite will be recognized during all home baseball games this spring and the “In The Heart of Clinton” banner will be on the fence at the field.



**Wednesdays**  
**5:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.**  
Drop-off and Pick Up in the main church building. Age 3 (potty trained) - Grade 5.

## Kids Church

Sundays during the 10:40 a.m. Service in the Church Library (next to the nursery)

## Celebrating Staff Anniversaries



**Lauren Neal**  
Minister of Children & Young Families - 5 years



**Jerry Cloyd**  
FLC Assistant - 15 years



**Alan Neal**  
FLC Assistant - 15 years

## Jacob Floyd, FBC Interim Youth Minister

Jacob is serving as the Interim Youth Minister at First Baptist Church. Jacob currently works as the Programs Coordinator at the Anderson County Detention Facility, where he brings a heart for mentorship and second chances to his daily work. While this is his first formal youth ministry role, he previously served as an assistant coach for Knoxville Youth Rugby, working directly with high school students. Jacob holds a Master of Divinity from Duke University, an MBA from Tusculum University, and a Bachelor's in Communications with a minor in Biblical Studies from Lee University. Before pursuing ministry, he served in the U.S. Navy from 2015 to 2019 as an aircraft mechanic. Born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia, Jacob now lives in Norris, Tennessee, with his wife, Madison, and their three children, Pressley, Beau, and Bennett. In his free time, he enjoys reading, pickleball, and spending time with his family. Jacob is excited to walk alongside the students of First Baptist.



## Affirmation & Commissioning Service

**Rev. Ben Neal & Rev. Brad Hood**  
(CBF Chaplains at Parkwest Medical Center)  
**Sunday, September 20**  
**10:40 a.m.**

In the Sanctuary  
Rev. Lee Fox, Interim Field Coordinator, TN CBF, will be preaching in this service.



FBC is collecting a **Love Offering** on behalf of **Jason & Amanda Taylor** to help with their needs related to the significant storm damage done to their home.



Christian Sympathy Sundays in Sept.

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Jean Webster** (7/29), to Alex Hill, whose father passed away, to the family of **Sue Boggs** (8/21), and to the family of **Scott Burress** (8/23).

Memorial Flowers

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar, Sunday, September 13, are in loving memory of **Steven Clark's** birthday, which was September 14, given by Herbie Clark and Robert Clark.

The flowers in the Sanctuary, Sunday, September 20 are in loving memory **Andy Halcomb's** birthday, September 11 and **Anne Halcomb's** birthday, September 21, given by Mark, Jane, Andrew, Emily and Spencer Halcomb.

The flowers in the baptistry on Sunday, September 20 are in loving member of **Jack and Carol Jones**, forever remembered by Jack G. Jones, Chris & Don Doar and Tyler Doar.

The flowers in the Sanctuary, Sunday, September 27 are in honor of and in celebration of **Elizabeth Tavenner's** Birthday given by her 3 sons - Tim, Sam, and Jim.

It's a Girl!

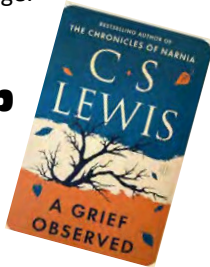


Congratulations to Zach and Taylor Page on the birth of a baby girl, **Lennon Caroline Page**, born Friday, 8/21.

Also, congratulations to big brother, Briggs; grandparents, Ginger Page, Scott & Katie Page; great grandparents, Steve & Carolyn Page, Kandi Alderson, Tom & Pat Marshall; and uncle, Eric Page.

Pastor's Book Club

Thursdays, beginning Sept. 3 10:30 a.m. FLC Hearth Room Book \$10



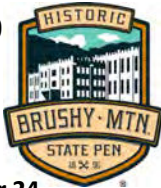
8:30 a.m. Family Life Center  
9:30 a.m. LifeGroups  
10:40 a.m. Sanctuary  
06 Ephesians 4.25-32  
13 Luke 1.26-38  
20 8:30 a.m. Service - Jeremiah 29.10-14  
10:40 a.m. Service - Rev. Lee Fox (Commissioning service for Chaplains Ben Neal & Brad Hood)  
27 Luke 19.1-10

The Chosen series 4 Sundays, beginning September 6 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Lower Auditorium

Adult Bible Study The Seven "I AM" Statements of Jesus - Found in the Gospel of John Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 2 6:30 p.m. Lower Auditorium

Encore Trip to 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.

Encore Trip Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary Thursday, September 24 Cost: \$50.00 (includes transportation, tour and Warden's Table lunch) RSVP to the Church by 9/16. Meet at the Church at 9 am.



July Financial Summary

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|-------------------------------|------------|
| Budget Receipts               | \$ 76,165  |
| 2026 Receipts/Wkly Avg.       | \$ 25,819  |
| 2026 Weekly Budget Req.       | \$ 18,644  |
| Budget Expense                | \$ 81,237  |
| July (Deficit)/Income         | (\$ 5,072) |
| 2026 Deficit (Deficit)/Income | \$228,154  |
| TOTAL July 31                 | \$223,082  |

August Business Meeting Report

The July Minutes and Financials were approved. The overall credit card limit at Regions Bank was increased. We hired Jacob Floyd as part-time Interim Youth Minister through the end of the year. We are taking up a love offering for Jason and Amanda Taylor. Finchum Flooring will be repairing the Gym floor (beginning 9/28). Additions were made to committee on committees. There was a report from the Fact Finding Committee that was shared in the meeting (for a copy of the report contact Vicki Violette).

Business Meeting Wednesday, September 16 6:30 p.m. Lower Auditorium

Gym Floor Repairs

Finchum Flooring will begin the gym floor repairs on Monday, September 28. The gym floor will be closed from that time until the work is complete. We will keep you updated on when it will reopen. The FLC will still be open for walkers and classes on level 2.

Congratulations

to Ms. Crystal for finishing her Director's Academy Credential!



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, September 8 5:30 p.m. Lower Auditorium

CSC Distributions July 2026: 290 Individuals served (137 Families) 68 Children, 127 Adults, 95 Seniors 6686 Food Items 910 Clothing Items 110 Miscellaneous Items \$2362.44 spent on food/supplies



Scan the QR Code to link your Food City Card to the WEE Ministry and help them earn bucks!



FRIENDLY GUIDE

SEPTEMBER 2026



Join us for a Church 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!\*\*

Shepherd's Table

Free Community Meal 4th Wednesday, Monthly Beginning September 23 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Volunteers needed to prepare food, serve, and fellowship. If you would like to join us to eat, church members please make a reservation with the Church Office one week in advance, pay \$5 per person, and come with a ministry mindset of hospitality and fellowship.