

Last Thoughts...

My family and I arrived in Clinton a few months before the COVID pandemic. As a result, we didn't have much time for a "honeymoon" as far as being welcomed and adjusting to a new church and area. You all were challenged to trust a new pastor more quickly than you might have, due to the extreme challenges of the situation.

As we adjusted to a new normal, I assured us that we could be "together, even when we are apart." The often taken for granted opportunities of gathering in person would be disrupted for the foreseeable future. However, with the Lord's guidance and your faithfulness, we navigated that difficult season together.

Now, the reality of being apart from you all is sinking in. I've learned a lot about life and ministry during my seven years as your Pastor. I leave here knowing I've done my best to preach the gospel, love you all, and lead under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I've tried to represent this church well in this town and beyond East Tennessee.

Clinton is a special place and I'm grateful to have been part of this church's history. Cally, Lucy, and Matt have been shaped by our move to this place; Matt and Lucy are Clinton High grads and as such "Dragons for Life." I'm grateful for your ongoing interest and prayers for them.

I want to thank the church staff for their friendship and support. I will miss working with them, but am very grateful for the privilege of serving the Lord with them.

I'm also grateful to those who planned, prepared, and made possible the reception for Lori and me. For those in and outside of the church who have given cards and encouraged us--thank you.

A number of you have asked what is next for me. The Lord has led my family and me through a variety of places, peoples, and situations. The Lord has been faithful, and I have no reason not to trust that faithfulness now.

Finally, "May the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace" (Numbers 6.24-26).

Pastor Danny



Pastor Danny's podcast is "Elisha's Bears: Conversations about Faith, Baptists, and the Bible." It is his creation and is independent of and apart from the church. You can continue to listen to it on Spotify (video also), Apple Podcasts, Amazon Music, and YouTube (music). You can also "follow" the podcast to receive notifications for new episodes.



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.



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 Basketball Lady Dragons

We have renewed our "FBC In The Heart of Clinton" banner in support of the Lady Dragons. The banner will be displayed in CHS Gym.

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.



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.

FBC Kids will sing in the Combined Worship Service at 10:40 a.m. on Sunday, October 4.

Kids Church

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

TRICK OR TREAT!
Sunday, October 25
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
In the FLC, Gym
Free Candy!
Open to the Community!

If you would like to set up a decorated table for the event and give out candy, please contact the church office. Also, candy donations can be dropped off at the FLC Desk or in the Garden Room (level 2, main bldg.).



Upward Basketball & Cheer

Online registration is open at clintonupward.org!
Early registration cost is \$90 through November 20, 2026.
Practice begins December 28
Games begin January 9
Upward Celebration March 1



FBC Staff Recognitions on September 20

Rev. Lauren Neal was recognized for her 5 years on FBC Staff as Minister of Children and Young Families. Jerry Cloyd and Alan Neal were recognized for 15 years as FLC Assistants. We are so thankful for all three of them!



Encore Trip Volunteer Princess Cruise and Lunch



Thursday, October 15
11:15 a.m. Arrive at Church
12:30 p.m. Board Volunteer Princess
1:00 p.m. Depart
2:30 p.m. Return to dock
3:30 p.m. Arrive back at FBC
Cost: \$65 per person (Includes Cruise, Lunch, transportation)
Address: 956 Volunteer Landing Ln. Knoxville, TN 37915

Happy 40th Anniversary!

The **Christian Service Center's 40th Anniversary** is Tuesday, October 6. Looking forward to another 40 years of serving those in need.

Financial Administrator Position Opening

Our Financial Administrator, Joanna Hudson, is retiring at the end of this year. If you (or someone you know) is interested in this position, please contact Katrina in the church office (865-457-9353). Katrina will forward your information to the Personnel Committee.

Fall Break is almost here!

There will be no Adult Bible Study, FBC Kids, or Youth Ignite on **Wednesday, October 7**, due to Fall Break. Sanctuary Choir will have rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

Time Change

Remember to set your clocks back one hour on November 1.



SAVE THE DATE:
Friday, December 4
12:00 p.m.
Watch for more information.

Christian Sympathy Combined Worship Service

Sympathy is extended to the family Ethel Taylor (8/28), to the family of John Manning (9/9), and to the family of Bob Arowood (9/9).

Memorial Flowers

The flowers on the altar, Sunday, October 4 are in loving memory of Lynn and Lyndsey Denton given by Whitney.

The flowers on the altar Sunday, October 11 are in loving memory of JoAnne Zody's birthday, October 21, given by Bill, Billy, Michael, and their families.

The flowers on the altar, Sunday, October 18 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.



It's a Girl! Congratulations to David and Shannon (Foster) Baker on the birth of a baby girl, Kiera Maeve Baker born on August 27. Also, congratulations to proud grandparents, Stacey and Ricky Foster.

Shepherd's Table Free Community Meal

4th Wednesday, Monthly 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. October 28 Menu: Sloppy Joes, Chips, Coleslaw & Dessert There will be no Shepherd's Table in November and December due to Holiday Food Box Distributions.

Sunday, October 4 10:40 a.m.

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



From the Pulpit in October

8:30 a.m. & 10:40 a.m. Both services will be held in the Sanctuary until the Gym floor work is completed. 9:30 a.m. LifeGroups will meet 10/04 Rev. Lee Fox (Combined Service at 10:40) 10/11 Rev. Brad Hood 10/18 Dr. Michael Prince 10/25 Rev. Mike Aiken

Rev. Brad Hood,

CBF Chaplin at Parkwest Medical Center will be preaching on October 11.



The Chosen series 4

Sundays, October 18, November 1, 8, 29, December 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 6:30 p.m. Lower Auditorium 10/07 Fall Break—No Study 10/14 I AM the Resurrection & Life (John 11:25) 10/21 Business Meeting 10/28 I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6) 11/04 I AM the True Vine (John 15:1)

Aug. Financial Summary

Budget Receipts	\$ 83,085
2026 Receipts/Wkly Avg.	\$ 24,504
2026 Weekly Budget Req.	\$ 18,644
Budget Expense	\$ 74,955
August (Deficit)/Income	\$ 8,130
2026 Deficit (Deficit)/Income	\$223,082
TOTAL August 31	\$231,212

Sept. Business Meeting Report

The August Minutes and Financials were approved. We accepted the resignation of Reverend Doctor Daniel Chisholm effective September 30, 2026. We accepted the resignations of the following deacons: Kevin Barber, Leah Barber, and Scott Page. We accepted the resignations of the following committee members: Jamie Phillips from Activities Committee, Scott Page from Stewardship Committee, Katie Page from Youth Committee and Lori Chisholm from Hostess Committee. We will have a Combined Worship Service on October 4, 2026 at 10:40 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Business Meeting

Wednesday, October 21 6:30 p.m. Lower Auditorium

Gym Floor Repairs

Finchum Flooring has started the gym floor repairs. The FLC gym will be closed 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.

Towers Movie Night

Saturday, October 24 7:00 p.m. Popcorn & Drinks will be served.

Spirit Sisters

1st Monday/monthly, 6:00 p.m. FLC/Hearth Room Social outings will be on the 3rd Monday monthly



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, October 13 5:30 p.m. Lower Auditorium

CSC Distributions August 2026:

349 Individuals served (155 Families) 76 Children 171 Adults 102 Seniors 6590 Food Items (\$2696.34) 1017 Clothing Items 92 Miscellaneous Items



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

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