

## ON JOURNEY...

I recently watched again a favorite movie of mine-“Dances With Wolves.” The cinematography and music are grand! One scene that I had forgotten disturbed me again. It is the scene where the Indians along with John Dunbar are tracking buffalo and come across a field littered with the carcasses of dead buffalo killed only for the hides. Dunbar remarks-“Who would do such a thing? The field was proof enough that it was a people without value and without soul, with no regard for the rights of others. My heart sank when I realized it was my people.”

It got me to thinking about a book by one of my favorite authors, *The Signature of Jesus On the Pages of Our Lives* by Brennan Manning. His basic premise is this: the signature of Jesus is the cross, the ultimate expression of God’s love for the world. Manning remarks that “the Church is the Church of the crucified, risen Christ only when it is stamped with his signature, only when it faces outward and moves with him along the way of the Cross.” In other words, the defining mark of the follower of Christ is the dying to self, giving up of power, downwardly mobile mark of the Cross.

The gospel writer Matthew speaks the same language in what has come to be called the Sermon on the Mount. We are attempting to listen to that sermon in a series on Sunday mornings. We invite you to come join us for worship. This passage, found in Matthew 5-7, calls for all followers of Jesus to be marked by the Spirit and by a life lived in obedience to that Spirit that reflects the Kingdom of God. As Brennan Manning says, “the greatest need for our time is for the Church to become the body of Christ with its face to the world, loving others regardless of religion or culture, pouring itself out in a life of service, offering hope to a frightened world.”

I am concerned that the church in North America, (my people) is turning its face inward and beginning to disregard all of the other people that God loves. If we indeed are doing this and continue, I am afraid that the landscape will become littered with the carcasses of people groups we have overlooked.

May the world we live in know us by the mark we carry in our lives, the mark of the cross of Jesus Christ.

Keep Walking!  
Stan

## BUSINESS MEETING REPORT:

December Minutes and Financials were approved.  
Committee on Committees made changes to the Committee List.

## PRIMETIME/XYZ

- **Singin’ Session**  
**Monday, February 6**  
Lower Auditorium
  - **Singin’ @ Morning Pointe**  
**Monday, February 13**  
**10:00 a.m.**
  - **Singin’ Session**  
**Monday, February 20**  
Lower Auditorium
  - **Movie & Popcorn**  
**Monday, February 27**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
Room 104 A (Level 1)
- Save the Date*
- **Monday, March 27**  
**10:00 a.m.** Leave FBC  
Primetime trip to visit **The Saint John’s Bible** at Carson-Newman University.

- **Monday, April 10**  
**11:30 a.m.**  
Primetime/XYZ Singers sing at Holy Week Service at St. Mark’s.

- **Tuesday, April 25**  
**10:00 a.m.** Leave FBC  
Primetime trip to see “**A Second Helping**” at the Cumberland County Playhouse. Lunch at the Cumberland County State Park. Cost: \$22.00 Ticket & \$5.00 Bus  
Please RSVP in the Church Office. Payment required to reserve your ticket.

- **Tuesday, May 2**  
**8:00 a.m.** Leave FBC Clinton  
Tune Share  
First Baptist Church, Knoxville

## YOUTH



- **Youth Super Bowl Party!**  
**Sunday, February 5**  
**5:00 p.m.**  
Arena Football, Super Bowl (6:20 p.m.), Food, Friends & Fun!
- **Youth Refuge**  
(Grades 6 - 12)  
**Wednesdays**  
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. Dinner FLC Gym (dinner is free for youth participating in Refuge)  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Refuge FLC Youth Room

## MISSIONS

- **Second Harvest Food Truck**  
**Saturday, February 25**  
**9:00 a.m.** Distribution  
Main Street Baptist Church  
Rocky Top, TN
- **The Shepherd’s Table**  
**Saturday, February 25**  
**11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**  
Fellowship Hall (Main Building)  
Free Community Meal!
- **Lottie Moon (TBC) & Global Missions (CBF)**  
**FBC Missions Offering Goal: \$10,000**  
Lottie Moon: \$3,180  
Global Missions: \$2,655  
**Total Received to Date: \$5,835**

## KIDS KORNER



- Wednesdays**  
**6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.**  
**Lower Auditorium**  
Equip is for children K-5th Grade.  
**February 1**  
Peter & Andrew meet Jesus John 1:35-42 - Let’s tell others about Jesus  
**February 8**  
News about Jesus spreads Matt. 4:12-25 - Get excited about Jesus!  
**February 15**  
Jesus gives the beatitudes Matthew 5:1-12 - Jesus tells us how to live  
**February 22**  
Jesus teaches that we are to be salt and light Mathew 5:13-16 - We can make a difference for God



- **Preschool Praise**  
**Wednesdays**  
**6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.**  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor WEE Preschool Classroom  
Invite your preschool friends and join us this week!



NEW YEAR'S PARTY FUN!

- **Equip**  
Using silly props to demonstrate that God watches over us!



- **MOTHER & SON NIGHT OF FUN!**

**Friday, February 10**  
**6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**  
**Family Life Center**  
Stock up on nerf darts! We’ll play, play, and play! Bring a side dish to share. We’ll provide chicken tenders! For boys through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and their moms, grandmoms, aunts, or friend’s mom!

## FBC INFORMATION & EVENTS

### Welcome New Members



Jim and Sandi Tomlinson

### Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of **JoAnne Zody** (1/24).

### Memorial Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary **Sunday, February 12** are in loving memory of **Herbert Ward**, given by Chloe Ann and family.

### 2017 Offering Envelopes

Please remember to pick up your offering envelopes in the hallway behind the sanctuary.

### Reminder

To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, please do not file your 2016 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgment of your contributions from the church. You may lose a deduction for some contributions if you file your tax return before receiving a written acknowledgment of your contributions from the church.

### Clinton Upward

#### Basketball & Cheerleading

Game location schedule:  
**Second Baptist** - February 4 & 11  
**First Baptist** - February 18 & 25  
**Second Baptist** - March 4 & 11

### Sermon Text

**2-05** Matt 5: 13-20  
**2-12** Matt 5: 21-48  
**2-19** Matt 6: 1-18  
**2-26** Matt 7: 21-29

### Fellowship Dinners

#### Wednesdays

**5:15 p.m.**

RSVP to the church office.

Cost: \$8.00 per person.

Children and Youth participating in Wednesday night activities eat free.

### Prayer Service & Bible Study

#### Wednesdays

**6:30 p.m.**

Fellowship Hall

### Ash Wednesday Service

**Wednesday, March 1**

**6:30 p.m.**

Sanctuary

### Children's Choir Resumes

**Sundays, March 5, 12, 26**

**Sundays, April 2**

**5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

Grades K - 5

Other dates to be announced.

### Parents' Night Out

**Friday, March 10**

**6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

Family Life Center

### Combined Worship Service

**Sunday, March 12**

**10:40 a.m.**

Sanctuary



### Save the Date:

#### Vacation Bible School

**Theme: Maker Fun Factory**

**June 12 - 16, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

We need toys for hands-on creative play: Legos, Building Blocks, Tinker Toys, K'nex, Lincoln Logs, etc.

If you have any of the above items that you would like to donate, please drop off in the church office.

## FRIENDLY FIGURES

### Sunday School Attendance

#### January Averages

Sunday School Enrollment 653

Adults 141 Youth 17

Children 19 Preschool 13

Total 190 Windwood 20

### December Financial Summary

2016 Weekly Budget Req. \$ 16,514

Budget Receipts \$ 96,489

Budget Receipts/Wkly Avg. \$ 24,122

Budget Expense \$ 71,149

December Deficit/Income \$ 25,340

2016 Deficit/Income (\$ 51,492)

TOTAL December 31 (\$ 26,152)

Complete reports are presented at Business Meeting on the third Wednesday of each month.

### Intentionally Raising Boys and Girls Conference

**Friday, February 24 - Saturday, February 25**

Fellowship Church Knoxville, 800 Middlebrook Pike

A great local opportunity!

For more info, search: [conference.fellowshipknox.org](http://conference.fellowshipknox.org).

## SNOW POLICY

That the Church approve amendment of the present Weather Policy for First Baptist Church Clinton as follows:

*Policy General* - On days when there is snow/ice on the ground, two entrances to the Church will be available for use - if the service is held as scheduled. The rear elevator entrance and the Sanctuary entrance steps will be shoveled and salted at the railings to accommodate foot traffic. All other entries will remain closed - and marked appropriately.

*Policy -*

- 1) Should Clinton City Schools dismiss because of inclement weather, ministry activities will also be canceled at the Church. The Pastor, Church Administrator and Chairperson of the Deacons will determine, by 1:00 p.m. whether to cancel the actual evening prayer service.
- 2) If the service canceled is a regularly scheduled Business Meeting, it will automatically be rescheduled to the following Wednesday service.

*Sunday Cancellation Policy -*

- 1) On Sunday morning when snow/ice is a problem, the Pastor, Chairpersons of the Deacons and Trustees, along with the Church Administrator will make a decision by 7:00 a.m. whether it is safe to have services on the day in question. Information on the closure will be posted on the Church info line, WYSH, WBIR, and the cable channel announcing the cancellation by 8:00 a.m.
- 2) Coordinating with Regions Bank, the alley between FBC and the bank will be blocked Sundays when snow/ice presents a danger to drivers or pedestrians in the alley.

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FEBRUARY 2017



# First Baptist Church Valentine Banquet

Honoring the Widows/Widowers

Sponsored by the

FBC Deacons' Ministry

**Sunday, February 12**

**5:00 p.m.**

Calhoun's in Oak Ridge