



REFLECTIONS

This year commemorates the 62nd anniversary of the beginning of the Interstate Highway system. A major initiative of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, the 47,000 miles of Interstate Highways that crisscross this nation have revolutionized our lives. Those of us who were children in the fifties can barely remember a time when there were no interstates.

But many people do not know that in 1906 there was a major project called the Lincoln Highway running between New York City and Chicago, and some other points in the Midwest. It replaced miles of muddy country roads and made it possible for passenger cars and freight bearing trucks to go from New York to the Midwest in the incredible time of eight days! By the 1920's, the Lincoln Highway was connected to Los Angeles by the famous Route 66.

The increase in overland travel by motor vehicle threatened to put the already struggling American rail industry completely out of business. But the railroads refused to accept that. They chose to see the threat as a beckoning opportunity. Many of the less profitable lines merged. They expanded the service between states. Freight and passenger services were improved, and major marketing efforts were begun. What had been a threat to their very existence turned out to be the very opportunity that saved them!

What was true for the railroads can be true for people. The Apostle Paul found his life threatened by being confined to the dreaded Mamertine Prison in Rome. Few people survived the loneliness of confinement, much less the diseases contracted there. But Paul determined to have a spirit of joy. He chose to see his confinement as giving him the opportunity to reach the guards with the Gospel of Christ. He saw it as an opportunity to experience the Holy Spirit and the grace of God. In darkness he experienced Christ's marvelous light. In the midst of hardship he found a new purpose for his life even as he was dying.

What hardships are you now experiencing? They do not have to overwhelm you. With a confidence that your Sovereign Lord knows what He is doing, you too can experience hope and new life. The choice is yours.

Dr. Michael L. Prince



Church-Wide Baby Shower

Honoring Luis Quintana & Carmen Fox

Sunday, March 3

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Family Life Center - Hearth Room
Registries at buybuy BABY and Amazon.

They are having a Baby Boy, due on April 8, 2019.

PRIMETIME

- **Primetime Singin' & Sharing**
Monday, March 4
10:00 a.m.
Lower Auditorium
- **Primetime Singin' at Morning Pointe**
Monday, March 11
10:00 a.m.
- **Primetime Singin' & Sharing**
Monday, March 18
10:00 a.m.
Lower Auditorium
- **Primetime Singin' & Sharing**
Monday, March 25
10:00 a.m.
Lower Auditorium

YOUTH

- **Youth Refuge**
Grades 6 - 12
Wednesdays
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
FLC Youth Room

YOUTH WINTER



RETREAT

Spring Banquet

Honoring our Widows & Widowers
Sponsored by the Deacon Ministry

Sunday, March 31
5:00 p.m.
Calhoun's, Oak Ridge

A Night of Broadway & Show Tunes
Presented by Sonja Moore

Sonja is a resident of Clinton and enjoys acting and singing locally. Her recent credits include: Mother in Ragtime, Alice in The Secret Garden, Sally Phelps in Big River, Miss Scatcherd in Jane Eyre,
Tellico Village Players:
Women of Broadway



MISSIONS

- **Annie Armstrong & Global Missions**
FBC Offering Goal: \$4,000
(goal pending approval at March Business Meeting)
- **reNew Addiction Recovery**
Tuesdays
6:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
Lower Auditorium
- **Shepherd's Table**
Saturday, March 23
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Family Life Center
Free Community Meal!
Everyone is welcome!
- **Movie Night at the Towers**
Saturday, March 30
7:00 p.m.
Everyone is invited for movie and popcorn at the Towers!
- **Christian Service Center**
Food and Clothing Pantry
Tuesdays
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
For Clinton Residents
Clients need to bring Photo I.D. and mail with their Clinton address.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry**
Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.
Family Life Center
- **FBC is on the Air!**
Sunday morning worship services are aired on WYSH 1380AM & also on WGAP 1400AM. Services are aired at 11:00 a.m. and are on a one week delay.

KIDS KORNER

- **FBC Kids**
Age 3 - 5th Grade
Wednesdays
6:15 - 7:15 p.m.
Level 3 - Main Church Building
- **Upward Basketball & Cheerleading**
Games at Second Baptist:
March 2 & 9
- **Upward Awards Night**
Monday, March 11
6:30 p.m.
Second Baptist Church
- **Easter Egg Hunt**
Saturday, April 20
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Bring your kids and their Easter Baskets and join us for Pizza, Egg Hunt, and Horse Back Rides on the Koelsch Farm!
The Koelsch Farm is Creekside Stables, 677 Miller Road, Clinton. Please drop off Candy Donations in the Garden Room, Level 2. Small size candy needed to fit in Easter Eggs. Thank you!

CANDY Needed



- **Vacation Bible School**
June 3 - 7
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Kids will deepen their friendship with a mighty, loving, and good, good God who empowers them to boldly face life's challenges.

Supplies Needed: Light Blue rectangular plastic table cloths, Green rectangular plastic table cloths, Boxes of all colors of Ping Pong Balls. Drop off in the church office.

FBC INFORMATION & EVENTS

• Memorial Flowers

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar, Sunday, March 3, are in loving memory of **Terry Carpenter's** birthday, which was March 3, and in memory of **Von and Toni Carpenter**, given by Carol Carpenter and Connie and Dave Kirk.

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar, Sunday, March 10 are in loving memory of **Frank Boggs'** birthday, March 11, given by Sue and family.

The flowers on the altar Sunday, March 24 are in loving memory of **Helen Bowling's** birthday which was March 23, given by Billie Sue Hammer, Will, Whitney, and Morgan Hammer, Clay, Ashley, and Gabriella Hammer and Carolyn Wilson.

• Christian Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Col. William "Perk" Cooper, Jr.** (2/2), to Sandra Harber, whose mother, **Delia Vargas**, passed away (2/5), to Debbie Long, whose mother, **Josephine Rutherford** passed away (2/15), and to the family of **Jean Pearson** (2/16).



• It's A Girl!

Congratulations to Tyler and Cristine (Trivette) Schlandt on the birth of a baby girl, **Vivian Paige Schlandt**, born Tuesday, 2/5. Also, congratulations to big sisters, Rosie and Ruby Kate, grandparents, Jerry Schlandt, Teresa Schlandt and Alan and Rosa Trivette, and aunt Meredith Schlandt and uncle Shawn Trivette.

• Church Staff Retreat

Friday, March 1

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

This meeting is off campus and staff will be unavailable during this time.



• Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 6

6:30 p.m.

Sanctuary

• Prayer Service and Bible Study

Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.

Lower Auditorium

• Fellowship Dinner

Wednesdays

5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Family Life Center, Gym.

Cost is \$8.00 for Adults

Children/Youth participating in Wednesday night activities eat free. Call the church office to RSVP.

• Deacons Meeting

Sunday, March 17

10:40 a.m.

Lower Auditorium

• Combined Worship Service

Sunday, March 17

8:30 a.m.

Family Life Center (no 10:40 service on this day, Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m.)

• Cancellation Notice

Spring Break is March 18-22.

All Wednesday night activities have been cancelled on March 20.

• FBC Cleaning Day!

Saturday, March 30

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Everyone that is able is asked to come out and help clean up our Sunday Schools Rooms.

FRIENDLY FIGURES

• January Financial Summary

Budget Receipts	\$ 54,972
2019 Receipts/Wkly Avg.	\$ 13,743
2019 Weekly Budget Req.	\$ 16,339
Budget Expense	\$ 69,085
January Deficit/Income	(\$ 14,113)
2019 Deficit/Income	(\$ 14,113)
TOTAL January 31	(\$ 14,113)

BUSINESS MEETING

The January Minutes and Financials were approved. BESCO will be hired to replace the overhead lights in the gym to LED dimmable fixtures.

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

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Priscilla Shirer "Going Beyond" Simulcast

Saturday, April 6

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Central Baptist Church, Bearden

Cost is \$25 a person (includes a box lunch from Chick-fil-a). Please contact the church office to sign up.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Scholarship Applications are available in the church office, and are due to the church office by **Monday, April 22.**

Ervin and Freddie Queener Scholarship

This scholarship is available to any student from First Baptist who is enrolled in and has a chosen field of study in a 4 year college or university. This scholarship can be applied for all four years of college enrollment.

James and Imogene Cheely Memorial Seminary Scholarship

This scholarship is designed to further the seminary education of Christian students, with similar values, attending a moderate Christian seminary and called to church or missions work. The scholarship can be applied for each year they are enrolled in the seminary.

Judy Parish Turner Music Scholarship

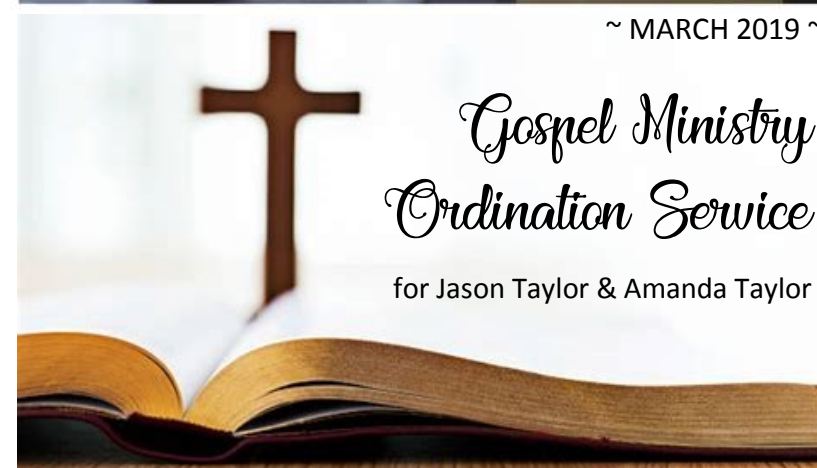
This scholarship is for students attending a 4 year college or university enrolled in a music curriculum and/or to pay for private music lessons. It can be applied for all four years of students college enrollment.

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Gospel Ministry Ordination Service

for Jason Taylor & Amanda Taylor

Sunday, March 10

6:00 p.m.

In the Sanctuary

The Ordination Service will be led by Rev. Stan Elliott and Jim Wilson.

Also, on March 10...

Rev. Stan Elliott will be preaching in both morning services.

There will be Baby Presentations in both morning services.

Beasley Bray (8:30 Service) & Ethan Gunnell (10:40 Service)

Daylight Savings Time Begins

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