# First Thoughts...

Memorial Day weekend has come and gone, signifying the unofficial start to the summer. This means the start of vacations, outings, and those trips out of town we've been looking forward to for months!

As we look forward to these welcome changes in routine, please keep in mind that the work of the church continues over the summer months. I appreciate your participation as well as your financial support of the church. Your contributions fund ministries, support staff, maintain our campus, and enable us to impact our community with the gospel through our words and actions.

One such work is Vacation Bible School! Our theme this summer is "Scuba: Diving into Friendship with God." Lauren is putting together a faculty of staff and volunteers for this important week together.

VBS is a wonderful evangelistic and outreach opportunity to introduce friends and people new to the community to the Lord and our church. I'm hopeful we'll see decisions made for Christ this week!

I'm also grateful to Kris and the ongoing ministry of our youth this summer, and Jason for his efforts with our FLC too. We're blessed with resources and I'm hopeful for a meaningful and fun summer together.

As many of you know, our church approved the repair of the elevator. Understandably, I continue to get questions about when this will occur. We were informed that the work would begin late last month. If the elevator company revises this timetable, then I'll do my best to make sure you have this information too.

Also, our Trustees have secured one bid for the FLC concrete steps replacement and are awaiting another. This is a costly but necessary expenditure. The Trustees will bring a recommendation to business meeting when they reach a decision on this matter. There are also bids being received to give needed attention to the parking lot as well.

Like you, I'm eager to see needed repairs and maintenance come to fruition. Please know I'm doing my best in following the committee process to see these matters through.

Finally, one of our denominational affiliations is the Southern Baptist Convention and the annual meeting is this month.

The SBC will be voting on an amendment to their constitution that says it will only deem a church to be in friendly cooperation if the church "affirms, appoints, or employs only men as any kind of pastor or elder as qualified by Scripture."

I'll keep you posted on the outcome of the vote and impact upon us. Regardless, we're going to continue following our historic Baptist principles and practice under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks for your faithfulness and being part of our community of faith. Let's have a great summer!

**Pastor Danny** 

#### **Youth Ignite**

**ALL SUMMER!!!** 

Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. FLC Youth Room Grades 6-12 Youth, bring your friends and join us on Wednesday nights through the summer for free dinner, games, Bible Study and other fun youth events!

Wednesday, June 12 1:00 p.m. until dark At Garry & Angela Whitley's House Grades 6-12, come join us for swimming, food, and fun!



### **Guvs Youth Event**

Wednesday, June 19 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Family Life Center NCAA 2025 Football Tournament Gaming and Food!







#### **Kids Church**

Sundays During the 10:40 a.m. Service **Church Library** 

### FOAM & PIZZA **PARTY**

(Age 3 - 5th Grade) Wednesday, June 5 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Please come directly to the FBC Front Lawn! 6th graders join the youth for their summer kick-off.



#### **Vacation Bible School**

Monday, June 10 -Friday, June 14 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Family Life Center

Volunteers and Beach Décor needed. Contact Lauren Neal if you can help.

#### **Christian Service**

**Center** is in urgent need of men's socks and underwear and women's bras and panties. If you happen to have plastic grocery bags you need to recycle, we would love to have them also.

#### Informational SKAN CRUE Meeting for a possible **Encore Alaskan** Cruise

on May 27 - June 7, 2025, Come find out the details, itinerary, and cost. The meeting will be held on June 30, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the Lower Auditorium.

#### Women's Summer **Bible Study**

Mondays, June 17, 24 & July 1, 8 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Lower Auditorium

Refreshments provided June 17 - Kay Hannah: Debra June 24 - Ann Gann: Lvdia

July 1 - Lesley Swann: Mary of Bethany

July 8 - Teresa Schlandt: Esther

#### In Other News....

The Family Life Center has hosted

the following since our last report in November 2023... Baby Showers x4 Wedding Showers x2 Wedding Anniversary Parties x2 Women's Ministry Event Creative Arts Ministry Painting Class **Encore Event** Birthday Parties x8 W.E.E. Santa Breakfast Christmas Parties x7 A.C. Preschools Training 2024 Upward Season CHS Baseball First Pitch Dinner CHS Cheerleaders Banquet CMS Dance Team Banquet 2024 Teacher of the Year Banquet Garden Club Wednesday Club **Book Club** ASAP of Anderson County Event **Funeral Meal** Deacon Spring Banquet Clinton High member of the Missions School Band Banquet Senior Recognition Luncheon **Graduation Party** 

#### C.S.C. April Report:

Total: 338 individuals served.

8.451 food items were distributed.

1138 clothing items

69 miscellaneous items such as sheets, diapers, toilet paper, toiletries, etc.

The CSC is accepting spring and summer clothes in good repair, shoes, sheets, etc. Bed pad, incontinent aids for both men and women are also greatly appreciated.

CSC volunteers greatly appreciate your continued support of this ministry.

#### **Towers Craft**

Third Thursday, Monthly 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Led by Julia Spradling At the Towers

#### **Towers Movie Night**

Saturday, June 22 7:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to join us for a movie and popcorn!

#### From the Missions **Committee**

Our Christian Service Center (food pantry & clothing ministry) has been faithfully served by volunteer Directors James and Jeannie Garrett for the past 4 years, and they are now moving to N.C. Please continue to keep this ministry and its leadership in your prayers during this time of transition, and if serving in the C.S.C. in any capacity is something on your heart, please let Amanda or any Committee know—we'll gladly refer you to the proper connection.

In Christian Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Jim Sanderson** (5/9).

#### **Memorial Flowers**

The flowers in baptistry, Sunday, June 2, are in loving memory of Les Swann's birthday which was May 24, given by Jo Anne & Lesley Swann.

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar, Sunday, June 2, are in loving memory of Homer and Bessie Wallace, whose anniversary was June 3, given by Dorothy Howell and the Wallace family.

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar, Sunday, June 9, are in loving memory of Libby Marshall and her parents, Charles and Lucille Taylor; Tom Marshall's parents, Jim and Patsy Marshall; and Pat Marshall's parents, Wayne and Thelma Reynolds, given by Tom, Pat, Ginger and Robyn.

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar, Sunday, June 16, are in honor of all those special dads out there on Father's Day and in loving memory of our dad, John Cobb, given by Beth and Connie.

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar, Sunday, June 23 are in loving memory of Sissy Holt, given by Bob, Donna and Doug.



#### It's a Girl!

Congratulations to James and Anystin Bigler on the birth of a baby girl, **Chloe Elizabeth Bigler**, born May 16.

Also, congratulations to big brother, Azariah, grandparents, Beth White and Ward Bigler, Aunt Emily Bigler and great grandparents, Jim and Glenda White.

#### From the Pulpit

Sundays in June 8:30 a.m. Family Life Center 10:40 a.m. Sanctuary 2 John 13:31-35 9 John 3:16-18

16 Matthew 21:28-32

23 3 John 30 Dr. Vicki Violette

#### LifeGroups

Sundays @ 9:30 a.m.
We have LifeGroups for all ages.

## Wednesday Bible Study: Mark

G:30 p.m. Lower Auditorium
June 05 Adult Bible Study
June 12 No Adult Bible Study (VBS)
June 19 Business Meeting
June 26 Adult Bible Study



Welcome New Members

Dr. Michael & Brenda Prince

#### JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE MARRIAGE OF Sam & Bailey Bowling

Sunday, June 23 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Family Life Center, Hearth Room Church Family come and share Love and Advice with the Newlyweds Registered at Pampered Chef, https://www.pamperedchef.com/ wl/Qa9o0Y, and Target & Amazon.

#### **Historical Moment**

After the Civil War, interest in the church seemed to increase.
Consequently, in September of 1870, the church voted to have services every other Sunday. (One Hundred Years – A Story of First Baptist Church, Clinton, Tennessee by Mary Weaver)

• April Financial Summary

Budget Receipts \$ 57,898 2024 Receipts/Wkly Avg. \$ 15,238 2024 Weekly Budget Req. \$ 18,362 Budget Expense \$ 80,946 April Deficit/Income (\$ 23,048) 2024 Deficit/Income (\$ 34,530) TOTAL April 30 (\$ 57,578)

#### Annie Armstrong & Global Missions Offering Goal: \$3,500

(SBC & CBF Combined) Annie Armstrong: \$1,196 Global: \$831

Total Received: \$2,027

## **May Business Meeting Report**

April Minutes and Financials were approved. Joenne Corum and Tommy Howell moved their letter to Brickyard Road Baptist Church in Powell. We added Dana Worthington to the church roll by statement.

#### **Deacons Meeting**

Tuesday, June 11 5:30 p.m. Lower Auditorium

**Business Meeting** 

Wednesday, June 19 6:30 p.m. Lower Auditorium

#### **Atlanta Braves Game**

Church-wide Trip Wednesday, July 24 Leave FBC at 7:00 a.m. Game is at 12:20 p.m.

Cost: \$30 (includes ticket, transportation, and lunch)
Anyone is welcome to attend!
Please call the church office to reserve your ticket!
30 spots available
RSVP to the church office

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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.

**ONLINE** 

**GIVING** 

#### Remote Area Medical

Coming to First Baptist Church, Clinton November 2-3, 2024. Please be praying about your involvement with this RAM. If you want to volunteer, please contact Amanda or the Church Office.



Thursday, June 27 8:00 a.m. Family Life Center, Lobby Led by Pastor Danny



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### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY LIFE CENTER

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER

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