

First Thoughts...

Are you getting your steps in? Those of us attending worship and LifeGroups these days would say "YES!" It's an inconvenient but encouraging evidence of elevator repairs. I'm hopeful we'll have folks riding up and down in six to eight weeks (the stairs will continue to work).

Aside from the College World Series (go Vols!), it's the season for Baptist annual meetings. I did attend the CBF General Assembly; it was great seeing friends, connecting with like-minded Baptists and spending time with Cally.

The CBF doesn't pass resolutions, vote churches in or out, or elect a president (a moderator is appointed). It's mostly about worship, education, networking, and of course, fellowship. The main business this year was passing an operating budget.

The SBC meeting gained national interest due to its vote on the Law Amendment. I mentioned this in last month's Friendly Guide and wanted to follow up.

The amendment (named after a Virginia pastor) would have deemed a church to be in friendly cooperation if it "affirms, appoints, or employs only men as any kind of pastor or elder as qualified by Scripture." In short, it targeted churches with women holding ANY pastoral title and function (not just Senior/Lead Pastor).

The amendment failed to reach the needed 2/3 (61%) to amend the SBC Constitution by a few hundred votes. It's noteworthy that both the Director of the Clinton Baptist Association and Executive Director of the TN Baptist Mission Board opposed the amendment.

Despite the amendment's failure, the SBC remains solidly against women pastors (even pastors who aren't the Senior Pastor). A vocal majority is also passionate about the removal of churches with women pastors (in title or function).

As far as FBC Clinton is concerned, we're going to keep on celebrating and affirming God's call upon both men and women as deacons, ministers, and other leadership positions. This is a practice that has been in place for decades and will continue in the days to come.

Finally, VBS was a lot of fun and thanks to all our volunteers, teachers, and children who were part of this special week. This was a great outreach event as we made friends with newcomers to our town and shared the gospel with children. Let's continue praying for the Holy Spirit's work in their lives leading to salvation in Christ and involvement in the church.

Special thanks to Lauren for all the preparation, planning, and leadership. There's already excitement for next year's theme of an Alaskan cruise!

Pastor Danny

Holiday Closings

The Church Office, Family Life Center, WEE Ministry and Christian Service Center will be closed on Thursday, July 4.

fbc kids Summer Pop-Up Events...

Chunky Monkey
139 Little Senator Rd.
Wednesday, July 10
6:00 p.m.



Lakefront Park Splash Pad
N. Charles G. Seivers
Wednesday, July 17
6:00 p.m.



South Clinton Park Pizza Party
Hiway Drive
Wednesday, July 24
6:00 p.m.



VBS Report:

Lauren Neal, Minister of Children and Young Families reports that our VBS this year had 73 children register online with the highest number attending on Tuesday of 58. In comparison to last year, we had 57 kids register online with around 39 being our highest number.

We had 42 church members and community members (from Clinton City Schools!) volunteer to help and I anticipate if we continue to grow I will need more volunteers next year.

We donated all of our decorations to Walnut Hill Baptist Church in Harriman and they expressed how blessed they were by our donation.

If the numbers I kept up with are accurate, I stayed under budget. Unlike previous years. I am already working on my budget for next year.

I plan to buy t-shirts for VBS every OTHER year, and will be writing that into my 2025 budget.

Vacation Bible School June 10-14



Kids Foam Party Fun June 5



Kids Church

Sundays during the 10:40 a.m. Service in the Church Library.

Youth Ignite ALL SUMMER!!!

Wednesdays
5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
FLC Youth Room
Grades 6-12
Youth, join us on Wednesday nights through the summer for free dinner, games, Bible Study and other fun youth events! **There will be no Youth Ignite on July 3.**



Guys Youth Event

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



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

Towers Movie
Sunday, July 14
7:00 p.m.
Everyone is welcome to join us for a movie and popcorn!

5th Annual Anderson County Community Resource Fair
The More We Know The More Love We Show

Sunday, August 18
12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Family Life Center, Gym
Find the resources you need! Eat free lunch while learning about the wonderful services taking place in our community! Helping agencies and ministries will set up tables with info and freebies. Children's activities will also be provided.

YOUTH CABIN TRIP May 22-24



In Christian Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Bill Pace**, (6/3) and to the family of **Foster Halcomb** (6/5).

Memorial Flowers

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar, Sunday, July 7, are in loving memory of **Freda Widener's** birthday which is July 11, given by Gene and Sharon Widener and Family.

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar on Sunday, July 14, are in loving memory of **Wanda Abner's** birthday, July 14, given by the Abner Family.

The flowers in the baptistry, Sunday, July 14, are in loving memory of **Steve Pyatt's** birthday, July 14, given by Lindy Pyatt and family.

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar, Sunday, July 21, are in loving memory of **R.L. and Wilma Daugherty's** Wedding Anniversary which was July 16, given by Terri and Stuart Brabston and family.

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar, Sunday, July 28, are in loving memory of **Maxine Ownby's** birthday, July 26, given by Terri King, Melissa Flanagan, and Anne Marie Ivey.

James & Jeannie Garrett's New Address

119 Sycamore Street
Oxford, NC 27565

C.S.C. May Report:

Total: 145 Families served.
(266 Individuals)
6,998 food items
747 clothing items
96 miscellaneous items
CSC volunteers greatly appreciate your continued support of this ministry through prayers, donation items, and financial support.

Women's Summer Bible Study

**Mondays, July 1 and 8
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

Lower Auditorium
Refreshments provided

**July 1 - Lesley Swann:
Study on Mary of Bethany
July 8 - Teresa Schlandt:
Study on Esther**

No Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study in July.

Resumes Wednesday,
August 7.

From the Pulpit

Sundays in JULY

8:30 a.m. Family Life Center
9:30 a.m. LifeGroups

10:40 a.m. Sanctuary
July 7 Matthew 22:15-22
July 14 Rev. Amanda Taylor
July 21 Rev. Ben Neal
July 28 Genesis 50:15-21—
Observance of the Lord's Supper in
both services and Baptism in the
10:40 service.

Historical Moment

In January of 1881, R. C. Medaris organized the first Sunday School for our church. (One Hundred Years – A Story of First Baptist Church, Clinton, Tennessee by Mary Weaver)

Deacon Ordination

**Sunday, August 4
5:00 p.m.**

Sanctuary
Join us for the Deacon Ordination of Leah Barber, Susan Hammons, Pat Marshall, and Rick Meredith.

Combined Worship Service

**Sunday, August 18
10:40 a.m.**

Sanctuary
There will be no 8:30 a.m. service.
LifeGroups will meet at 9:30 a.m.

May Financial Summary

Budget Receipts \$ 52,192
2024 Receipts/Wkly Avg. \$ 14,821
2024 Weekly Budget Req. \$ 18,362
Budget Expense \$ 79,883
May Deficit/Income (\$ 27,691)
2024 Deficit/Income (\$ 57,579)
TOTAL May 31 (\$ 85,270)



**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.

June Business Meeting Report

May Minutes and Financials were approved. The remaining amount of \$10,860.66 from Ministry in Motion - Renew will be moved to the RAM Account. The 2024-2025 Church Year, Teachers and LifeGroup Leaders were approved. Michael and Brenda Prince were added to the church roll by letter. Beth Meredith's letter was transferred to Bethel Baptist Church.



Church-wide Trip Atlanta Braves Game

**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!
Please let us know in advance if you need transportation.



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.

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.
Services can also be viewed live on our Facebook Page.

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JULY 2024

**Education Foundation
TEACHER
SUPPLY DEPOT**

Donate Now through July 21

Supplies can be dropped off at First Baptist Church
in the Garden Room (Level 2).

- Binder Clips	- Erasers for Dry Erase Boards
- Manila Paper	- Poster Board
- Binders - 1" and 2" (White, Blue or Black)	- Expo Dry Erase Markers
- Notebook Dividers	- Push Pins/Tacks
- Card Stock	- Glue in Bottles
- Notebook Paper (Wide Ruled)	- Rubber Bands
- Colored Pencils	- Glue Sticks
- Paint	- Scissors
- Construction Paper	- Hand Sanitizer
- Paper Clips	- Sharpies
- Copy Paper (White)	- Highlighters
- Pencil Top Erasers	- Staples & Staplers
- Crayons	- Kleenex/Tissues
- Pencils	- Tape & Tape Dispensers
- Erasers	- Labels (Various Sizes, Printer Friendly)
- Post-it Note Pads	- Washable Markers
	- Manila Folders

First Baptist Church is collecting supplies for the Education Foundation
Teacher Supply Depot for Clinton City and Anderson County Schools.
Teachers will be able to go the Teacher Depot and
pick up supplies they need for their classrooms.

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