

First Thoughts...

The games of the XXXIII Olympic Summer Games are being held in Paris. Athletes from all over the world will gather and do their best to represent their country in the spirit of competition.

In 1924, also in the Paris Olympic games, Scottish runner Eric Liddell set a new world record of 47.6 seconds in the 400 meters. His performance left many fans and competitors in awe. The only reason he ran in this race was that his best event, the 100 meters, would happen on Sunday. Liddell had withdrawn from the 100 meters because he would not race on Sunday.

There are going to be references to Liddell upon the centennial anniversary of his iconic accomplishment. Paul Putz wrote about Liddell's legacy for Christian athletes a century after his iconic Olympic victory.

"Liddell did not take aim at fellow Christian athletes for their willingness to compete on Sunday. He simply made his decision and accepted the consequences: Gold in the 100 meters was not an option."

"If this were the end of the story, Liddell's example would be an inspiring model of faithfulness--and also a forgotten footnote in history. There is no 'Chariots of Fire' (the 1982 movie about his life) without his triumph in the 400 meters."

Some Christian athletes at the 2024 Paris games will know about Liddell, and some will not. But "to the extent that they consciously and intentionally strive after Jesus in the midst of their sports--to the extent that they seek to find the meaning of their experience bound up with the bigger story of God's work in the world--they'll be following in Liddell's footsteps."

The Apostle Paul lived during the Isthmian games (similar to the Olympics) held near Corinth. He used sports as a metaphor for Christian living: "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever" (1 Cor. 9.24-25).

Summer is wrapping up and school is back in session. Let's be in prayer for our teachers, students, and administrators this upcoming school year.

Let's also "keep on running" the race by practicing the spiritual disciplines of prayer, worship, giving, service, and living the Jesus way.

Pastor Danny



Happy 5 Year Anniversary!

On July 14, we recognized Dr. Danny Chisholm's Anniversary. We are blessed and thankful for his leadership as Pastor at FBC Clinton!

LifeGroup Promotion Day - August 4

Children & Youth promote to new LifeGroups at 9:30 a.m.



Youth Ignite

Wednesdays

5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

FLC Youth Room

Grades 6-12

Free Dinner, Games,
and Bible Study

Youth Ignite Fall Kick Off

Wednesday, August 14

5:30 p.m.

Church Parking Lot

Grades 6-12

Til Ragnarok Axe Throwing and
Food! Bring your friends!



Youth

Family Breakfast

Sunday, August 11

11:00 a.m.

Family Life Center, Gym

Youth need to arrive at 9:30 a.m.
to prepare breakfast for their
families.



Encore Trip

East Tennessee History Center
& Market Square Mall

Wednesday, August 14

Watch for more details!

Save the Date:

Encore
Trip to Cumberland County
Playhouse to see "Grease" on
Thursday, September 5. Watch for
details!



Kids Church

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

FBC Kids

Fall Kick Off

Wednesday, August 14

5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Family Life Center, Gym

Age 3 - Grade 5

FBC Kids

Wednesdays

5:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Dinner, Music, Bible Study
and Games

Welcome New FBC Member!



Marlee Holbrook

(by Baptism on July 28)



Baby Bennett's Dedication

Sunday, August 18
10:40 a.m.

In the Sanctuary

WANT TO VOLUNTEER FOR RAM?



If you want to help at our Remote Area Medical Clinic, November 2-3, 2024, you **MUST** be registered through the RAM website:

1) <https://www.ramusa.org/volunteer/> 2) Click "Register Here"

3) Under "Profession or Volunteer Classification": If you're a professional, choose the category that applies & follow the instructions from there. If you're a nonprofessional volunteer that has been assigned by our FBC RAM team to a specific area, choose "General Support" in the first drop-down menu and "Community Host Group" in the second drop-down menu. If you haven't been assigned to a specific area by our FBC RAM team, choose "General Support" in the first drop-down menu and "General Support" in the second drop-down menu, and RAM will assign you an area to serve on the day of the clinic when you check in at Volunteer Registration. 4) Events & Assignments: Choose "USA: Tennessee" in the first drop-down menu, "clinics" in the second drop-down menu, and "Clinton, TN 2024" in the third drop-down menu. 5) Add your digital signature to the liability waiver & click "save signature". 6) click "save & submit" at the bottom of the page.

If you have trouble with this process, Kevin & Amanda will be available to help you register after church services (in the FLC lobby after the 8:30 service & in the Garden Room after the 10:40 service) on the following Sundays: Aug. 25, Sept. 1 (combined 8:30 service—FLC lobby only), & Sept. 29. If you are a dental professional or volunteer over the age of 18 and wish to serve on the dental floor, you must complete your blood-borne pathogen certification. Children under the age of 14 can't register to volunteer. Guardians of volunteers ages 14-18 must either be on site or give permission to an assigned FBC volunteer to act as guardian.

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

The Photography Group of the Creative Arts Ministry will begin meeting again starting in September. Meetings will be on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 6:00-7:00pm in the Hearth Room of the FLC. Content of these meetings will vary: lessons on a variety of topics, instructional videos, guest speakers, fun assignments, and field trips to take pictures. All are welcome! Albert Earle, Todd Temple, and John Cuffman will be leading this group moving forward. Stay tuned to announcements for more information. If you're interested in this Photography Group and would like to be added to the texting group to receive the most up-to-date info, please let Amanda know.

COMPASSIONATE ACTS MINISTRY

We have a new ministry starting at FBC Clinton! Compassionate Acts Ministry will coordinate congregational and community support for innumerable outreach programs of the Volunteer Services of Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge, including their hospitality houses and infusion centers. Consider making a meal for the hospitality houses, donating funds for patients needing a ride home after discharge, assembling goodie bags for children in waiting rooms, playing soothing music in the waiting areas, writing encouraging cards to patients or staff...the possibilities are endless! Contact Mary Williams for more info: (865) 705-0207.

Memorial Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary on August 4 are in loving memory of **Bill Biven's** birthday, August 10, given by his wife, Zora and their children, Beth Anne, Susan, and Bill.

The flowers in the Sanctuary, Sunday, August 11, are in loving memory of **W.A. Bowling, Jr.**, whose birthday was August 15, given by Billie Sue Hammer, Will, Whitney, Morgan, and Millie Hammer, Clay, Ashley, Gabriella, Adiaha and C.J. Hammer and Carolyn Wilson.

The flowers on the altar Sunday, August 18, are given in loving memory of **James and Ernestine Gann** by their children - Larry Gann, Barbara Sanders, Elaine McCall, and Lisa Hackworth.

The flowers in the Sanctuary Sunday, August 25, are in loving memory of Jane Halcomb's mother, **Theda M. Cate's** birthday, August 29 and in celebration of **Mark and Jane Halcomb's Anniversary**, also, August 29, given by Mark and Jane Halcomb.

Christian Service Center Distributions - June 2024

Total: 163 Families served. (341 Individuals)
7469 food items
852 clothing items
61 miscellaneous items
CSC volunteers greatly appreciate your continued support of this ministry through prayers, donation items, and financial support.

Towers Craft

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

Special Thanks

Thanks to everyone who donated to Education Foundation Teacher Supply Depot!

From the Pulpit

8:30 a.m. Family Life Center
9:30 a.m. LifeGroups
10:40 a.m. Sanctuary
August 4 2 Kings 6.11-17
August 11 2 Samuel 6.1-7
August 18 Rev. Jason Taylor
August 25 1 Cor 16.1-9



Adult Bible Study

Wednesday Nights in August
6:30 p.m.
Lower Auditorium
Led by Pastor Danny

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
Bennett Floyd's Baby Dedication
There will be no 8:30 a.m. service. LifeGroups meet at 9:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m. is the Resource Fair in the Family Life Center.



Thursday, August 29
8:00 a.m.
FLC Lobby
Led by Pastor Danny

June Financial Summary

Budget Receipts	\$ 66,186
2024 Receipts/Wkly Avg.	\$ 14,516
2024 Weekly Budget Req.	\$ 18,362
Budget Expense	\$ 80,926
June Deficit/Income	(\$ 14,740)
2024 Deficit/Income	(\$ 85,270)
TOTAL June 30	(\$100,010)



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.

July Business Meeting Report

June Minutes and Financials were approved. New Committee Members were approved (see insert). **Sam Zachary** will replace James Garrett on the Trustee Sub Committee for the CSC Project. It was approved that we make a second payment to McKamey Electric for the work completed on the elevator renovation. New Church Adopted Standards for Deacon were approved (see insert). It was approved that we pursue our FLC Gym functioning as a white flag warming center in support of AC Emergency Management's request for us to do so. **Marlee Holbrook** was added to our church roll by baptism.

Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, August 13
5:30 p.m.
Lower Auditorium

Business Meeting

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



Historical Moment

The church was moved from "Terrapin Hill" to its current site in 1893 to be more centrally located in the town. The building was completed and the first sermon was preached in the new auditorium on July 2, 1893. (One Hundred Years – A Story of First Baptist Church, Clinton, Tennessee by Mary Weaver)

Church Picnic

Sunday, September 15
Norris Dam State Park (shelter #2)
Arrive at 4:00 p.m.
Eat at 5:00 p.m.
Catered by Buddy's BBQ
Cost: \$10 per person
Bring a Dessert to Share!
Call the Church Office to RSVP by September 6.

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., on a one week delay.

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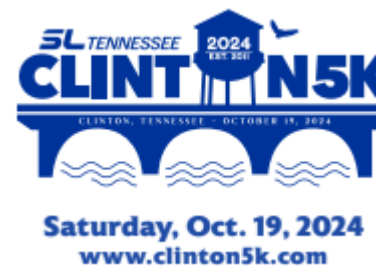
AUGUST 2024

ARE YOU "IN THE KNOW"?
Join us for the 5th Annual
ANDERSON COUNTY 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

Join us and learn more about what resources are available in Anderson County. There will be Freebies, Free Food and Children's Activities!



First Baptist Church
is a sponsor of the
Clinton 5k!
Proceeds benefit
Clinton City and
Anderson County Schools.