

First Thoughts...

On November 2-3 (Saturday/Sunday), our church campus will be transformed to host a RAM clinic.

Remote Area Medical offers pop up clinics at no cost for clients who do not have insurance, have high deductibles, or have no access to health care. There will be people of all backgrounds who will be here to take advantage of this free health care experience. Some will have traveled many miles to do so. It will be a life changer for many of them. It might be a life changer for some us too.

It's been about six years since our church last hosted a RAM clinic. I appreciate so much our RAM organizing team and their tireless efforts to plan and prepare us all to serve and volunteer to help the medical personnel and patients. I moved here shortly after the last RAM event, so this will be my first time to witness and experience it for myself.

RAM takes place on the weekend right before the election. Among other things, the election illustrates once again that we don't agree on everything—sometimes it appears we don't agree on anything! We don't need an election to remind us of this. Yet, we don't have to agree with our heads in order to agree with our hands. Serving the Lord can bring us together.

We're giving a Sunday of worship and LifeGroups to partner with RAM; I hope it will remind us of the value and witness this church has in our community. I'm grateful for our history with RAM and that we are once again able to partner with them in this way. I believe this timing for us to serve as a church in this way is providential, and I ask us to be sensitive to how the Holy Spirit speaks to us.

November signals the changing of the leaves, cooler temperatures, and settling in to the last few days of the year. The holidays are upon us. Let's remember that we've had several deaths in our church recently, and to spend time encouraging each other.

Finally, the month also cues us once again to practice gratitude and count our blessings. My family and I are thankful to be part of our town, church staff, and family of faith. You all are blessings to us, and I pray we can all slow down to appreciate what we have in each other and through our shared faith in Jesus Christ.

Pastor Danny

The Church Office, Family Life Center and WEE Ministry will be closed on November 28 & 29 for the Thanksgiving holiday. The CSC will be closed on Tuesday, November 26. There will be no Wednesday night activities on November 27.



Youth Ignite

Wednesdays
5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
FLC Youth Room
Grades 6-12
Free Dinner, Games, and Bible Study!



Friendsgiving

***Wednesday, November 13**
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Youth Event in the Family Life Center - Gym.
Bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish or dessert to share.
*notice date change

Youth Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 18
5:30 p.m.
Family Life Center, Youth Room



Kids Church

Sundays during the 10:40 a.m. Service in the Church Library (next to the nursery) for Age 3 - Grade 5.

FBC Kids

Wednesdays
5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
Dinner, Music, Bible Study & Games



Clinton Upward Basketball & Cheerleading

Online Registration is Open!
(early registration fee is \$90, after November 9, fee is \$100)
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March 1 - Last Games
March 3 - Upward Celebration at Second Baptist Church.

FBC Kids Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 18
5:30 p.m.
FBC Kids Room
Watch for more information!

Towers Movie

Saturday, November 23
6:00 p.m.
Movie: "All Saints"
Everyone is invited to join us for a movie and popcorn!

Towers Craft

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

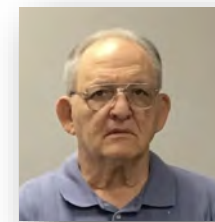
Portrait Drawing

A Creative Arts Ministry in partnership with Appalachian Arts and Craft Center event. Age 15+
Wednesday, November 20
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
AACC Rate: \$65
Material Fee: \$10
Registration online by: November 13



Alaska Cruise Meeting

Sunday, November 24
5:00 p.m.
Lower Auditorium
This meeting will cover options for excursions as well as other information.



Steve Page will be honored as Deacon Emeritus

Sunday, November 10
10:40 a.m.
Steve has been married to Carolyn for 56 years. Steve and Carolyn have 2 sons, Scott and Randy (deceased); 2 daughters-in-law, Katie and Angela; 4 grandsons, Zachary, Eric, Jordan, and Buddy; and 1 great grandson, Briggs. Steve has been a member of FBC since 1971 and was ordained as Deacon in 1983.

Encore Event FBC History & FBC's 184th Birthday!

Thursday, November 7
12:00 p.m.
Lunch catered by Soup Kitchen
Soup, Sandwiches, & Birthday Cake
RSVP by November 5
Cost: \$10.00 per person



Christmas Program

O God Beyond All Praising

Sunday, December 15
10:40 a.m.
Sanctuary

A Christmas Program featuring our Adult Choir, FBC Kids Choir, Handbells and Other Instrumentalists



Sunday, November 17
2:00 p.m.

FBC Clinton Sanctuary
A Service of Music, Hymns, and Prayer with the FBC Clinton Choir and Memorial Methodist Choir

Memorial Flowers

The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary, Sunday, November 10 are in loving memory of **Paul Smith's** 100th birthday, which would've been November 14, given by his wife and children.

The flowers in the baptistry on Sunday, November 10 are in loving memory of **Wanda Abner**, given by her family.

The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary, Sunday, November 17 are in loving memory of **Larry Pierce**, whose birthday was November 22, given by Betty Kay Pierce and Lydia Thorpe.

The flowers in the baptistry on November 17 are in loving memory of **Jim Hannah's** 80th birthday, which would've been November 15, given by Kay and family.

The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary, Sunday, November 24, are in loving memory of **Claude Ownby, Jr.'s** birthday, November 26, given by Terri King, Melissa Flanagan, and Anne Marie Ivey.

The flowers in the baptistry on Sunday, November 24 are in loving memory of **Jennings Meredith's** Birthday, November 29, given by Phyllis, Ashley, Emma Kate, and Jackson.

Compassionate Acts Ministry

To learn how you can show support for the outreach programs of the Volunteer Services of Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge including their hospitality houses and infusion centers, contact Mary Williams at (865) 705-0207.

Photography Group Meetings

1st and 3rd Thursdays, Monthly 6:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.
Family Life Center, Hearth Room

In Christian Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Rodney Holbrook** (10/5), to the family of **Landy Clemons** (10/12), to the family of **Rema Dabney** (10/16), to family of **Alan Trivette** (10/19), and to the family of **Clydene Livengood** (10/19).

From the Pulpit

8:30 a.m. Family Life Center

9:30 a.m. LifeGroups

10:40 a.m. Sanctuary

November 3: No Services - RAM

November 10: Matthew 6:19-21

November 17: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

November 24: Philippians 4:4-7

LifeGroups

Sundays @ 9:30 a.m.

We have LifeGroups for all ages.

Adult Bible Study

Wednesday Nights

November 6 & 13

6:30 p.m.

Lower Auditorium

Led by Pastor Danny

WELCOME NEW MEMBER



JADYN LETNER

Baby Dedication

Mackenzie & Augusta dedicated Landis on Sunday, October 27.



Sept. Financial Summary

Budget Receipts	\$ 157,640
2024 Receipts/Wkly Avg.	\$ 16,853
2024 Weekly Budget Req.	\$ 18,362
Budget Expense	\$ 79,776
September Deficit/Income	\$ 77,864
2024 Deficit/Income	(\$133,012)
TOTAL September 30	(\$ 55,148)



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.

Lottie Moon and Global Missions

FBC Missions Offering Combined Goal: \$7,000

October Business Meeting Report

September Minutes and Financials were approved. There was a recommendation from Trustees that was tabled. FBC Clinton is sending \$1,250 to FBC Erwin for Hurricane Disaster Relief. Steve Page will be given the title of Deacon Emeritus.

Veteran's Day Recognition Service

Sunday, November 10
8:30 a.m. & 10:40 a.m.

Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, November 12
5:30 p.m.
Lower Auditorium

2025 Budget Discussion Business Meeting

Wednesday, November 20
6:30 p.m.
Lower Auditorium

2025 Budget Vote

Sunday, December 8
8:30 and 10:40 a.m.

Church Council Meeting

Monday, November 11
5:30 p.m.
Lower Auditorium

Angel Tree

The Angel Tree will be in the Main Church Building, Garden Room (level 2) beginning **Sunday, November 10.**

Baptism Day

Sunday, December 1
10:40 a.m.
Candidate: Jady Letner

Christmas Memorials Poinsettias \$10

Wreaths \$25



Memorial for: _____

Given by: _____

Amount Given: _____

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NOVEMBER 2024



RAM CLINIC

Saturday, November 2 - Sunday, November 3
At First Baptist Church, Clinton

FREE DENTAL, VISION, & MEDICAL

Visit RAMUSA.ORG for more information.

*There will be no Sunday Services on November 3.
The Church Office & FLC will be closed on November 4.*

Thanksgiving Food Box Distribution

Monday, November 25

Drive-Thru beginning at 8:00 a.m.

First Come, First Serve

Bring Photo ID and/or CSC Punch Card

(The C.S.C. will be closed on Tuesdays, Nov. 26)

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