

# Happy New Year!

January is named after the Roman god Janus who had two faces: one looking in front and one looking behind him. It's an apt description for how we approach the beginning of a new year.

We finished 2024 with a meaningful Advent season. It was once again a great opportunity to renew our spiritual commitments to the Lord and our church. And the Christmas Eve service provided a beautiful culmination to the season.

Thank you for your faithfulness this past year. Every time I come to our buildings, I enjoy the new elevator, resurfaced parking lot and FLC gym floor (just in time for UPWARD). These are only a few of the improvements we've done this past year. The FLC steps and upgrading some entry protocols are next on the list.

Your ongoing financial support has made this possible, along with maintaining staff, ministries, and missions' endeavors. Together, we will continue to make sure ministries are funded along with the staff who are leading them.

A new year is already ushering in some changes. We recently celebrated Mike's 40 incredible years of service on the Audio-Visual team. Jason, as our staff liaison, has oversight of the AV ministry and I'm grateful he'll make sure this work continues.

This ministry is increasing our witness for Christ both here in our worship services and beyond through our livestream. If you'd like to know more about this important ministry, please let Jason know.

Also, Terri has announced her retirement as Music Director effective December 31st. She has served effectively and well for six years, and her departure is a loss for us.

I will miss having her on staff and working alongside her each week. However, I thank God for Terri's lasting contributions through her leadership, abilities, and friendship. She has left us in a good place with our Adult Choir and traditional worship service.

There's a process in place for handling staff departures. So, let's remain prayerful and expectant as we seek the Lord's direction for this important part of our church's life and ministry.

Remember, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13.8). So, let's remain faithful to pray "not what I want, but what the Lord wants" for FBC Clinton in 2025.

Pastor Danny



**Youth Ignite**  
Wednesdays  
(no Ignite on 1/1 & 1/8)  
5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.  
FLC Youth Room  
Grades 6-12

Youth bring a friend for Free Dinner, Games, and Bible Study!



**FBC CLINTON  
YOUTH MINISTRY**  
*Praise  
&  
Worship*  
**NIGHT**

**Wednesday, January 15**  
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Family Life Center, Gym  
Message by Rev. Kris Hicks  
Music by: FBC Praise Band

**Youth  
Super  
Bowl  
Party**



**Sunday, February 9**  
Time TBA  
Family Life Center  
Flag Football, Super Bowl Game,  
and Food!



## Kids Church

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

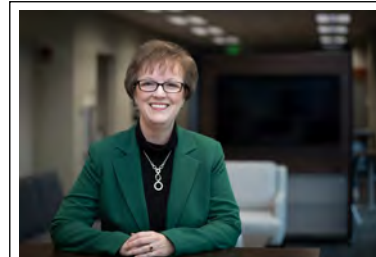
## FBC Kids

Wednesdays  
(no FBC Kids on 1/1 & 1/8)  
5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.  
Dinner, Music, Bible Study & Games

## Upward Basketball & Cheer



Cost: \$100  
January 11 - Games Begin  
March 1 - Last Games  
March 3 - Upward Celebration



## Encore

**Seminar & lunch**  
Thursday, February 6  
12:00 p.m.

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## Hiding in Plain Sight Understanding Human Trafficking

Presented by Dr. Beth White,  
Oak Ridge Institute for Science and  
Education (ORISE) Senior Project  
Manager assigned to the U.S.  
Department of Homeland Security.  
Lunch will be catered by Apple  
Blossom Cafe and the cost will be  
\$10 per person. Please call the  
church office to RSVP by Feb. 3.

## Christian Service Center Report November 2024

**Total:** 145 Families served. (276  
Individuals)  
5607 food items  
837 clothing items  
113 miscellaneous items  
We also served 250 Families with  
a total of 3250 food items at the  
Thanksgiving Food Box  
Distribution.

## Towers

## Movie Nights

**Saturday, January 18**  
6:00 p.m.

Christmas Movies  
Everyone is invited to join us for  
a movie, popcorn, cokes, hot  
chocolate, and Christmas treats!



## Towers Craft

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

## Photography Group

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

## Spirit Sisters

(Widows Support Group)  
**1st Monday, Monthly**  
6:00 p.m.  
Family Life Center - Hearth Room

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Tuesdays @ 5:30 p.m.**  
Family Life Center - Level 2

## WEE Santa Breakfast

Friday, December 6



## FBC Kids Float

Saturday, December 7



## CSC Food Box Distribution

Tuesday,  
December 17



**Thank you  
Michael Fraker  
for 40 years of service  
on the FBC  
Audio-Visual Team!**





## Christian Sympathy

is extended to the family of **Carol Jones** (12/7).

## From the Pulpit

**8:30 a.m.** Family Life Center

**9:30 a.m.** LifeGroups

**10:40 a.m.** Sanctuary

January 5 Matthew 2:1-12

January 12 Acts 6:1-6

January 19 Matthew 22:34-40

January 26 Hebrews 10:19-25

## Daniel

*Keeping Faith When The Heat Is On*

5 week study led by Pastor Danny

**Adult Winter Bible Study**

**Wednesdays, beginning January 22**

**TWO TIMES TO CHOOSE FROM:**

**10:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.**

Lower Auditorium

Book Cost: \$5.00

## 2025 Deacon Eligibility List

Contact the church office if you would like to have your name removed from the 2025 Deacon Eligibility List. We will mail the list to church members the first of January. Nominations will be due back by January 31.

1. He/she should be at least 25 years of age.
2. He/she shall have been a member of FBC Clinton for at least a year or already been ordained as a deacon in another Baptist church.
3. He/she should be able to regularly attend the monthly meetings of the deacons and other training events as scheduled.
4. He/she should be a regular attender of worship and small group Bible studies.
5. He/She should have spiritual, social, and moral standards that reflect Christ and the ministry of the church (Acts 6:3; I Timothy 3:8-13)
6. He/She should support the mission and ministry of the church (Acts 6:1-4).
7. He/She should be a regular and faithful financial supporter of the church through tithes and offerings.

## Memorial Flowers

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar, January 5, are in loving memory of **Clydene Livengood** and **Linda Miller**, who were the founding members of the FBC Prayer Shawl Ministry, given by the Prayer Shawl members.

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar, January 12, are in loving memory of **Monnie Champion's** birthday, which was January 15, given by Jackie, Elyssa, and Eric Champion and Erin Lambert.

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar, Sunday, January 19, are in loving memory of **Florence Handley**, whose date of birth was January 18, given by the Widener Family.

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar, Sunday, January 26, are in loving memory of **Homer H. Wallace's** birthday, which was January 27 and in memory of Dot's brother, **Homer Jr.** and her mother, **Bessie May**, who both passed away January 24 (different years) and her brother William, who passed away 11/10, given by Dorothy Howell.

## Welcome New Member



FELECIA REYNOLDS

## 2025 Offering Envelopes

are available for pick up in the hallway behind the sanctuary.

## Nov. Financial Summary

Budget Receipts	\$ 49,534
2024 Receipts/Wkly Avg.	\$ 18,562
2024 Weekly Budget Req.	\$ 18,362
Budget Expense	\$ 80,493
November Deficit/Income	(\$ 30,959)
2024 Deficit/Income	\$ 28,912
TOTAL November 30	(\$ 2,047)



## 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

Lottie Moon: \$2,350

Global Missions: \$1,150

Total Received to Date: \$3,500

## December Business Meeting Report

November Minutes and Financials were approved. Trustees items approved were: **Fesco** will replace fan on FLC Freezer, **Remington Steel Works** will replace FLC stairs, and **Central Technologies** will install keyless access to FLC outside doors. Christmas bonuses for the church staff were approved. **Kathy Shoopman** was added to the Trustees Committee for an unexpired term ending (2025). **LifeGroup Teachers** were approved. **Felecia Reynolds** joined the church by letter from FBC Oneida (12/16).

## FBC Is On The Air:

The broadcast is heard on WYSH which is on AM 1380, FM 101.1, FM 99.5 and World Wide on wyshradio.com.

It is on a one week delay and airs from 11am -12 noon each Sunday.

## Business Meeting

**Wednesday, January 15**

**6:30 p.m.**

Lower Auditorium

## Deacons Meeting

**Tuesday, January 14**

**5:30 p.m.**

Lower Auditorium

## TNCBF Request

The TNCBF Coordinating Council is asking churches to write a note, card, or personal letter to Rick Bennett while he's away on sabbatical. The Council is collecting all of these tokens of support and will present them when he returns. We want to express thanks for Rick and let him know how much his ministry and friendship means to us all. If you'd like to participate, please drop your card off at the church office or with Pastor Danny by Monday, January 13.

## Angel Tree Report

The FBC Angel Tree provided gifts for 64 children and 7 moms.

Special thanks to all those who shopped or gave a monetary gift for gifts! Also, thanks to our Angel Tree volunteers!

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## HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

**THE CHURCH OFFICE, FAMILY LIFE CENTER & WEE MINISTRY WILL BE CLOSED JANUARY 1. NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES ON JANUARY 1 & 8. WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 15.**

## WINTER BIBLE STUDY

**DANIEL - KEEPING FAITH WHEN THE HEAT IS ON BEGINS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22**

## UPWARD

**GAMES BEGIN JANUARY 11**