

First Baptist Church

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Sunday, August 20



Celebration of Baptism

11:00 a.m. Service

Committee Night

Sunday, August 20

Begins at 4:00 p.m.

See Committee Night insert for specific times and locations of each committee meeting.

The Stream

They are like trees planted by streams of water... (Psalm 1:3a)

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Dr. Blake Harwell
Senior Minister

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“...love God...extend His love”

“The mission of First Baptist Church is to love God and to extend His love to all people.” We say it around here a lot. Maybe you see it a lot. But what does it mean?

We’ve had a great summer here at 301 South Broad Street. We’ve hired two new staff members (Emily Plowden, Financial Secretary and Melissa Chandler, Minister to Children), sent out two missions teams, hosted hundreds of children (and adults) for Vacation Bible School (VBS) and hosted the Clinton High football team for breakfast (August 2) and had the glorious opportunity to introduce them all to Jesus and his Truth. We’ve had a good summer on the financial front too. You’ve been so faithful with your giving! No, we are not meeting budget. We are, however, ahead of expenditures. And, in 2017, we do need to meet our fiscal budget. Your budget gifts enable us to minister to children through VBS, pay salaries, keep the A/C on, help indigent Laurens Countians, keep missions’ commitments, and take care of general maintenance around here. So please continue to give to our general budget. But this summer posed another financial challenge: a capital improvement campaign (mainly to help us replace the carpet in our oldest buildings). You’ve risen to that challenge! Thank you! I do believe we will be better able “to extend His love to all people” because of your gifts to this special campaign.

But there’s something else that will

help us even more: something so basic to the Gospel that we cannot avoid it. We need people willing to step up in ministry, willing to do the “grunt work” of weekly (or at least regular) work in service here at the church. Whether the work is on Wednesdays with a missions’ group or on Sundays with a Sunday School class, the primary work of the Gospel remains physical, not fiscal. Does it take money? Certainly. But the Gospel is and always will be about one hand reaching out to grab another’s hand, one face smiling to another, one steady arm holding up an unsteady one, and a voice teaching, sharing, caring for students, children, and adults. If you’ve not been contacted by a member of our Nominating Committee yet (or if you have, and maybe told them to look elsewhere) and you’re willing to consider (re-consider) a place of service, please let Doug Shenton know (24 hours a day, 864-833-2578, ext. 13). We need willing, able, and ready hearts to enable us to minister most effectively. Areas of need are... Elementary age children (Sunday School); teenagers (Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings); 5K-5th grade children (1st Sundays of month, Children’s Church).
Blake (bhrwell@clintonfbc.us)

Scholarship

If you are a college or seminary student preparing for a church-related field, you may apply for the Howard Holcomb Scholarship. Applications may be ob-

tained in the church office. Return the completed application to the office by August 31, 2017.



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Stewardship Report

August 6, 2017

Regular Receipts \$ 17,350.15
Designated \$ 5,427.00
Total \$ 22,777.15

August 13, 2017

Regular Receipts \$ 13,603.38
Designated \$ 3,802.40
Total \$ 17,405.78

Weekly Budgeted Needs:

\$15,421.25

Attendance Report

August 6, 2017

Worship—8:30 am: 153
11:00am: 129

August 13, 2017

Worship—8:30 am: 190
11:00am: 128

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Student Ministry

Mark your calendar
T.R.U.T.H. Kick-off
(Teens Reaching Up To Him)
Sunday, September 17
5:45 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 26
Family Life Center Work Day

Wednesday, August 30
Family Life Center Work Night

Tara Webb, Youth Director (twebb@clintonfbc.us)

Save the Date

VIP Kickoff
September 12 @ 11:45am

We're going to roast a peanut. Please join the surprise and have a fun day.

Getting Unstuck

Are you stuck in a rut? It's easy for Christians to find themselves caught up in the life of cluttered schedules, rhythms, and routines dictated by our culture. Many feel stuck in the routine of life—their jobs, relationships, and daily circumstances. They know it's not the life they

dreamed of. And they feel stuck in a life yearning for deeper meaning. Beginning, Sunday, September 17, Join us at 6:00 PM to view and discuss a video-based Bible study called "Unstuck: Moving from the Mundane to the Meaningful." Led by Pastor Doug

Women's Bible Study

Every Tuesday night women are invited to commit to a time of Bible study and fellowship at Ginger MacMillan's home (100 Hunters Run). The first study we will do is *Breathe* by Priscilla Shirer. It will begin **August 22 from 6:30-8:30pm**. Our second study will be *All Things New* by Kelly Minter.

Please contact facilitator, Laura Fox (803-240-5574) if interested in joining this amazing group. If you would like to facilitate a women's Bible study on Sunday nights at the church, please contact Doug Shenton at 833-2578.

Welcoming the World

The world is coming to Clinton! This year, Presbyterian College is host to forty international students who hail from western Europe to the Far East. For the last several school years, we've helped PC's international students feel welcome by using our church buses to take them to Walmart so that they could buy the personal items they need for college. These trips have been a lot of fun for everybody, especially the bus drivers, as they have gotten to know the students and learn about their home countries and cultures.

This year, we are coordinating transportation not only for Walmart, but also to places such as the Social Security office, DMV, and doctor's offices for required immunization. We

are greatly in need of additional volunteers willing to be added to our list of approved drivers for our 14-seat buses. Because of their size (the buses, not the students), a CDL is not required, but a clean driving record is. The trips to Walmart will begin Saturday, August 19th, and continue for at least four Tuesdays, beginning August 22nd. The other trips are dependent on the availability of drivers. We have also discussed the possibility of some Saturday day trips to show the students the beauty of our state, including Kings Mountain. Help us welcome these students to Clinton, and experience the world!
Doug (dshenton@clintonfbc.us)

Want to Serve?

Item for Connie Maxwell

Laurens Baptist Association gathers items for Connie Maxwell Children's Home every year. FBC item this year is Bath Soap/Body Wash. Bring your donations to the church parlor by September 24th.

Homebound
Frank Whiteford
1543 Highway 56S
Clinton, SC 29325

Take time to send Mr. Whiteford a note/card.

Mission Project for August
Crisis Center
P.O. Box 745
Laurens, SC 29360

Mission: "Hit the Road" 2017-18

Begins Wednesday, September 6
Join us as we "hit the road" in:
Children's Choirs (5:50- 6:30pm)

Mission Groups—age 3 by Sept. 1 through 12th grade
(6:30-7:30pm)

Wednesday Worship (6:30—7:30pm)

The Eloise Ellis Missions Group will be doing a Missions Fundraiser Spaghetti Supper to kick-



off Family Night Supper at 5:30—6:15 pm on September 6

You will have an opportunity to sign up you and your family beginning in mid-August for these activities.

We are excited to "Hit the Road" in 2017-18 and serve Christ together!

If you are serving as a leader/co-leader for Mission Friends, Girls in Action, or Acteens, please plan to attend a kick-off/planning session on **Wednesday, August 23 at 5:30pm** with Dana Harwell in the Couples I SS Classroom (near the Fellowship Hall). If you need a nursery please let Melissa Chandler know at 923-6424.

Capital Campaign Update

You did it, FBC! You have generously given to the Capital Improvement Fund so that the cost of reflooring the first floor of Buildings B and C is completely covered. You will soon receive a proposal for approval that will detail the plan for the project.

On behalf of the Deacons of FBC, we want to thank you

Goal: \$24,000.00 by September 15
Given: \$24,725.34

for your generosity and your concern for keeping our house of worship and Christian training in good order.

Remember there are also other needs in buildings B & C that will be addressed soon. Ed Gouge

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Thank you for your concerns during my strokes and subsequent surgery. John Woodson