

# First Baptist Church

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**April 14, 2024**

## P.C. Student Day

Join us as our PC Students lead us in worship

9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.



9:00 a.m. service



**April 21, 2024**

Uganda Mission Trip Report

9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

## 2024 Prayer Emphasis

**SEEK FIRST**

The Sanctuary will be open for  
prayer during April

6:30 a.m.—9:30 a.m.

Monday—Friday

“...more than anything else,  
put God's work first and do  
what he wants. Then the  
other things will be yours as  
well” (Matthew 6:33, CEV).

# The Stream

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

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Clinton, SC

Dr. Blake Harwell  
Senior Minister

“...love God...extend His love...”

## What A Day

April 10, 2024

No one likes to communicate things like this but I must: First Baptist Church is facing two imminent financial challenges. The first concerns our annual budget. For the first three months of 2024, we are in-the-red **\$46,000** (receipts to budget requirements). And we have, as of the end of March, spent \$46,500 more than we received). Brothers and sisters, this should not be! Ministry hopes, goals, programs, community and worldwide needs, trips, personnel, general maintenance, etc., all hang in the balance. As a church family, we approved this budget. It's up to us to fund it.

Yes, I know there are siren calls for your contributions from all corners (from family to light bills to car repairs to recreational opportunities, etc.). I'm asking you to look at your bank statement/app/online account. Is your giving to the church at the level it should be/could be? My question is not intended to evoke guilt. Please don't respond to it that way. It's intended to provoke thought. Spring is a season of new beginnings. Maybe your new beginning starts with a change in your giving.

The second financial challenge concerns the replacing of HVAC systems in our aging buildings. We replaced the air conditioning in the sanctuary a few years ago. But we still retained a sixty-year-old boiler for heat. That boiler is at the end of its usefulness. At the same time, the air handler in our old educational building (upstairs) has quit functioning (your teenagers/young adults **have not had heat since early December** and won't have AC until it's replaced). These two issues alone

will cost the church well over \$100,000. Would you consider making an extra (over and above your tithe) gift to fund these massive maintenance challenges?

What a day we had last Sunday! We celebrated God's working among us—God's Call among us! Rev. Braeden Webb (I have to use first names now so you'll know which Rev. Webb we're addressing!) has evidenced the call of God on his life in so many ways. To hear the spooky, midnight story of God's summoning him to ministry (“Come! Follow Me!”) was humbling, moving, encouraging, enlightening.

We ran short on time so, JICYMI, we (First Baptist Church) gave Braeden four items at the conclusion of the second service: a personalized, app enabled, NLT Bible (at his request) signed by the Ordination Council at the conclusion of Saturday's meeting, an ordination certificate also signed by the Council, a personalized copy of the Book of Common Prayer, and a personalized copy of *Psalms of the Bible*.

This Sunday, we celebrate what God has been doing through your commitment to college students/young adults as we celebrate Presbyterian College Day at First Baptist. We will baptize Emma Yanes (a PC junior) and be led in worship by many other PC students in both services. PC President Anita Gustafson is also planning on joining us. I hope you will come Sunday prepared to hear/see what God is doing among young adults right here, right now.

Blake, [bharwell@clintonfbc.us](mailto:bharwell@clintonfbc.us)

## Stewardship Report

Week of March 24, 2024\*

Regular Receipts	\$ 9,855.58
Designated	\$ 1,110.00
Total	\$ 10,965.58

Week of March 31, 2024\*

Regular Receipts	\$ 9,095.34
Designated	\$ 1,090.00
Total	\$ 10,185.34

\*Electronic giving not included.

## Electronic Giving for March

\$7,421.00

## 2024 Weekly Budgeted Needs

\$ 17,873.04

To make a financial donation to FBC you can use your phone. Text 'fbccclinton' and the money amount you want to give to 73256. 1. Click the link, 2. Complete your gift. Once you set up your giving information, you can give in a matter of seconds.

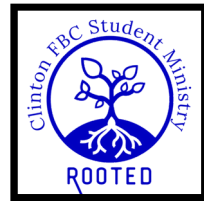
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6th—12th graders

Tara Webb, Minister to Students, ([twebb@clintonfbc.us](mailto:twebb@clintonfbc.us))

**Deadline: April 14**

Interested parties for a 10-week **Student Ministry Intern Position** for the summer of 2024 should submit a resume and two letters of reference to Tara Webb ([twebb@clintonfbc.us](mailto:twebb@clintonfbc.us)) by **April 14**. Individuals applying should be a college-age student who is seeking a possible career in ministry. The internship will begin May 20 and end approximately July 28. The intern will work under the direction of the FBC Minister to Students and Student Ministry Adult Leadership Team.

**TRUTH Sundays**  
5:15—7:30 p.m.  
Family Life Center

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Last Truth:** May 5  
**Graduate Sunday** (One Service): May 26



5th graders & below

Melissa Chandler, Minister to Children, ([melissa@clintonfbc.us](mailto:melissa@clintonfbc.us))

**Nursery Volunteers**

	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>11:15 a.m.</b>
<b>April 14</b>	Don & Kat Durden	Tori Summer
<b>April 21</b>	Jeffrey & Ashley Young	Becca King



**Mark your calendar**  
**Vacation Bible School**  
June 10—13, 8:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.  
Would you like to volunteer?  
Contact Melissa at 923-6424.

**Children In Action**

**Sundays**  
5:15—7:30 p.m.  
All children 3 y/o—5th grade are invited.

**Deacon/Trustee Nominations**

There are nomination forms and resident member lists in Sunday School Classes. If you are not in a Sunday School Class and you would like to nominate someone for Deacon or Trustee, please ask the person you would like to nominate if they are willing to serve if selected. Then call the church office (833-2578) or come by the church office to get a nomination form. There are also extra resident member lists in the church office.



**FBC Weekday Preschool** is full for the school year 2024-2025. If you are interested in our preschool for your child this fall, we are continuing to take registrations. Your child will be put on a waiting list and you will be contacted if we have an opening. If you have questions, contact Danielle Bell at 923-1312. Registration forms are available in the church office or you can register on our website ([www.clintonfbc.us](http://www.clintonfbc.us)).



**Homebound:**  
Ken Mann  
115 Fair Dr  
Clinton, SC 29325



**FAMILY PROMISE FUNDRAISERS**

**Be the Light 5K Run/Walk**

**April 19**

6:45 p.m. registration  
([runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com))

**Golf Tournament**

**August 23**

Lakeside Country Club  
Contact: Jen Williams

[JENWILLIAMS@UPSTATEADVERTISING.ORG](mailto:JENWILLIAMS@UPSTATEADVERTISING.ORG)  
(606-356-1399)



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to drive the church bus on Sunday mornings for our bus ministry. If you are interested call the church office @ 833-2578 or Scott McCarty @ 864-230-3578.

All Young Adults are invited to the Parsonage (305 S Broad St, next to the church) on **Monday nights at 6:30 p.m.** Join us for pizza/wings, fellowship and conversation. Questions? Contact the church office at 833-2578 or [fbcamy@clintonfbc.us](mailto:fbcamy@clintonfbc.us).



**GOD IS FAITHFUL!**

We reached our goal!



**Home Missions**

**Received as of April 7: \$5,595.00**



Joe & Cathy Hairston  
joined FBC April 7, 2024

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

- April 14—P.C. Student Day**
  - 9:00 AM Worship—Baptism
  - 10:15 AM Bible Study
  - 11:15 AM Worship
  - 4:00 PM CARE (The “A” Team)
  - 5:15 PM Children In Action (3y/o—5th gr)
  - 5:15 PM TRUTH
- April 15**
  - 3:45 PM Staff Meeting
  - 6:30 PM The Branch
- April 17**
  - 10:30 AM Wednesday Bible Study
- April 21**
  - 9:00 AM Worship
  - 10:15 AM Bible Study
  - 11:15 AM Worship
  - 4:00 PM CARE (The “R” Team)
  - 5:15 PM Children In Action (3y/o—5th gr)
  - 5:15 PM TRUTH
- April 22**
  - 3:45 PM Staff Meeting
  - 6:30 PM The Branch
  - 6:30 PM Deacons Meeting
- April 24**
  - 10:30 AM Wednesday Bible Study