

## First Baptist Church

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Mon.—Thurs. 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

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## Food on the First

**Sunday, May 2, 2021**



On the first Sunday of every month bring canned/non-perishable food items to the church and place in the containers designated “Food on the First.” These items are donated to United Ministries of Clinton to help Laurens County residents.

## Deacon & Trustee Nominations

It is time to nominate church members for the roles of deacon and trustee. Please pray and ask God to lead us to select those that He wants serving in these roles.

(See Details inside)



# The Stream

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

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Dr. Blake Harwell  
Senior Minister

April 28, 2021

"...love God...extend His love...."



Change. Some of us embrace it. Others despise it. There can be no doubt, however, that we live in a rapidly changing world. And the last year has only accelerated the pace of change. Our church has changed many of the ways we function. Hear me well: we haven't changed what we do; we've changed how we do it. Our mission remains the same—loving God, loving people. But, because of public health guidelines (the best information we had at the time), we made many changes in the ways we executed that mission.

One of those changes involved the accessibility of our office/office staff. We did (at the Governor's request in March of 2020) close the office for a few weeks to try to stem the tide of the rising pandemic. But since the middle of June, 2020, our office has been fully functioning (8:00-5:00) every weekday since. Still, respecting the best medical information we had, we restricted public office hours (9:00-3:00, for the most part) to limit our staff's exposure to the virus. But our office staff (excluding sick days, holidays, vacations) has been working every day from 8:00-5:00 (8:00-1:00 on Fridays). In fact, we've discovered something: the value of uninterrupted time to focus.

Why do I write these words? Because I want you to know how hard our office staff has endeavored, in these difficult days, to get the work done that needed doing. And they continue to work. Some confusion has (understandably) arisen because of the change in posted public office hours. Your office staff continues to work even when the “public” hours end.

As I said above, we discovered, in those other hours (early morning and late afternoon), the value of what's now called “administrative time.” Our office personnel have jobs that require, at times, intense focus. In a 24/7 world, focus is a waning but extremely valuable asset. Please, if you need the office outside of posted public office hours (for information, to include an announcement in this publication, to summon a ministry team to a meeting, to pass on news of a need, etc.), leave a message with either Amy or Emily (via voicemail or email). They will, in short order, help you.

We are blessed to have capable, servant-minded, caring people in our office. I'm grateful for them. I know you are too.

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



## Stewardship Report

*Week of April 18, 2021\**

Regular Receipts	\$ 9,326.00
Designated	\$ 870.00
Total	\$10,196.00

*Week of April 25, 2021\**

Regular Receipts	\$ 11,414.00
Designated	\$ 865.00
Total	\$ 12,279.00

\*Electronic giving not included.

**2021 Weekly Budgeted Needs:**  
\$ 17,265.79

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. If you have questions please call Emily Plowden at 833-2578.

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6th—12th graders

## Senior Night

Senior Night &  
Last night of TRUTH  
*Sunday, May 2*  
5:00-7:30pm  
Family Life Center

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

BigStuf Camp  
June 20-25, 2021

Reminder: Registrations and  
payments are due.



Preschoolers—5th graders

May 2—Last F.B.I.  
6:30—7:30 PM

All **1st—5th graders** are welcome to join us  
for Worship, Bible Study and Fellowship.

### May Nursery Volunteers

May 2 (8:30) Eric & Kathryn Bagwell	(11:00) Brenda Romines
May 9 (8:30) Don & Kat Durden	(11:00) Cameron & Lauren Truelock
May 16 (8:30) Brooks & Kelly Gregory	(11:00) Allen & Karen Wham
May 23 (8:30) Mary Beth Shealy	(11:00) Cyndi McMahan
May 30 (8:30) Billy & Joy Laird	(11:00) Donald & Allison Thompson

If you would like to volunteer in our nursery on Sunday mornings, please contact Melissa (923-6424).

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

### Music and Worship Ministry



Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—every  
Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Contact Mark if  
you are interested in joining the Choir.

Sunday morning worship requires more volun-  
teers for tech (video, slides & sound) now. If  
you are interested in being on the Tech Team,  
contact Mark.

Mark McMahan, Associate Pastor for Music & Worship  
([mmcmahan@clintonfbc.us](mailto:mmcmahan@clintonfbc.us))



### Homebound

Lane Goldsmith  
300 Jacobs Hwy  
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We need volunteers to serve on Sun-  
day mornings in the Parking Lot  
(contact Carlton Smith), Nursery  
(contact Melissa Chandler), as a  
Greeter (contact Cindy King). If  
you would like to volunteer, please  
contact one of the above or call the  
church office at 833-2578.



### Join us Sundays

You are invited to worship with us in-person at  
8:30 AM or 11:00 AM. We are also in-person  
for Sunday School at 9:45 AM. We have classes  
for all ages. We continue to Livestream our  
11:00 AM service. So, if you are unable to be

with us in person on Sunday, please join us in  
worship on Facebook or YouTube (First Baptist  
Clinton). You can also watch any of our previ-  
ous services on Facebook or YouTube anytime  
during the week.

### Nominations

Forms for Deacon & Trustee Nominations are  
available in Sunday School classes. Please list  
nominees after verifying with the nominee that he/  
she is willing to serve. Then sign your name so  
that we know they have been contacted. Deacon  
and Trustees must be 18 years old and a resident  
member of FBC Clinton for at least 3 years. There

is also a resident member list which contains the  
names of members who are eligible.

If you are not a member of a Sunday School  
class or you are not currently attending in-person,  
you may come by the church office or call the  
church office (833-2578) to make nomination(s).  
All nominations are due in the church office by  
May 16th. We will vote on June 6th.

Our church family extends their love and sympathy to Rachel  
Willis and her family at the death of her mother, Julie Willis.



Julie Willis

Joined FBC October 6, 1957  
Died April 13, 2021



The family of Dianne Duncan wishes to  
thank you all for your kind outpouring of  
sympathy to us. We have enjoyed meals,  
read cards, and displayed beautiful flowers  
in our homes as we remember our precious  
mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother.