

First Baptist Church

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Join us for Worship

Every Sunday

Outside Worship @ 8:30 a.m.

You can stay in your car and tune your radio to 89.5FM

Worship in the Sanctuary @ 11:00 a.m.

Childcare (4 years old and under) in the Fellowship Hall

Livestream Worship @ 11:00 a.m.

Facebook or YouTube (First Baptist Clinton)

The video of Sunday's services are available on Facebook and YouTube any time during the week. The link to the Facebook video is available on our website (www.fbcclintonsc.com) after Monday morning.

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



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

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2021 Possibilities

Well, 2020 is in the rear-view mirror (sort of). This new year is a reality. Unfortunately, we still have a COVID 19 hangover—affected by the disease, the treatments, the quarantines. As one of you noted last Sunday in our Remembrance and Possibilities Service on your “star of loss,” you were grieving the replacement of joy in family gatherings with anxiety! I feel that too.

No part of our lives **high number** has been untouched by this pandemic. I pray we are through the worst of its effects. Unfortunately, Laurens County has escalated its “New Known Cases” count (7-Day average) from a daily average in the low teens in early November to almost fifty in early January. That’s a high number. And, while I am not told of every COVID case in our church’s membership, last week I counted seventeen members of our church who were, at that moment, positive for COVID. Many dozens of you have had the virus. I’m praying for our congregation’s health! And, if you’ve been in (or viewed) a ser-

vice, you know that our staff leadership has been impacted by too. Keep us in your prayers.

You know how much a fan I am of New Year’s resolutions. Making a decision to do some things differently, to act differently is a great opportunity that a new calendar year affords. Is anyone else considering a “Get into better physical shape” resolution? Whether it’s exercise, losing weight, or changing size, “getting in-shape” resolutions tend to rank pretty high this time of year.

Re-shape I’m convinced that this new year, reshape ourselves too. What will our new shape be? We’re going to need the Spirit’s (and your) help in figuring out what FBC’s post-pandemic shape might be. Ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you! Please make this re-shaping process a priority in your prayer life in 2021.

Blake, bharwell@clintonfbc.us

Vote Results

2021 Budget Vote Results

143—yes

0—no

Stewardship Report

Week of December 20, 2020*

Regular Receipts	\$ 14,821.00
Designated	\$ 4,619.00
Total	\$ 19,440.00

Week of December 27, 2020*

Regular Receipts	\$ 33,559.00
Designated	\$ 15,401.91
Total	\$ 48,960.91

Week of January 3, 2021*

Regular Receipts	\$ 7,417.27
Designated	\$ 390.00
Total	\$ 7,807.27

*Electronic giving not included.

2020 Weekly Budgeted Needs:
\$ 16,789.19

December Electronic Giving

Regular Receipts	\$ 16,082.00
Designated	\$ 4,450.10
Total	\$ 20,532.10

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Missions Offering

We exceeded our \$15,000.00 goal for international missions. These funds will go to missionaries serving overseas through the International Mission Board and Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

Received: \$16,790.17



DVD Ministry

If you are interested in receiving a DVD of Sunday's service each week, please call the church office at 833-2578 or email fbcamy@clintonfbc.us.

Donations

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, call Emily Plowden at 833-2578.

Revision of the FBC Constitution and Bylaws

The FBC Deacons are beginning an effort to revise the FBC Constitution and Bylaws (C & B). The current version of the C & B mandates an effort to revise the document every 3 years; the last revision was in 2017. Copies (digital or paper) of the current C & B are available from the Church office upon request.

Members of the FBC Congregation are invited to submit suggestions for improving the document that describes in a general way how FBC is structured and how it generally handles church-wide matters of business (it is not a policy manual for committees or teams

that function within the Church). Suggestions for revision should be made in writing and contain the submitter's name and phone number in case the Deacons need to clarify or develop a suggestion. They may be submitted to the Church Office or to any current Deacon. Eventually all revision suggestions will be transferred to the Deacons who will respond to the suggestions. A revised C & B will be offered to the FBC fellowship for ratification in the summer of 2021.

Right Now Media Groups

Last month I suggested hosting a virtual Bible study over Zoom using the Right Now Media videos. But I just found out that you can do that directly through the Right Now Media!

As the facilitator of the group, you will be able to control what the members in your group see. If you want to pause for discussion or go back or forward to part of the video, all the members in your group will all see the same thing. Right Now Media will soon be adding a chat feature that will allow you to discuss videos as you watch together as a group. In the meantime, though, you

can use the Groups feature in addition to a separate chat method like Zoom, Google Hangouts, Slack, or Facebook. For the best user experience, each person should log in to their own RightNow Media account and view the content for themselves directly from their own device.

If you are interested in hosting a group, I can give you instructions how to do that. If you need your own log-in, I can help you set that up too. There is no cost for participants since the church pays for our account. Doug, dshenton@clintonfbc.us, (864) 939-9478



Homebound:

Velma Burnett
801 Musgrove St,
Clinton, SC 29325
You can send Mrs. Burnett
a card/note.

Share the Warmth

The Duke Energy Foundation will match dollar for dollar the first fifty dollars of each church, business, agency or individual gift given to Share the Warmth. United Ministries of Clinton will administer the funds for Laurens County. Please make the first \$50.00 check payable to SHARE THE WARMTH. If you would like to donate more than \$50.00 please make a separate check payable to United Ministries of Clinton. Last year because of your generosity, United Ministries was able to provide financial assistance to people in Laurens County who were unable to afford the cost of heating their home.



Once again our Children's Ministry is participating in a service project for our community and they are asking you to get involved. They will be making "Bags of Love" to be distributed through Meals on Wheels and to local senior residential facilities during the week of Valentine's Day. They need the following items to put in the bags: Valentine's Day card, Stationery/note cards, Pens, Stamps, Toothpaste, Band-aids, Antiseptic cream, Cotton balls, Wash Cloths, Combs/Brushes, Small photo albums, Artificial sweetener, Magnifying glasses, Word-search books (large print), Calendars, Devotional books, Sugar-Free Candy, Eye drops, Tissues, Books, Toothbrushes, Hand lotions, Gloves, False Teeth Holders, Lip balm. Please bring your items on Sunday mornings or to the church office during office hours (9am—3pm Monday—Thursday and 9am—1pm Friday) during the week. Deadline: January 21.



Thank you for all the cards, phone calls, and prayers during my surgery, hospital stay, and recovery. We are truly blessed to be members of a church and Sunday School class with very caring friends and staff. Walter and Carolyn Wright



Myra Moody

Joined FBC January 5, 2014

Died December 23, 2020

Barbara Young

Joined FBC January 29, 1967

Died January 1, 2020



Our church family extends their love and sympathy to Nate Moody and Drew Moody at the death of their grandmother, Myra Moody and to the family of Barbara Young at her death.