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7 on 7...Under the Trees

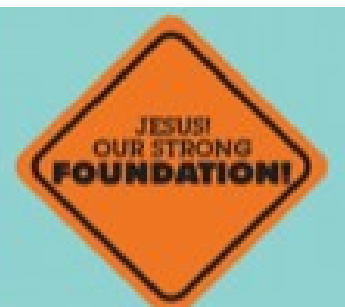
You are invited to join us this **Sunday, June 7th at 7:00 p.m.**
behind the church for fellowship and encouragement.

Park your car and pull out your lawn chair and tailgate tent (optional).
Bring food for your family (optional). Enjoy greetings, smiles and words
of encouragement from others. We will be practicing physical distancing.

Virtual VBS



Join us, children,
for virtual VBS



June 8-12

10:00 a.m.

The Stream

Volume 6, Issue 12



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

*First Baptist Church
Clinton, SC*

*Dr. Blake Harwell
Senior Minister*

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

June 3, 2020

Thank you!

Thank you, First Baptist family. You've already

July 5...first public
worship in the
sanctuary

received a "Thank You" letter from a Budget and Finance Committee member. I wanted to thank you for your patience during this pandemic with our staff and ministries. And we need you to extend that patience. We are aiming for July 5 as our first "public" worship gatherings in the sanctuary. We are in the planning stages now so we can be smart and safe as we reconvene. That said, I want to encourage you, **if you are running a fever, coughing or sneezing, or at-risk from a health perspective or elderly, please stay home!** We want you to be safe and to feel safe (there's a reason we call them "sanctuaries" :)). If you're not comfortable coming out for worship yet, we do plan to continue livestreaming via Facebook and YouTube (with or without new equipment/installation—it will look a lot darker without). You may continue to join us online. Stay tuned for times. But you have another option too.

June 14...drive-in
service at 8:30 AM

Beginning
June 14, we will
conduct our first

drive-in service at 8:30 AM on the east side of the children's wing. Please park in the gravel parking lot first. If you wish and the weather suits you are welcome to bring a bag chair and (once again), practicing physical distancing, sit outside and enjoy the service. The service will be abbreviated but will include singing, giving, and a message. We believe that a service

like this one might provide at-risk or older adults the opportunity to join us physically for worship even after the resumption of services in the sanctuary until a vaccine is developed.

June 7...churchwide
fellowship at 7:00pm

We are
inviting you
to join us

June 7 for a churchwide fellowship (practicing smart physical distancing guidelines) at 7:00PM. Our Student Ministry and some Sunday School classes have already begun using our campus as an outdoor gathering place for Bible study and fellowship.

I am (as you are) outraged at what happened to George Floyd and Ahmaud Arbery—African American men whose deaths have raised the red-flag of racism once again in our country. We have a long way to go as a nation, brothers and sisters, to be the shining 'city on the hill' our founding fathers yearned for and for which so many of our parents, grandparents, sons and daughters died. I encourage you to join me in praying, asking God what you might do to end systemic racism. As for me, I am beginning/resuming some conversations with trusted old friends and some new ones that I pray will bear fruit in a more just Clinton, South Carolina, and country. God cares about justice. Do you?

Blake, bharwell@clintonfbc.us

Stewardship Report

Week of May 24, 2020*
Regular Receipts \$ 6,752.00
Designated \$ 549.52
Total \$ 7,301.52
Week of May 31, 2020*
Regular Receipts \$ 9,595.02
Designated \$ 2,175.00
Total \$11,770.02

*Electronic giving not included.

2020 Weekly Budgeted Needs
\$ 16,789.19

May Electronic Giving
Regular Receipts \$ 23,079.00
Designated \$ 5,525.00
Total \$ 28,604.00

Thru April
Regular Receipts
Year-to-date: \$291,804.24
Regular Disbursements
Year-to-date \$290,663.47
Budget Needs
Year-to-date \$274,675.00

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Student Ministry

6th—12th graders

6*4*8Tuesdays, June 9th-& June 16th

6:48-8:00 p.m.

Meet at the Church under the trees.

Scavenger hunt downtown Clinton

June 12

8:00 -10:00 p.m.

June 11- Service Project

Watch for details.

Tara Webb, Minister to Students (twebb@clintonfbc.us)Thomas Hellams, Summer Intern (thellams106@andersonuniversity.edu)**Literature**

Monthly literature (*Home Life, Mature Living, Journey, Stand Firm, Parent Life, Living with Teens*) for **June** is available. Sunday School literature is also available. If you need to pick up any of this literature please come by the church on Wednesday morning 9:00 AM—12:00

PM. If you need to pick yours up another time call the church office at 833-2578 and leave a message. We will return your call and arrange another time for you to pick it up.

Adult Sunday School Gatherings

While we are not yet officially gathering for Sunday School on Sunday mornings, those **adult** classes that are interested and feel safe doing so are invited to experiment with meeting in person using a portion of the church lawn or the Fellowship Hall. A maximum of 12 persons may meet in the Fellowship Hall. (The classrooms are not yet open for use.) You may meet on Sunday morning or at another time agreeable to your class, but **you must make a reservation with the church office (833-2578) beforehand**, reporting the day and time you plan to meet. This is to ensure that proper physical distancing between classes is observed and that classes do not distract one another while meeting. We will not be able to provide child-care, so please make appropriate arrangements for

your children. Finally, please don't feel pressured to meet at the church whether your class is currently meeting by video or not.

Wherever you choose to gather, even if you choose to gather in a class member's yard, I encourage you to please practice safe physical distancing and even a mask if possible.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me or the church office (833-2578).

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Romans 15:13

Doug, dshenton@clintonfbc.us, (864) 939-9478**Sunday BASH**June 7th & June 14th

We will meet at the church for fellowship and a Bible Study.

4:00-5:30 p.m. Alpha (Rising 6th-8th grade)5:00-6:30 p.m. Omega (Rising 9th-College)**Omega Camping Trip - June 19th -20th**

Barry Wilson's Farm

5033 Bethany Church Road, Clinton SC

Meet at the church at 5 pm

Ministry Opportunities**Homebound**

James Daniel

805 Calvert Avenue

Clinton, SC 29325

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



United Ministry continues to serve those in need in our community. If you would like to donate non-perishable food items, you can bring the items to the church on Wednesday mornings (9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon). You may send financial donations to United Ministries of Clinton, 500 Academy Street, Clinton, SC 29325.

Family Mission Trip 2020

Because of the current situation with Covid19, we feel it is in the best interest of our congregation not to have a mission trip this summer. We want to encourage all of you to continue missions

close to home, because there is so much we can do to serve God in our community. If you have any questions about this decision, please ask Karen Childress or Joel Evans.

Congregational Vote

Return your ballots

The following are recommendations from the Budget and Finance Committee. We were to vote on the first recommendation on March 29th but did not gather on campus for worship at that time. The second recommendation is for funds to continue video streaming worship services. FBC members should have received a letter earlier this week with ballot(s) enclosed. Please prayerfully consider these recommendations and return your ballot to the church office by June 10th. If you have questions about the issues, you may call Marvin Moss at (864) 923-8152 or Blake Harwell at (864) 923-5277.

At the conclusion of 2019, FBC had an **"overage" of \$40,500**. It is the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee to:

1. Send \$1,500 to United Ministries of Clinton.
2. Send \$1,500 to the Laurens Memorial Home.
3. Send \$1,000 to the Good Shepherd Free Medical Clinic.
4. Move \$36,500 to a designated Capital Improvement account for the future repairs of existing buildings. (The roof of the Family Life Center needs to be replaced for insurance reasons).

The Budget and Finance Committee recommends spending up \$41,850 to continue and improve **video streaming** worship services after public worship services reopen.



Congratulation to Colby Templeton and Katie Goldman on the birth of their son, Colton Wayne Templeton. Colton was born May 30-2020. Colton's grandparents are David and De Lane Barnes.



Our church family extends their love and sympathy to Charles Long and his family at the death of his mother, Margaret Long and to Tara Glenn and her family at the death of her father, Stanley Owen.