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ReNew Small Groups begin the week of September 19.

If you are not signed up for a ReNew Small Group, you can sign up on our website (www.fbcclintonsc.com). You can also call the church office (833-2578) or come by the church office to sign up. If you have signed up for a small group and do not have a ReShape book, please come by the church office to pick up a book. If you have any questions, call Karen Childress @ 923-3457.

(for more details on ReNew Small Groups see Blake's article in this newsletter).

RE|NEW
3:10
PUT ON YOUR NEW NATURE, AND
BE RENEWED AS YOU LEARN TO KNOW
YOUR CREATOR AND BECOME LIKE HIM.
COLOSSIANS 3:10

We would like to invite everyone to attend a Prayer Service on Wednesday night **September 22 at 6:30 p.m.** Please join us on this special night as our church goes into this season of spiritual renewal. The service will take place in the sanctuary.

In Christ, The Renew Prayer Team



September 22
6:30 p.m.

The Stream

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

First Baptist Church
Clinton, SC

Dr. Blake Harwell
Senior Minister

September 15, 2021



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



Our church's ReNew small groups are launching beginning the week of September 19. These eight-week groups are the places where you can, with other like-minded brothers and sisters, express what God is saying to you and how God may be leading us.

What is ReNew? ReNew is First Baptist's version of *ReShape* built on Colossians 3:10. Oh! That we would be renewed!

ReShape was written by (still) pastor and (still) distance-runner Mark Tidsworth. He uses athletic imagery and language to help churches, by the power of the Holy Spirit, be transformed into better versions of themselves. How will that happen? Through the leadership of the Holy Spirit, the prayers of our ReNew Prayer Team, the work of the small groups, the guidance of the Steering Team, and, at the end, the presentation/ adoption of a document that will guide us for the next season of FBC's church life.

We do want you in a small group. What does that mean? To be a meaningful part in the small groups we want you to read and pray through the *ReShape* book. I know, I know: "I

don't like to read!" some of you say. I hear you. But, when it comes to the future of this body of Christ, I hope you'll set aside your previous preferences so we can do this together. In fact, the entire text of the book requires you to read less than eighteen pages/week. Y'all, that's a little over two pages a day of reading!

ReShape is built on a **guiding metaphor** (the church is the "body of Christ" [1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Romans 12:4-5]) and a **guiding analogy** (we've been given a race to run [1 Corinthians 9:24-26]). In fact, the church, he says, is very much like an endurance athlete "...forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, [we] press [ing] on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13-14). It's going to take everything we have, church. But, we're not alone running this race and we are not going just anywhere! We're moving toward that prize Paul describes.

Won't you join us?
Blake, bharwell@clintonfbc.us

Stewardship Report

*Week of August 29, 2021**

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| Regular Receipts | \$ 10,092.00 |
| Designated | \$ 170.00 |
| Total | \$ 10,262.00 |

*Week of September 5, 2021**

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| Regular Receipts | \$ 13,638.83 |
| Designated | \$ 2,618.00 |
| Total | \$ 16,256.83 |

*Electronic giving not included.

2021 Weekly Budgeted Needs:
\$ 17,265.79

To make a financial donation to FBC you can use your phone. Text 'fbcclinton' 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

TRUTH Kickoff – this Sunday, September 19
5:15-7:30pm

Supper * Games * Worship * Small Groups

This week will be “Family Reunion Style”

We haven’t seen each other in a while – come ready to fellowship and enjoy being together.....AGAIN!!

September 22—See You at the Pole

**Family Night @ TRUTH**

September 26

Parents, plan to join us for the entire evening. We have plans for you too.

SAVE THE DATE

October 23

Night of Worship

Tara Webb, Minister to Students (twebb@clintonfbc.us)**F.B.I**

(First-Rate Bible Investigators)

1st—5th graders

Begins this Sunday, September 19

6:30—7:30 p.m.

September Nursery Volunteers**8:30 AM**

Sept. 19 Corey & Brooke O’Shields
Sept. 26 Don & Kat Durden

11:00 AM

Cameron & Lauren Truelock
Donald & Allison Thompson

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

Melissa Chandler, Minister to Children (mchandler@clintonfbc.us)**Mark your calendar**

**Schedule change on
Sunday, October 3.**

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship
10:15 AM Sunday School
11:15 AM Traditional Worship
11:15 AM Livestream Worship

State Missions**Week of Prayer for State Missions**

September 12 - 19

Pray for missionaries serving in South Carolina and give to the SBC Janie Chapman Offering and/or the CBF Beverly Greer Offering. These funds assist missionaries share the gospel in South Carolina. FBC goal \$3,500.00



Homebound: Marsha Smith
702 Shands St
Clinton, SC 29325
Send Mrs. Smith a card/note.

Laurens Baptist Association Connie Maxwell Project

Every year we collect an item for Connie Maxwell Children’s Home. This year First Baptist’s item is facial tissue. Please bring your facial tissue donations to the church by **September 27, 2021**. There will be a box across from the Randall SS Class in the old education building for you to place your donations.

Hospice of Laurens County Volunteers Needed

If you, or someone you know, are interested in Volunteering for Hospice of Laurens County, please call 864.833.6287 or contact us on our website at <https://hospiceoflaurenscounty.org/>.

Patient & Family Support Volunteers give caregivers a much-needed break, visit with the patient and family, assist with grocery shopping, provide transportation, run errands, listen.

If you would like to learn more about our volunteer program, visit us at <https://hospiceoflaurenscounty.org/volunteer>.

Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic**Skip the wait and get your Flu Shot at FBC's Drive-Thru Flu Clinic**FBC is partnering with Ingles Pharmacy and hosting a *Drive-Thru Flu Clinic*Sunday, September 26 2:00 - 4:00 pm in the FBC Parking Lot (*enter from E Centennial St*)

Please follow these steps in preparation of September 26:

- 1) **Fill out form that is available at church office**
- 2) **Please drop off form at church office by Friday, September 24**

Please feel free to text or call Amanda Webb Davis @ 864-923-1267 about any questions regarding the clinic.



Dear FBC Family,
Thank you for the prayers, visits, food and other acts of kindness during my recent knee surgery. I am more than blessed to be part of this church family. Carolyn Ivey

Again our church family and community have shown so much kindness, love and compassion during William Watts’ illness, surgery and now healing. We thank you for your gifts, time, money, prayers, call, etc. May God bless each and every one of you. Gail, William & Tyler



Congratulations to Scott and Sarah Grooms on the birth of their daughter, Kinley Elizabeth. She was born September 1, 2021. Her big brother is Brody and her grandparents are Robbie and Susan Cauble.

Welcome to our new FBC staff member, Beth Langston. Beth has been hired as the First Baptist Church Financial Secretary. Beth is married to Grady Langston and they have 5 children and 2 grandchildren.



Our church family extends their love and sympathy to Tina Moses Palmer and her family at the death of her husband, Chris Palmer.