

## First Baptist Church

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December 4, 2019

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## For All... Dinner & Show



**5:00 p.m.** Christmas Dinner by  
FBC Student Ministry

**6:00 p.m.** Children's Christmas  
Play by FBC Children's Ministry

**Dinner reservations** please call  
or text 864-201-1695

**Dinner Plates:** Adult \$8.00

Children \$5.00 Play: no charge

## A Festival in Lessons and Carols

Presented by the joint choirs of  
Broad Street United Methodist Church  
First Baptist Church, Clinton  
First Presbyterian Church, Clinton

At Broad Street United Methodist Church  
310 North Broad Street, Clinton



**December 17**

**7:00 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



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

### The Stream

December 4, 2019

*The Stream.* That's the title of this newsletter. As I was thinking about this week's installment I thought about that image: stream. A stream is fed by springs, other creeks, run-off, and rain. Without its sources, a stream will go dry. If a stream goes dry, trees and plants, farms and even towns downstream will suffer.

If you're on the church's e-mail list you received, just before Thanksgiving, an appeal from me to do something I've not had to ask for very often: an appeal to give. Why should you give? Because our church is in the best business in the world--the people business! We (that's all of us in Christ) bring refreshing help and delightful comfort and strength to people in Laurens County every single day. Like that stream, however, without our many different sources, we will run dry too.

As of the end of November, just to meet our budget obligations, we need

almost \$25,000/week of undesignated giving until the end of the year. And don't forget: December is also the month for Foreign Missions giving. Our goal for that offering is \$15,000! I don't want us to short either one. They both matter and they both keep the "stream" of our work here flowing. It will be quite a challenge, I know. That's over \$140,000 in one month, just to break even.

"A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" is the title of our Advent message series. For the next three weeks, like Fred Rogers would (but hopefully not as cornily ;-)), we'll be visiting different parts of the Advent neighborhood, getting to know its characters, and, in light of them, understanding what we can/should do. I hope you'll join us!

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

### New Phone System

First Baptist has a new phone system. Please be patient with staff and our volunteers as we learn this system. We do want to talk with each

person who calls the church. If you are accidentally disconnected please call back.

### Stewardship Report

#### November 24, 2019

Regular Receipts	\$ 11,401.33
Designated	\$ 7,195.00
Total	\$ 18,596.33

#### December 1, 2019

Regular Receipts	\$ 33,685.21
Designated	\$ 2,425.00
Total	\$ 36,110.21

**2019 Weekly Budgeted Needs**  
\$ 16,793.98

### Attendance Report

#### November 24, 2019

8:30 am Worship:	170
11:00 am Worship:	161
10:00am Bible Study:	295

#### December 1, 2019

10:30 am Worship:	342
10:00am Bible Study:	203

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**Student Ministry**

6th—12th graders

**Angel Tree Wrapping Party**

December 15

3:30 p.m.

Family Life Center

Bring your own scissors.

**Dinner (Youth Fundraiser)**

December 15

5:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

**Mark your calendar**

T.R.U.T.H. begins January 12

5:45 p.m.

Bring a friend!

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

Our Angel Tree is located in the hallway between the Narthex and the church office. Take a name tag, buy the gift(s) and return the gift(s) unwrapped along with the name tag. You can place your gift(s) in the church parlor or around the Angel Tree. We need the gifts with name tags brought to the church by December 15. Our Student Ministry will wrap these gifts on December 15 beginning at 3:30 p.m.

**Senior Adults**

55 &amp; up

**VIP Fellowship****Tuesday, December 10****11:45 a.m.**

Fellowship Hall

We will have a Christmas Celebration. We will enjoy Christmas goodies, sandwiches, snacks and Christmas cake

**International Missions**

Pray for international missionaries and their mission efforts in other countries. Also give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and/or the CBF Global Missions Offering. FBC goal is \$15,000.00. We have **received** as of 12/3/19 \$1,505.00. We **need** \$13,495.00.

**Dinner and Caroling****Wednesday, December 18**

5:30 p.m. Dinner

6:15 p.m. Caroling

We will have a potato bar (pizza will be provided for children) on December 18 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Christmas Caroling in our community will follow. If you are plan-



ning on eating with us before caroling please contact the church office (by Friendship Page, email—[fbcamy@clintonfbc.us](mailto:fbcamy@clintonfbc.us) or call—833-2578 to let us know how many. The meal is free but we need to know a number in order to prepare.

**Family Night Supper**

Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

**Menu:** December 11: Soup

Please make your reservation by Monday noon. You can make reservations or take your name off of the reservation list by Friendship Pages on Sunday morning, emailing [fbcamy@clintonfbc.us](mailto:fbcamy@clintonfbc.us), or calling the church office at 833-2578.

**Costs:** \$7.00/adult, \$4.00/children (3-12 years old), free/children (2 & under); \$25.00/Family Max (for family living in same house).

**Ministry Opportunities****Homebound**

Dot Burton, 300 Jacobs Hwy, Clinton, SC 29325

Take time to send Mrs. Burton 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.

Thank you for the frozen turkeys. Our Student Ministry delivered 120 turkeys to families in our community.



Dear Church Family,  
We are blessed to be a part of the FBC family. Thank you for loving us through the death of our father. We are thankful for every visit, text, phone call and meal. Your prayers and love have been a great comfort to us. Please continue to pray for us as God continues to take the broken pieces and make them beautiful. Love Donna, Jimmy and family



Our church family extends their love and sympathy to Dawn Edge and her family at the death of her husband, Phillip Edge; to Corey Graydon and his family at the death of his grandmother, Betty Suddeth and to Myra Nichols and her family at the death of Nick Nichols.

**Phillip Edge***Joined FBC May 16, 1993**Died November 25, 2019***Betty Suddeth***Joined FBC September 4, 2016**Died November 29, 2019***Nick Nichols***Joined FBC July 16, 1972**Died December 2, 2019*