

First Baptist Church

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November 10



Zealy Martin

11:00 a.m. service

November 17

Ordination Service

For Jay Roland

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



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..."

Called to Ministry

November 6, 2019

It's good to be back in the USA. It's good to be back home. Do I enjoy traveling? Yes. Do I enjoy watching others grasp biblical truths in the land where Jesus, Elijah, and Simon walked? Yes. But I love being with family and miss the moments when I'm away from them. Thank you, First Baptist, for allowing me the joy and challenge of leading trips like this one. I learn so much when I go and consider the trips to be an extension of my teaching ministry among you.

You crossed a significant milestone while I was away: you met the \$100,000 challenge! I'm proud of you and glad that we've cleared that hurdle. Now, as our Building Oversight Team (BOT) presents plans and drawings, I look forward to our moving forward, as a church, together. God has plans for us that we've not yet even grasped! Keep praying for the BOT and for our church. We want to be about what God desires not what we fancy. All of us have been called to ministry under God.

Did you know that we've had a young man (a high school senior) interning at FBC this semester? David Wilkie (a member at Providence A.R.P Church) has been shadowing Mark, Doug, and me for the past nine weeks or so. He's been visiting,

listening, observing, learning, helping the office, writing, and (soon) teaching. He feels a call to vocational ministry. Put David in your prayers as he moves into God's future.

Speaking of vocational ministry, we have the privilege, on November 17, to set aside one of our own to that calling. Jay Roland grew up here, attended Anderson University, and served as our church's summer intern a few summers ago. He's been working in an Anderson area church (first part-time, then full-time) for several

years now. That church is asking us to ordain [Jay Roland] is asking us to ordain him. They see his giftedness. So do we. We will convene an ordination council on Saturday, November 16. Keep Jay in your prayers too. He (and Autumn, his wife) are currently looking at seminaries so that he can sharpen his ministry skills even further. And join us for the service of ordination on November 17 (8:30 and 11:00). You will have opportunity to lay hands on him, hear his testimony, and affirm God's work in his life.

Blake, bharwell@clintonfbc.us

If you are receiving the newsletter by mail and would like to receive it by email instead please email Amy at fbcamy@clintonfbc.us. Also if your email changes please notify the church office.

Stewardship Report

October 20, 2019

Regular Receipts	\$ 14,312.10
Designated	\$ 2,670.00
Total	\$ 16,982.10

October 27, 2019

Regular Receipts	\$ 10,283.55
Designated	\$ 10,796.26
Total	\$ 21,079.81

November 3, 2019

Regular Receipts	\$ 33,051.02
Designated	\$ 3,257.00
Total	\$ 36,308.02

2019 Weekly Budgeted Needs
\$ 16,793.98

Attendance Report

October 20, 2019

10:30 am Worship: 309
9:30am Bible Study: 241

October 27, 2019

8:30 am Worship: 124
11:00 am Worship: 96
10:00am Bible Study: 192

November 3, 2019

8:30 am Worship: 166
11:00 am Worship: 114
10:00am Bible Study: 276

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Student Ministry

6th–12th graders

Upcoming Events

T.R.U.T.H.
(Teens Reaching Up To Him)
Sundays @ 5:45 p.m.
Family Life Center

Turkey Gobblin'
Sunday, November 24

Angel Tree
Begins Sunday, November 24

Tara Webb, Minister to Students (twebb@clintonfbc.us)

\$100,000.00 Challenge



As of October 30, 2019 we have met the \$100,000.00 building challenge (Whatever we raise an anonymous donor is matching up to \$100,000.00). Thank you for giving! Please continue to pray for the new building process and continue to give.

Poinsettias

Forms and information to order Poinsettias will be available in the Narthex and church office beginning this Sunday, November 10.

VIP Fellowship

55 & up

Tuesday, November 12 @ 11:45 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Giving thanks for blessings during difficult times. Special Music by Hannah Taylor. Lunch menu: Ham, green beans, mac & cheese, rolls, dessert.

Good Shepherd Clinic

Good Shepherd Clinic is celebrating 25 years of compassionate care. Fundraising event along with celebration Friday, November 15 at Laurens County Higher Education Center 633 Medical Ridge Road, Clinton. 11:30 a.m. Silent Auction begins, 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m. Lunch & Program. Reserve your ticket by November 11th! Tickets are \$35.00 and can be purchased at Tapestry in Clinton or by contacting The Good Shepherd Clinic at (864) 833-0017.

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.

Stepping Into Ministry

God did not design ministry for just a few with seminary degrees. At First Baptist Church, we believe that every member is a minister. During CLASS 301, "Stepping Into Ministry," you will learn how God can use your Spiritual Gifts, your Heart (passions), your Abilities, your Personality and your Experiences to minister to the needs of others.

When you chose to follow Christ, you were given special abilities, known as spiritual gifts. God gave you these

gifts for you to use to build up His Church. God also gave you passion for specific activities and subjects. Having the heart for specific things, people or circumstances is to be used to guide us into a ministry that we really care about.

In this two-session class, which begins **this Sunday**, November 10th, at 6 PM, you will be shown how to assess your abilities, gifts and passions to see where in ministry you will love to serve. Hope to see you there!

Doug, dshenton@clintonfbc.us

Family Night Supper

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

November Menus:

6th: Trotters—Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Broccoli casserole; 13th: Jimmy Cauble; 20th: Spaghetti & Chicken Alfredo

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).

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, or calling the church office at 833-2578.

Ministry Opportunities

Prison Packet for DJJ

Contents: 1 4-6 oz. toothpaste, 1 adult toothbrush (factory sealed) 1 3.2-6 oz bar of soap, 1 40-50 page 5"x8" writing tablet (no wire), 5 #10 stamped embossed envelopes from US Post Office, 2 rolls of candy (Lifesavers, Mentos, BreathSavers type). These items are to be placed in a One-gallon Ziplock bag. All packets are due in the church parlor by November 17.

Homebound

Ada Ann Freeman
101 Sumter St
Clinton, SC 29325
Take time to send Mrs. Freeman a card/note.

The International Program at Laurens Academy needs "Host Families" for new high school students from Brazil arriving in January. You will need to be available to "parent" the student who will attend Laurens Academy while they are in the United States. There is a monthly compensation for expenses. If you have questions or if you are interested in hosting one of these students contact Todd Kirk (864-923-2138 or kirk@laurensacademy.com).

Community Thanksgiving Dinner
Broad Street United Methodist Church

November 28



BSUMC needs our help for their annual Community Thanksgiving dinner. They serve over 400 meals to people in our community each year on Thanksgiving Day. They need volunteers who can help prepare, serve or deliver meals. They can also use financial support. Call 864-833-0177 or email info@broadstreet-umc.org if you can help.

Thank you to all those who donated a Joy Box. We had 27 Joy Boxes donated.



State Missions Offering

Goal: \$3,500.00; Received: \$3,973.00
Thank you for giving!



Gale Boling
Joined FBC 11-29-1981
Died 11-1-2019



Our church family extends their love and sympathy to Lisa Edmisten and her family at the death of her mother, Sara McKnight and to Dawnna Price and her family at the death of her mother, Gale Boling.

We are buying new ground cover for the small playground outside the 1-year-old nursery. We would like to remove some of the black mulch that is on that playground currently. If you would like some of the black mulch, you may take it for free.