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Vacation Bible School

July 19th—July 21st

Come One, Come All!

**STEP RIGHT UP AND JOIN US AS WE
 ENCOUNTER THE WONDERS OF**

BIG TOP FAITH

JOIN US FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 19TH, 20TH, & 21ST
9-11AM
CHILDREN 4K-5TH GRADE

**Register your children for
 VBS at
www.fbcclintonsc.com**

Questions?
 Call the church office at 833-2578.

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



July 14, 2021

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



We had a marvelous time of sharing and insight last night (7/12) at a called deacons meeting. The subject was our church: what's on our hearts? And what's next? Keep our leadership in your prayers, please! We believe God has great things in store for this people of God.

I do hope you will join us in the sanctuary on Wednesday, July 28 at 6:30pm for a time of worship, prayer, and discernment. Two weeks back I challenged you, as 7/28 draws near, **(1) to fast** (to give up something) in preparation for our worship and sharing time. Fasting prepares our minds, our hearts in ways that nothing else can. **(2) to meditate on Colossians 3:1-17.** The good news is all of us are good at meditating. Meditation is worry gone positive! All of us already know how to worry. So, instead of obsessing over something you fear, turn the words of Paul over and over in your minds. **(3) As you read, ask yourself, "Today, what would it look like for me to..."** whatever that verse, that command addresses. Then, simply, do that thing (example: "clothe yourself with gentleness" [v. 12] might mean I'm extra careful with

my words when I interact with my children). Let the Spirit lead you during your meditation.

Finally, I'd like you to **(4) show up on July 28** with **three things.** The first is an answer to two questions: Question #1—"In light of what God's been teaching you through your meditations on Colossians 3 and your personal fasting and prayer, **what is God doing in this moment in our church?**" Question # 2—"In light of what God is doing **what are you sensing we are to do?**"

The second thing I'd like you to show up with on July 28 is **a letter you've written to God.** I encourage you to make this letter no more than one page (single-spaced, typed) in length. Use these two prompts to help you express yourself to God:

- What I lost during these last sixteen months
- What I gained during these last sixteen months

Lastly, look through the Psalms (you need to start now—there are 150 of them!) and find one that best reflects the spirit of your experience in this past year-plus. You might share it at the end of your letter and why it's "your" psalm for this season in your life. Blake, bharwell@clintonfbc.us

Stewardship Report

Week of June 27, 2021*

Regular Receipts	\$12,381.00
Designated	\$ 1,277.00
Total	\$13,658.00

Week of July 4, 2021*

Regular Receipts	\$11,263.25
Designated	\$ 725.00
Total	\$11,988.25

*Electronic giving not included.

2021 Weekly Budgeted Needs:
 \$ 17,265.79

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.

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6th—12th graders

6*4*8

July 18, July 25 & August 1 @ 6:48 PM

All teenagers are welcome to come for Fellowship & Bible Study.

Trampoline Park and Dinner

Tuesday, July 27 @ 4:45 PM

\$20.00 plus \$ for dinner at Cookout

Kickball Tournament

Saturday, August 7

Clinton YMCA

Coffeehouse Worship

Tuesday, August 3 @ 7:00 PM

College Condo

Tara Webb, Minister to Students (twebb@clintonfbc.us)
 Hunter Benson, Student Ministry Intern (htbenson01@gmail.com)

Lake Day

This Saturday, July 17

Meet at the church @ 3:00 PM

Christmas Party

July 20 @ 8:00 PM

Fellowship Hall

July 28

Join us for a Prayer and Discernment Service on July 28 at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary. We are seeking God's guidance and want to move forward in unity as the body of Christ. As part of the FBC family, your presence is needed and welcomed. (See "From the Pastor's Desk" in this newsletter for more details).

Howard Holcomb Scholarship

Application Deadline: If you are a college or seminary student preparing for a church-related field, you may apply for this scholarship. Applications may be obtained in the church office. Return them to the office by **August 13, 2021.**



Preschoolers—5th graders

Meeting for all VBS volunteers on July 18 @ 4:00PM
 in the Fellowship Hall

July Nursery Volunteers**8:30 AM**

July 18 Audrey Sanford

July 25 Billy & Joy Laird

11:00 AM

Brenda Romines

Donald & Allison Thompson

If you would like to volunteer in our nursery on Sunday mornings and/or for VBS, please contact Melissa (923-6424).

Melissa Chandler, Minister to Children (mchandler@clintonfbc.us)

**Homebound**

Barbara Tedards
 801 Musgrove Street
 Clinton, SC 29325
 Send Mrs. Tedards
 a card/note.

Food on the First

Sunday, August 1, 2021

We collect nonperishable food items on the first Sunday of every month for United Ministries of Clinton. Please bring your food donations to church with you on Sunday and place in one of the marked containers. If you would like to bring your food donations during the week, please drop them off at the church office during office hours (M-TH 8am-5pm and F 8am-1pm). Join us in helping our neighbors in need.

**Hospice of Laurens County's Annual Flight of the Dove Fundraiser**

August 7 @ 8:00 AM

Bailey Memorial Stadium

Contact Katie Bagwell at katie.bagwell@hospiceoflc.org or 864-8336-6287 if you would like to volunteer for this event or if you have questions.

They also need individually wrapped snack foods like granola bars, cheese crackers, trail mix, fruit gummy snacks, pretzels, rise krispy treats, bottled water, power bars, etc. You can drop these off at the Hospice House. If you would like to make a monetary donation you can mail your donation to Hospice of Laurens County, PO Box 178, Clinton, SC 29325 (earmark: Flight of the Dove).



Congratulations to Patterson & Carrie Woodson Thomas on the birth of their daughter, Addie Caroline Thomas. Addie was born July 1, 2021. Her big sister is Elloree. Addie's grandparents are John & Tanna Woodson and Gill & Nancy Thomas.

Congratulations to Matt & Tiffany Davis on the birth of their son, Cooper James Davis. Cooper was born July 3, 2021. His siblings are Taylor Belle, Ellie, and Bo.

Congratulations to Corey & Brooke O'Shields on the birth of their daughter, Emery Joan O'Shields. Emery was born on July 4, 2021. Her big sister is Brantlee. Emery's grandparents are Brian & Mary Beth Shealy. Her great-grandmothers are Joan Shealy & Betty Power.

Our church family extends their love and sympathy to Jenna Whiteford at the death of her step-brother, Hunter Sipes; to the family of Sara Byars at her death and to Robbie South and her family at the death of her brother, John Madden.



Sara "SaSa" Byars

Joined FBC November 3, 1968

Died July 3, 2021