

This is a time for us to work as if it all depends on us, and pray as if it all depends on God. Throughout the long history of this church, and even in the more recent history, God has been working, sometimes in disguised ways, for the good of this church. And I believe we have only begun to see what God has in store for us.

I realize that summer is often a season in church when attendance and offerings decline, and of course I understand that there will be weeks when you are away on vacation. I will be away myself. But I hope that this summer will be an exception to that trend. I hope you will be present and engaged in the life of the church when you are in town, and that you will remain faithful in your tithes and offerings even when you are away. It would be wonderful if we could not only avoid a summer slump, but actually experience a new surge of vitality this summer as we remain true to what God has called us to do.

If you have, or know of, a pastoral need, or even if you would just like to get together and talk, I hope you will always feel free to call on me. I always want to be as available and supportive as you need me to be. My cell phone number is 864-354-8473 and my email address is stephenclyborne@gmail.com.

Prayerfully,
Stephen Clyborne

DEACONS MEETING: The monthly deacons meeting will be on **June 4th** at 12:15 pm in the Howard Room.

DEACON OF THE MONTH: The Deacon of the Month is Debbie Adkins.

SANCTUARY CHOIR: The sanctuary choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM. All are welcome to join! We are accepting resumes for the position of Minister of Music. Please have interested candidates submit their resume to the church office. Katherine DeVenny Booker is currently serving as Music Director.

ONLINE OPTION NOW AVAILABLE: You can now use a credit card, a debit card, or a PayPal account to make contributions to the church. A link Labeled “Make online monetary contributions” is located on the church website main page. If you have any questions about using this method, contact Kim Spears in the church office.

You can also scan this QR code with your smart phone and it will take you directly to our PayPal to make a contribution.



GENERAL FUND BUDGET & CONTRIBUTION REPORT:

May 2023 Monthly Report
Budget: \$16,288
Received: \$5,442

NURSERY SCHEDULE

June 4 – Dixie Caulder
June 11- Barbara Greer
June 18- Gloria McAbee
June 25- Christy Rose

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE: June begins a new study unit for youth and adults of all ages. The fellowship begins at 10:00 a.m. downstairs in the Morgan Building. Plan to join us for this time of prayer and Bible Study. Sunday School literature for the class is *Formations* and is provided for all who attend.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH Join us for supper on Wednesday nights at 6:15 PM in the Morgan Building. If you'd like to provide supper, a sign-up sheet is posted outside the church office. Reimbursement up to \$40 is available.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

May 21-June 11- Moving in the Right \Direction with God- Romans 8:28a
June 18- We Love You, Dad! Leviticus 19:3a
June 25-July 30- Messy, slimy, gross tales from the Bible! Psalms 145:3

CHILDREN'S CHURCH We continue our journey through the Bible with Unit 3: Ezra-Psalms. Our memory verse is Psalm 42:1.

If you know of a qualified candidate interested in the part-time position of Children and Youth Director, please have them submit their resume to the church office.

JUNE CALENDAR

4- Sunday Regular Worship Day
12:15 PM Deacon Meeting
7- Wednesday Evening: Evening Activities and Churchwide Business Meeting
11- Sunday Regular Worship Day
14- Wednesday: Evening Activities
18- Sunday Regular Worship Day / Father's Day
21- Wednesday Evening Activities
25- Sunday" Regular Worship Day
38- Wednesday Evening Activities

Regular Sunday Worship Order:

9:30 AM Prayer
10:00 Sunday School for all ages
11:00 Worship Service

Regular Wednesday Midweek Order

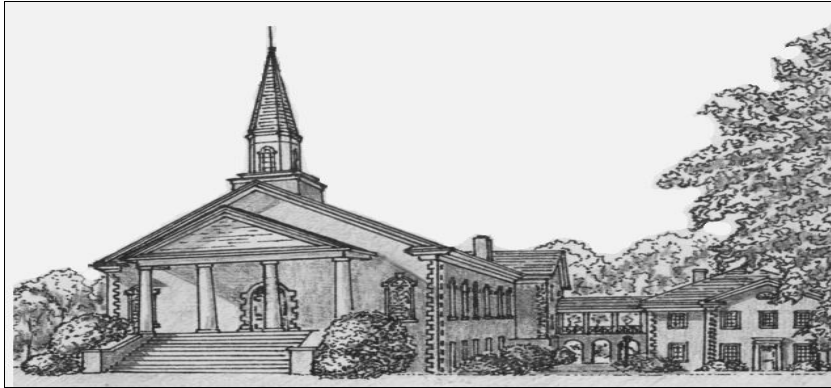
6:15 PM Children/Youth Meal
6:45 Children/Youth Activity Mission Friends
Prayer /Devotion for all
7:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal

AA/NA Meetings in the Morgan Building:

Mondays and Thursdays 8:00 PM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 PM



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FROM OUR INTERIM PASTOR

I am both excited and honored to serve as the interim pastor of First Baptist Church, Piedmont, and appreciate the many ways you have already made me feel welcome. After having recently retired from full-time ministry, it is so good to have a new place to call home for a while. I have known about this good church for decades primarily through my connections with two of your former pastors who served this church so faithfully for so long: Tom DeVenny and Stephen Hearne, both of whom have been sources of encouragement and support for a long time, but especially over the last several weeks. Because I am eager to get to know you as individuals and as a congregation, I will be doing a lot of listening over the next few weeks and months; but I already know enough to know that this church has a rich heritage and a bright future.

I will certainly be praying for the church during this transition time between permanent pastors, and I believe that, just as God has provided for this congregation for 144 years, God can be trusted to provide for this congregation in the future. But during this interim time together, there is work for us to do together. This is not a time to tread water until the next permanent pastor arrives.

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BIRTHDAYS

Aiden Selfridge	June 12
James Agnew-	June 8
Kayly Dickson	June 11
Tiffany Lister	June 13
Kaylie Miller	June 13
Morgan Brust	June 14
Kerry Crawford	June 19
Jesse Adkins	June 22
Nancy Neely	June 22
Sarah Allen	June 29
Rebecca Laborde	June 30

ANNIVERSARIES

Jon & Brenna McCann	June 6th
Derrick & Nora Hooper	June 13th
Kenneth & Crystal Selfridge	June 14 th
Andy & Sonia McAbee	June 22nd