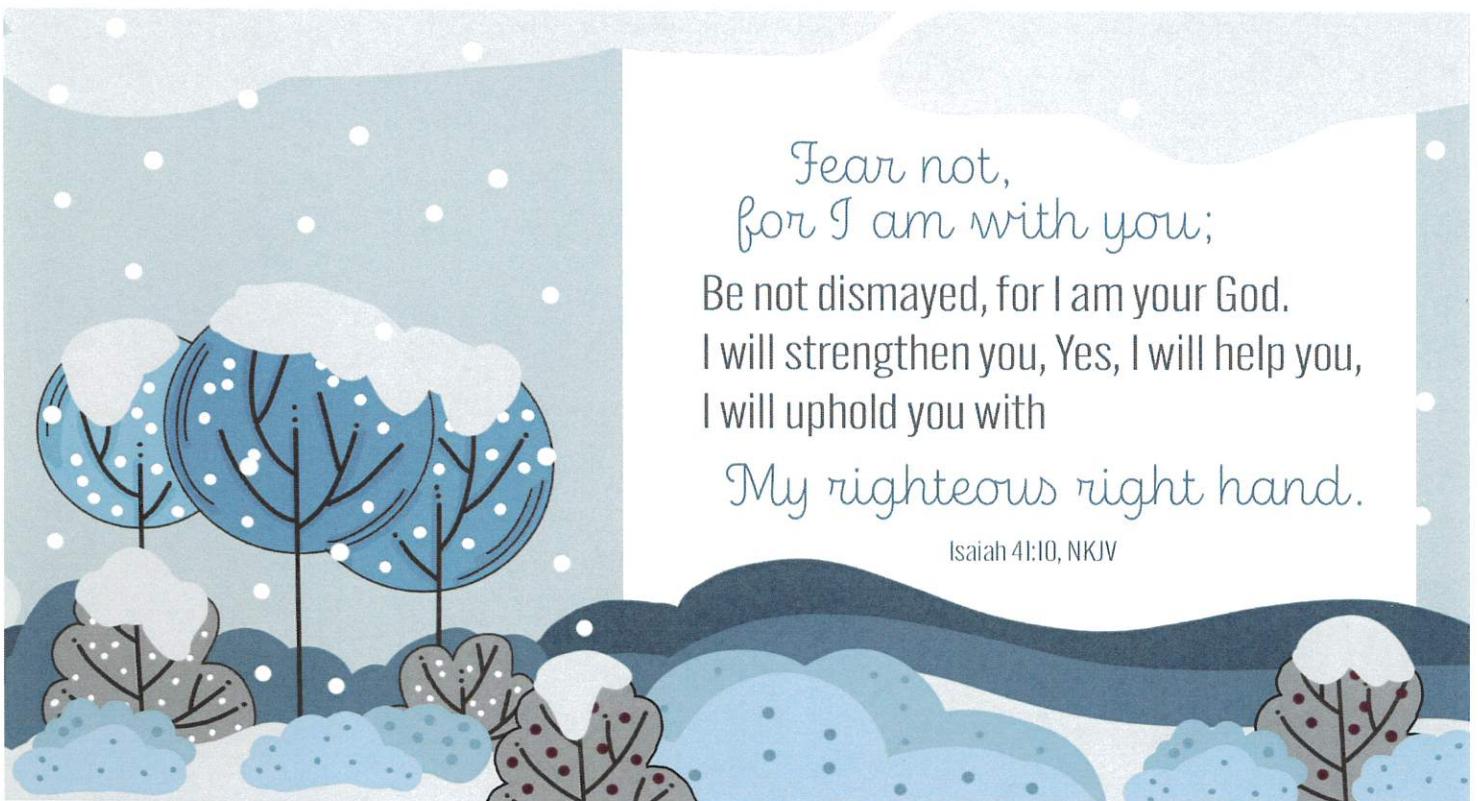




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Monthly Newsletter  
First Baptist Church of Clyde  
January 2026



Fear not,  
for I am with you;  
Be not dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you,  
I will uphold you with  
My righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10, NKJV



Hello First Baptist Church,

Happy New Year. 2025 was a great year for First Baptist Church of Clyde. We experienced tremendous growth both numerically and spiritually. I cannot wait to see what God will do in and through us in 2026. Hold on tight because it is going to be a wild and fun ride.

As we enter the new year, I want you to begin to think about new year's resolutions. We all make new year's resolutions each January and we have dreams of great changes in our lives. Well I am going to give you a suggestion for a resolution for the year 2026. I want you to consider having this be your new year's resolution: "I WILL BE THE MOST BIBLICAL CHURCH MEMBER I CAN BE." My challenge to the church is for us to be the most biblical we can be.

This may seem simple, and you might say well year, "Duh" Byron, but it is a little more complicated than you might think. See, what I am asking us to do is to throw out what we think it means to be a church member, and look at the word of God to determine what it actually means to be a church member. "Spoiler Alert", it doesn't mean simply sitting in a pew. It also doesn't mean that you request membership into the church and you are voted in, and then you never come or engage.

To fully understand what biblical church membership is, it may mean forgetting everything you thought you knew about church membership and reforming your understanding. It may also mean changing some traditions we hold near and dear that are not in line with scripture.

During the month of January we will be going through a 3 part sermon series called "Biblical Church Membership". I challenge each one of us to resolve in this new year to be the most Biblical church member we can be.

I also want to make everyone aware that Saturday, January 24th and Sunday, January, 25th will be our Baptist Men's Weekend. The men will meet at 6:00PM on Saturday for our Steak Night. Then the Baptist Men will host breakfast for the entire church on Sunday morning at 8:30AM. During the Sunday morning worship service at 10:30AM we will be blessed by Dr. Steve Harris who will be preaching, and we will have an all men's choir as our men lead us in worship. Please make every effort to attend.

2026 is going to be an exciting year at FBC Clyde and I am very excited about it.

As always, it is an honor to be your pastor.

Byron



Our **Financial Peace University** class will be on Sunday evenings at 6:00PM beginning on January 18. Taught by Cody Lovelace, learn how to biblically budget, beat debt, save money, and build for the future. The class is a 10-week study, and the cost is \$85. Please sign up in the vestibule or call the church office at 627-2201.

Class dates are: Jan. 18, Jan. 25, Feb. 1, Feb. 8, Feb. 15, Feb. 22, March 1, March 8, March 15, March 22



From its earliest days, the church has gathered to celebrate not merely a season, but a miracle....God with us. Christmas did not begin with decorations or carols, but with awe. In the early church, believers lived under persecution, and worship was simple and reverent. Though there was no formal feast day, the incarnation was treasured and proclaimed through Scripture, prayer, and the breaking of bread. The church knew that the birth of Christ could not be separated from His cross and resurrection.

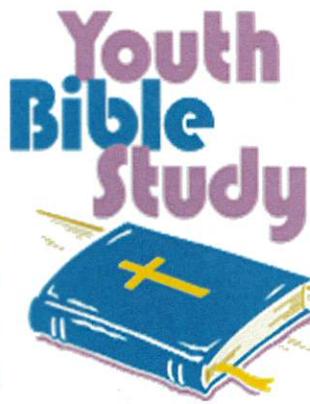
By the fourth century, the church began to publicly celebrate Christ's birth, declaring to a watching world that Jesus, not the sun, not emperors, not power is the true Light. Worship centered on the mystery of the Word made flesh. Christmas became a proclamation that the eternal God had entered human history in humility.



PSALM  
48:1



We are so excited to go to Ridgecrest for **Winter Retreat 2026!** This will challenge the students of Haywood County to be salt and light within their school, homes, and churches!

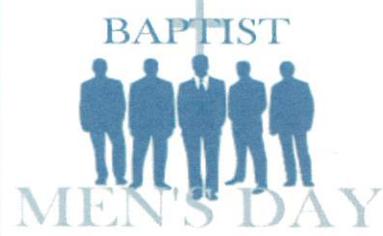


We are excited to begin a small group Bible study for *high school students*. It will begin on Monday, January 12 at 7:30. It will be held at Ethan & Emma's house, and we will meet every other Monday. See Ethan with questions.

**WEDNESDAY**

YOUTH, come on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 for Bible study and fun! 6th through 12th grades are welcome. Invite your friends!

# Announcements



Baptist Men's Day will be Sunday, January 25. Steve Harris, former missions catalyst for the NC Baptist State

Convention, will be bringing a special message, and a men's choir will be sharing with us in music.



## STEAK DINNER

Men of all ages are invited to a **Steak Dinner** sponsored by our Baptist Men on Saturday, January 24 at 6:00PM. Please sign up in the vestibule so that we will know how many to prepare for.

Men, come join us for great food and fellowship!



## Join Us For Breakfast

Everyone is invited to a breakfast hosted by our Baptist Men on Baptist Men's Weekend.

Breakfast will be served on Sunday, January 25th at 8:30AM.

Join us for breakfast and fellowship before going to Sunday School!



## WEDDINGSHOWER

We will celebrate the upcoming wedding of Mason Herbert and Autumn Dillingham with a shower on Sunday, January 18 immediately following morning worship. A light lunch will be provided. Following is their registry link:

<https://www.theknot.com/us/autumn-dillingham-and-mason-herbert-feb-2026-registry>



No School = No Church Activities

If school runs on a delay schedule, church activities WILL BE NORMAL.

If school dismisses early, there will be NO CHURCH ACTIVITIES.

In the case of winter weather on a Sunday morning, a decision will be made as soon as possible, and you will be notified by text/email, on our APP, and on Facebook. WLOS will also be notified.

## Church COUNCIL

There will be a Church Council meeting on Sunday, February 1 at 4:00PM. We will work on planning our church calendar up to summer at this time.



FBC Clyde will be serving the Pisgah High School boys and girls varsity

basketball teams on Friday, January 9. We will serve in the fellowship hall. If you would like to help by serving, cleaning up after, greeting the players and coaches, or by making a dessert, please contact Brenna in the church office.



**NURSERY SCHEDULE**

January 4: Charity Chapman, Tate and Anslee

January 11: Lindsey Burnette & Carrington Lovelace

January 18: Victoria Hipp and Maddie Gernes

January 25: Mason Herbert & Autumn Dillingham

## CELEBRATION OF LIFE

\*In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to FBC Clyde.

A Celebration of Life service will be held for Dorothy McCracken on Sunday, January 4 at 3:00PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

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## THANK YOU for GIVING

FBC Clyde has given \$6,947.65 to date for the **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**. Our church goal for 2025 was \$12,000. Thank you for giving to missions around the world!



A donation was made to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in memory of Orpha Burrell and Dorothy McCracken by Kerry & Barbara Cogburn.



All contribution statements for 2025 will be mailed/mailed by the end of January.



January 3: Gary & Wanda Byrd  
January 10: Teresa Burnette  
January 17: Dustin & Lisa Toon  
January 24: Vick & Doris Haney

## WEDNESDAY

Wednesday Nights at FBC Clyde:  
Wednesday Night Supper 5:30

**\*\*Please sign up/cancel meals by Tuesday each week. Call Wanda at 246-2037.\*\***

Children's Choir/Youth Activities/Adult Bible Study 6:30

Worship Team Practice 7:30

**Children's CHURCH**

January 4: Blake & Maddie Gernes  
January 11: Sloan Mills & Makenzie Osborne  
January 18: Tammi Lowe  
January 25: James & Sherry Herbert

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCRIPT

Happy New Year! Wishing you and your family a most wonderful 2026.

It's amazing how fast the holidays come and go, with all the hustle and bustle. Then the reality of January sets in.

What a blessing we have to start a new church year in service to our Lord and Savior. With a fresh start it's a good time to remember the goodness of the Lord as we endeavor to help build His kingdom in 2026.

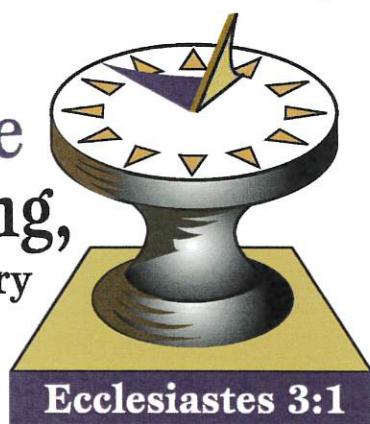
In January we will have our special Baptist Men's weekend with "Steak Night", a speaker, and the men serving breakfast for the church on Sunday morning.

We want to highlight Sunday School this month and recognize our teachers. The new year would be the perfect time to begin coming to Sunday morning Bible Study. (Every age group has a place to go.)

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says: "To everything there is a season." Let's make 2026 the season to grow our Sunday School!

Kerry Cogburn

**There is a time  
for everything,  
and a season for every  
activity under heaven...**



**Ecclesiastes 3:1**

Join a small group!

Come on Sunday mornings at 9:30AM to join with others in your age group for important small group Bible Study and fellowship!



**HAPPY  
New Year**

May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us...

PSALM 90:17a



Please call or text 627-2201 to keep our church family prayer list updated. Let Brenna know if a name needs to be added to the prayer list or taken off the prayer list so that we can keep our list current.

Thank you!

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS



### New Beginnings

- January 1: Genesis 1:1-2
- January 2: Jeremiah 29:11
- January 3: Job 8:7
- January 4: Lamentations 3:22-23
- January 5: Psalm 30:5
- January 6: Psalm 40:3
- January 7: Isaiah 43: 18-19
- January 8: Isaiah 40:31
- January 9: Isaiah 58:12
- January 10: Ecclesiastes 3:1
- January 11: Ecclesiastes 3:11
- January 12: Isaiah 65:17
- January 13: Ezekiel 11:19
- January 14: Jeremiah 31:31
- January 15: Matthew 26:27-28
- January 16: Hebrews 12:1-2
- January 17: 1 Peter 1:3
- January 18: 2 Corinthians 5:17
- January 19: Galatians 6:14-15
- January 20: Colossians 3:8-9
- January 21: Colossians 3:10-11
- January 22: Romans 6:4
- January 23: 2 Peter 3:10-11
- January 24: 2 Peter 3:12-13
- January 25: Philippians 3:13-14
- January 26: Ephesians 4:21-22
- January 27: Ephesians 4:23-24
- January 28: Romans 12:2
- January 29: Revelation 21:1-2
- January 30: Revelation 21:3-4
- January 31: Revelation 21:5



January 2: Barbara Cogburn

January 7: Callie Clinard

Hunter Geneau

January 8: Makenzie Osborne

January 15: Cathy Simpson

January 17: Gatlin Sutton

January 18: Ana Garnes  
Dustin Toon

January 21: Carrington Lovelace

January 25: Ethan Sutton

January 31: Boone Sutton  
James Curtis

HAPPY  
*Birth*day



## Wandi's Corner

### Mamaw's Peanut Butter Cookies

From Melissa York and  
Amanda Franks



1 cup peanut butter

1 egg

3/4 cups sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix together peanut butter, egg, and sugar. Grease cookie sheet. Place a heaping tablespoon of mix 2 inches apart. Take a fork and dip in a cup of water. Use the fork to press dough down in a criss-cross shape. Dipping fork back in water after each use. Bake 8-10 minutes or until brown. *In memory of our Mamaw Betty Byrd.*



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## Prayer LIST

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Family of James Parham

Johnnie Bailey

Stephanie Waldrop

Jim Curtis

Darryle McGaha

DeLee Toon

Christopher Darr

Chris & Tessie Pafford

Harry Brock

Penelope Higginbotham

Shannon Leatherwood

Helen Burch

Ruby Crumpler

Jenny Morin

Mark Hendrix

Mary Lippe

Joyce Williamson

Danika Inman

Madi Smathers

John Trull

Jan Kleszynski

Tink Lawing and Family

Hoyt Norris

Richard Lee

Robin Henson

Tristan Dutze

Jessica Clark

Myah Cameron

**GOD HEARS YOUR PRAYERS**

First Baptist Church of  
Clyde

## January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 <b>Men Leave for Golf Trip</b> 9:30am Bible Study Groups 10:30am FBC Worship Celebration	29	30	31	1 	2	3
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25 <b>Baptist Men's Sunday</b> 8:30am Church Breakfast 9:30am Bible Study Groups 10:30am FBC Worship Celebration 6:00pm Financial Peace University	26	27	28 <b>5:30pm Wednesday Meal</b> <b>6:30pm Adult Bible Study/Children's Choir/Youth Activities</b> 7:30pm Worship Team Practice	29	30	31