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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CLYDE

SEPTEMBER 2025

WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES ARE BACK!!

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 3RD

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL 5:30

ADULT BIBLE STUDY 6:30

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES 6:30

WORSHIP TEAM PRACTICE 7:30

BE SURE TO SIGN UP FOR WEDNESDAY MEALS



Hello First Baptist Church,

Welcome to September. I love the "ber" months, September, October, November, and December. This is a very beautiful season here in the mountains as we wind down the hot days of Summer, transition into the beauty of fall, and begin the holiday season.

I want to invite everyone to our "Art of Marriage" Seminar that will take place on Sunday evenings at 6:00PM in September and October. This is for anyone who is married, will be married, or wants to encourage people who are married. This is for strong marriages and struggling marriages alike. We should all want to strengthen our marriage. I truly believe that churches who do not try to strengthen and build up marriages through the Word of God are missing the boat big time. My desire as your pastor is to create as strong of a marriage as possible in your home. I want to encourage everyone to attend. Please don't be the one who says, "My marriage is pretty good, I don't need that." We all need to become better spouses and we all need to grow our marriage with God. You will find the schedule for the seminar below.

We will also be continuing in our "We Believe" series through the major doctrines of the faith in the month of September on Sunday mornings. It has been a wonderful experience for me to study the complex topics and be able to teach all of you some of the foundational truths of the Bible. I pray that you will continue to enjoy these sermons as we attempt to gain a better understanding of the Word of God.

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

Byron

Art Of Marriage Seminar

This is a 6-week study on Sunday evenings at 6:00PM for married couples or soon-to-be married couples. Pastor Byron says, "If you love your spouse, you'll be there!" 😊

September 14: Session 1 "Hesed" October 12: FALL BREAK (no class)

September 21: Session 2 "Dabaq" October 19: Session 4 "Luo"

September 28: Session 3 "Agape" October 26: Session 5 "Yada"

October 5: FISH FRY (no class) November 2: Session 6 "Euangelion"



"We Believe"

Be here on Sunday mornings for Pastor Byron's sermon series called "We Believe". Learn about the foundational truths of the Bible.

PROJECT TIMOTHY

Those interested in exploring a call to the ministry have begun meeting twice each month. This month they will meet on Sunday, September 14 and 28 at 4:00PM. If you would like to join this group, see Pastor Byron.

Lifted Hearts, Lifted Hands

Why, How, and When We Worship



Dear Church Family,

When we gather for worship, we are stepping into something far greater than singing songs, playing instruments, or filling the room with sound. We are joining an eternal reality— heaven's chorus declaring the greatness of our God. Worship is not man's invention; it is God's invitation. It isn't limited to an event on Sunday; it is the response of a heart captivated by His grace.

We worship because God is worthy. Revelation 4:11 declares, *"Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed and were created."* Worship flows naturally when we see God as He truly is. When Isaiah glimpsed the Lord "high and lifted up" (Isaiah 6:1), he could only cry out in awe and surrender. And when the redeemed surround the throne in Revelation, they fall down and cast their crowns, not because they must, but because He is worthy— always worthy. Yet worship is not only cosmic; it is personal. It's a response to what God has done for us in Christ: *"We love because He first loved us"* (1 John 4:19). The cross compels our song, and the resurrection fills our hearts with hope. We worship because grace has found us, rescued us, and made us new.

It's tempting to think of worship merely in terms of outward expression—standing, kneeling, clapping, or raising hands. But scripture reminds us that true worship begins in the heart: *"These people honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me"* (Matthew 15:8). Our posture before God matters far more than our position. Yet when the heart is right, it often overflows into visible expression. The psalmists invite us to bow down (*Psalms 95:6*), clap our hands (*Psalms 47:1*), and lift our hands in blessing (*Psalms 134:2*). When we raise our hands in worship, we do so not out of ritual but out of longing—like a child reaching upward to their father, yearning to be near and to feel His embrace. Our bodies reflect the desire of our hearts.

And when do we worship? The psalmist says, *"From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised"* (Psalm 113:3). Worship is not confined to a Sunday morning or a scheduled service. We worship when we gather, but we also worship as we scatter. Every act of obedience, every moment of gratitude, and every whispered prayer can become worship when it flows from a heart surrendered to God. Yet there is something uniquely precious about gathering together on Sunday. It's the one time each week when the family of God lifts one unified voice, giving us a foretaste of heaven, where every tribe and tongue will declare, *"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!"* (Revelation 5:12)

This week, as we gather, come ready. Come prayed up. Come with hearts prepared, remembering that we aren't just singing about God—we're singing to Him. Worship is both gift and response: God gives us Himself, and we give Him everything in return. So let us lift our voices, our hearts, and even our hands like children reaching for their Father's embrace. And as we do, we will find ourselves drawn closer to His face—and that changes everything.

Because He is worthy,

Ethan J.

It's a great time to join the worship team!

Practice is each Wednesday evening at 7:30PM.

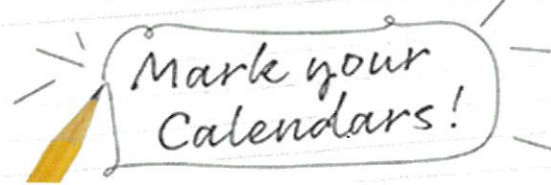


All middle school through high school age students are invited to **5th Quarters** following home Pisgah football games here at FBC Clyde. Come for food, games, a time of devotion, and just time to hang out with friends!

5th Quarter Dates:

September 12, September 26, and October 24

UPCOMING



COATS for the CITY



Bring any new or gently used coat any Sunday in September to be given out in New York City. FBC Clyde will be sending a missions team of our own to NYC in December with other NC Baptists to give out coats and share the gospel.

Boxes for donations will be in vestibule and downstairs.



On Sunday, September 21, we will take up a special offering to buy coats to take on our mission trip to New York City.



In the month of September we have the **North Carolina Missions Offering**. This is an annual offering that funds key ministries across North Carolina, aimed at meeting both spiritual and physical needs. The 2025 theme is **"Living Sent"**, based on John 20:21 which emphasizes the call to serve and share the gospel. There will be special envelopes in your pews and on the vestibule table for this offering.

Trailblazer Tuesdays

Beginning Tuesday, September 16 we will start a study through the book of Job. Learn the story of Job's faithfulness in God despite his suffering and how his story can strengthen your walk with God.



FALL BIBLE STUDY

Come at 10:00AM on Tuesdays throughout the fall, and stay for a fellowship lunch following the study!



We will have a Church Workday on Saturday, September 20 from 9:00AM-12:00PM. Come out and help spruce up our campus!



The **Week of Prayer for the North Carolina Missions Offering** is August 31-September 6. Pray for.....

- Disaster relief volunteers with Baptists on Mission
- Physical and spiritual needs of those receiving medical and dental aid
- Red Springs, Shelby, and Rose Hill mission camps
- Baptist associations in North Carolina
- SendNC sending churches and church planters

Women's Fellowship

On Sunday, September 14, all ladies are invited to stay after worship for lunch and fellowship. We will be creating prayer boards.



Grace-Filled Mamas

Being a mom is one of the hardest jobs. Don't struggle alone. Join us for a Christ-based mothers group.

Every first Friday of the month @ 9:00AM in the fellowship hall. Children of all ages welcome.

September Nursery Schedule

Sept. 7: Hailey Getz & Jake Scott

Sept. 14: MaeAnna Norris & Trent Devlin

Sept. 21: Dee Boone & Macey Devlin

Sept. 28: Amanda Franks & Cheyenne Wright



NURSERY SCHEDULE

Homebound Meal Delivery Schedule:

September 6: Vick & Doris Haney

September 13: Kerry & Barbara Cogburn

September 20: Jeff & Amanda Franks

September 27:

Shirley Curtis



Thank you so very much for the Retirement Celebration on Sunday, August 10! We appreciate

each and every one of you and are so very thankful for your love and support through the years. Our prayer is that God will continue to bless this great church in the coming days as together we serve and honor our Lord Jesus Christ! Thanks for the luncheon, cake, cards, gifts, and other expressions of appreciation.

Love and prayers,
Rickey and Joan

We would like to congratulate Randy Kirby on his retirement from ministry after 47 years. Randy served as Minister of Music and Youth here at FBC Clyde from 1978-1981.

Congratulations!



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

begin on September 3 at 5:30PM!

You can sign up to be on the permanent list OR sign up weekly on a sign-up sheet that will be in the vestibule each Sunday. Meals are \$5 per person/children under 5 are free. (You may call Wanda Byrd at 246-2037 or the church office at 627-2201 to sign up or cancel. Please cancel by Tuesday each week.)

COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Donations are needed for the Community Kitchen. Place nonperishables in the box downstairs or in the vestibule.



Please call or text 627-2201 to add names to the prayer list or to take names off the prayer list. We would like to keep our prayer list updated to current needs. Thank you!

Deacon Dialogue

With school back in session thoughts turn to football, cooler evenings, and pumpkins– pumpkin ice cream, pumpkin doughnuts, pumpkin lattes, etc.

Here at Clyde 1st Baptist there's much more than pumpkin surprises. We are gearing up for the beginning of our new year in Sunday School. Exciting things are happening with classes now available for all ages. Be watching for a free gift for everyone attending Sunday School in September.

The importance of small group Bible Study with fellow believers of similar age and interests cannot be over-stated. The opportunity to study God's word and pray together for class members and others is such a privilege.

We are blessed with newly ordained young deacons and wish for them a joyous and fruitful time of service.

Our annual Fish Fry is just around the corner. Please circle the date, October 5, on your calendar. This has been an annual event at Clyde 1st Baptist for around 75 years now, and it is one of our pastor's favorites!

With the new year here, I want to express my sincere "Thank You" for the privilege of serving as a deacon of Clyde 1st Baptist.

Kerry Cogburn



FBC Clyde is so excited to give all our members access to over 25,000 biblical videos and resources! All you have to do is log in:

- 1) Scan this QR code
- 2) Text FBCCLYDE to 49775 [OR](#)
- 3) Click on the link sent to your email.



Everyone is invited to the **Western Area Conference for the Baptist Children's Homes**

of NC at Broyhill Home in Clyde! Come on Thursday, September 4 for gospel music, hear from the children and special needs adults, and enjoy a free BBQ dinner. See Kerry Cogburn for more information or to sign up.

Celebrate God's goodness for our Western NC ministries.

All men are invited to FBC Clyde's 2nd Annual Men's Golf Trip!

FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, and.....FORE!

The trip to Myrtle Beach, SC is Sunday, December 28-Thursday, January 1. The cost is \$725 per person, and this includes lodging, breakfast for 4 days,

transportation there and back, and 3 rounds of golf. See Pastor Byron for more information or to sign up.





**DAILY BIBLE
READING**
Fruits of the Spirit

Sept. 1:	Galatians 5:22-23
Sept. 2:	Zephaniah 3:17
Sept. 3:	John 3:16-17
Sept. 4:	John 15:12-13
Sept. 5:	John 15:12-13
Sept. 6:	Habakkuk 3:17-18
Sept. 7:	1 Peter 1:8-9
Sept. 8:	Luke 15:7
Sept. 9:	Psalm 30:5
Sept. 10:	1 Peter 3:11
Sept. 11:	James 3:18
Sept. 12:	Psalm 29:11
Sept. 13:	Romans 12:18
Sept. 14:	Exodus 34:6-7
Sept. 15:	James 1:2-4
Sept. 16:	Romans 5:1-2
Sept. 17:	Romans 5:3-4
Sept. 18:	Proverbs 31:20
Sept. 19:	Colossians 3:12
Sept. 20:	Titus 3:1-2
Sept. 21:	Ephesians 4:1-2
Sept. 22:	2 Peter 1:5-6
Sept. 23:	2 Peter 1:7-8
Sept. 24:	Hebrews 11:1-2
Sept. 25:	Hebrews 12:1-2
Sept. 26:	Romans 14:19
Sept. 27:	Proverbs 25:28
Sept. 28:	Proverbs 16:32
Sept. 29:	Titus 2:11-14
Sept. 30:	Philippians 4:8



September 3	MaeAnna Norris
September 4	Lilly Ensley
September 8	Amy Hipp
September 9	Melissa York
September 12	Cecil Stevenson
September 13	Carl Jackson
September 16	Kerry Cogburn Tonya Geneau
September 20	DeAnna Buell
September 21	Cody Lowe
September 26	Sandy Osborne
September 27	Barbara Davis
September 28	Taylor Osborne Macey Devlin Micah Devlin
September 30	Brady Wyatt



Wandi's Corner

French Bread Casserole



Ingredients for French Toast:

1 24-ounce loaf sourdough bread (or brioche, challah, or French bread)
8 large eggs
2 cups milk
1/2 cup heavy cream
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
3/4 cup sugar

Ingredients for Topping:

1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup cold unsalted butter, cut into pieces

1. **BREAD:** Cut bread into 1-inch cubes and scatter evenly in a greased 9 x 13 inch baking dish.
2. **EGG MIXTURE:** In a medium bowl, whisk eggs, milk, heavy cream, vanilla, and sugar together, then pour evenly over the bread.
3. **CHILL:** Cover the dish with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 4 hours, or overnight.
4. **TOPPING:** Mix flour, brown sugar, cinnamon, and salt in a medium bowl. Cut butter into this mixture until crumbly. Place the topping in a small resealable plastic bag and refrigerate overnight as well.
5. **BAKE:** When ready to bake, preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Unwrap the baking dish and sprinkle the topping evenly over the bread. Bake, uncovered, for 45-60 minutes, depending on how soft you like it.



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Jim Curtis

Helen Burch

DeLee Toon

Tony & Stephanie Waldrop

Carolyn Parker

Chris & Tessie Pafford

Penelope Higginbotham

Shannon Leatherwood

Takayla Pafford

James & Dot Parham

Ray Bailey

Ruby Crumpler

Mark Hendrix

Dorothy McCracken

Becky Dobbins

Julie Wilson

Joyce Williamson

Madi Smathers

GOD
HEARS
YOUR
PRAYERS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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