

INFORMER

August 23, 2026

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 30

10:30 am Deacon Ordination

3:30 pm Hawaii Mission Team Meeting

Monday, August 31

Upward Registration Opens

6:00 pm Evangelism Meeting (Conf. room)

Thursday, September 3

2:00 pm Chrismon Class

Monday, September 7

Church Closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 8

10:30 am TopAgers

Saturday, September 12

8:00 am Baptist on Missions

10:00 am WBS Kickoff

Sunday, September 13

7:00 am Deacons' Meeting

6:00 pm WBS

The Movements of Worship: Prayer

By Scott Hagaman, Pastor

Prayer is at the center of worship. In fact, we pray throughout worship. We pray to begin worship; we pray during worship; we pray to close worship. By stopping and focusing ourselves on prayer, we turn our thoughts away from ourselves and towards God, recognizing His presence and authority over our lives. The longest prayer in worship is often called the "pastoral prayer." However, this main prayer does not exclusively rest with the pastor or any other ministry leader. In reality, we pray together to the Ultimate Pastor, God our Father, who watches over us like a shepherd tending to his flock. This longest prayer in worship often focuses on intercessory prayer, asking God to intervene in our lives and world, with concern for those most burdened and afflicted. We also pray responsively through litanies that direct us towards certain themes and needs. Also, sometimes, we pray in less formal and structured ways, opening the opportunity for anyone to voice a prayer as he or she may be led. However we pray, we do so with the ultimate aim as Paul states it in First Thessalonians: "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." In worship each Sunday, we form ourselves in the practice of praying all the time, communing with God through all the moments of life. That effort begins in formal worship on Sundays, but we are called to continue it each and every moment, knowing that God is always with us. We are always in God's sanctuary, standing before God's throne. Yes, even now, God is listening. God is eager to hear from us, even as we are eager to hear from Him.

Ministry Moment

This past Sunday, FBC Lincolnnton had the privilege of partnering with local school, S. Ray Lowder Elementary for a Back to School Bash on their grounds. We were able to provide school supplies to students, pray with families as they prepare for a new school year, and enjoy an evening of fun together with inflatables, face painting, popcorn, and water. Sunset Slushy was a nice addition too, offering sweet treats to cool everyone off. We are thankful for the

opportunity to come alongside our local school, love on our community, and truly be the church beyond the walls of our building.

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who donated school supplies, volunteered their time, prayed, served, and helped make this evening possible. Every contribution played a part in blessing families and showing the love of Christ to our community.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Early Worship	Sunday	8:30 am
Sunday School	Sunday	9:30 am
Worship	Sunday	10:30 am
Prayer Meeting	Wednesday	6:30 pm

Contact us at:

704-732-1101 Email: fbclnclinton.org

Website: fbclnclinton.org

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 AM-5:00 PM

Weekly Attendance 8/16

8:30 am	93
10:30 am	167
Total	260
Sunday School	207
Nursing Home	18
Total	225

Contribution Information 8/16

Weekly Undesignated Contribution Requirement			\$16,538.46
Actual Undesignated Contributions			\$12,851.00
Weekly Deficit			\$3,687.46
YTD Undesignated Contribution Requirement			\$760,769.16
YTD Actual Contributions			\$773,022.08
YTD Surplus			\$12,252.96
Backpack	\$125.00	Memorials	\$100.00
Property/Operations	\$50.00	Capital Improvement	\$50.00

Empty Nester Group

On August 29, we will go to Hang Time Golf in Gastonia. Contact Melanie Emory at 704-472-5977.

**COLLEGE INFORMATION**

It is time to update our records for those away at college. Please call the church office at 704-732-1101 or email us at fbc@fbclinton.org and provide your (or your child's) name, the school name, the year of graduation, school/mailling address, phone number, and email.

Upward Registration

Upward Volunteers are encouraged to start signing up now. Applications are outside church office or see Andrea Greene.

**Support Our Education Fund**

The new school year has begun, and the Scholarship Committee would like to invite you to prayerfully consider making a gift to the Education Fund. Donations are accepted throughout the year, and every contribution helps us work toward increasing the scholarship amount for our students. Thank you for considering this opportunity to invest in the future of our church family.

**Women's Bible Study**

Bible study with writer Cindi Wood on Saturday, September 12 at 10:00 AM in the FLC Dining Hall. RSVP to Michelle at 704-591-3290 by 8/30. A donation of \$15 is encouraged.

Youth Yard-Sale Donation Nights

Save your household items to be donated to the yard sale on our drop-off nights September 16 & 17. Yard-Sale will follow on September 19 from 7am-2pm. Thank you!

FBC & 2026 Apple Festival, Saturday, October 17th

This year, our Church will be helping with the Apple Festival in the Kid's Orchard section. We are also collecting 8 oz. water bottles. Sign-up sheets are available, contact Denise at 434-242-5564 or denisegirvin@yahoo.com for more info. We will also be raffling off a Family Movie and Game Night basket at the Apple Festival. Donations are needed. Please see Andrea Greene.

**Bavaria Christmas Markets Tour**

11/30-12/9

\$350 deposit due by August 17th. Detailed information available through the church office.

Contact Scott Hagaman, or Rose Mary and James Ball.

Budget Process

8/26 - Listening Sessions (by appointment only)
9/13 - Present Budget to Deacons

9/23 - Present Budget to Church Conference with discussion
9/27 - Present Budget to Church (both services) in business meeting for a vote