

# The Outlook

## First Baptist Church Clayton

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## Final organ proposal coming soon

God continues to be at work in the organ project proposed to the congregation back in March.

First came the offer of a beautiful 40-rank Schantz Organ by Seventh Street Christian Church. Second, your thoughtful prayers and questions led to valuable information gained.

Third, came the answered prayer of a slowed-down timeline which allowed more time for the Music Council to faithfully seek answers to your questions.



this project and your hopes for its completion.

Fifth, your consideration of the future of worship at First Baptist Church Clayton has been the final star to align for us to reimagine Wednesday Nights at FBCC in the fall where we will focus on loving God, self, and others through a dedicated time of wor-



ship in the contemporary style, a dedicated time for lessons for all ages and a dedicated time of activities and missions which will foster fellowship and community growth.

As of right now, the Music Council has received the third and final quote. We are considering each of these quotes and hope to provide you with a final proposal in July/August that thoroughly prepares the congregation to confidently accept the 40-rank Schantz Organ from Seventh Street Christian Church.

As you wait for this proposal, please continue to pray for the Lilly Foundation Grant that we applied for to help fund this project. We received confirmation in April that our request was received and that it was forwarded to the Lilly Foundation Religion Department.

It is our prayer that they will agree to partner with us in accepting this gift so that as we grow and transform, seeking a vibrant future for worship and music at FBC Clayton, we also honor our past by passing down an excellent musical legacy to future generations.

Blessings,  
Rev. Keeley Tarkington  
Minister of Music



Breighan Petit and Jerry Moore



Jack Garrison



Joyce Sutton

## First Baptist welcomes new members

Father's Day combined with Trinity Sunday marked a wonderful celebration at First Baptist Church Clayton. After Dr. Keever's sermon, four people came down front expressing their faith and love for Christ, and membership in our church.

Breighan Petit, Jerry Moore and Jack Garrison will be baptized. Joyce Sutton is transferring her membership. Breighan is the daughter of Eric Petit and a rising sixth grader. Jerry is a close friend of Eric's. Jack is the son of Todd and Kristin Garrison, and a rising eighth grader. Joyce Sutton, who has been attending First Baptist for quite some time (many thought she was already a member) is officially transferring her membership.

Welcome all to our church family.

*Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you,  
in order to bring glory to God. – Romans 15:7*

### Thank you for contributing to WLFJ and CAM



Thank you to everyone for the donations to WLFJ and CAM. This coming week will be the last for making these donations until another request is made

We are, however, always in need of supplies for First Baptist Church Clayton's Blessing Box. There are boxes for these donations to the right of the office entrance.

– Jackie Tarkington & Cathy Paschal

### Young adults invited to Echo

What is *Echo*? It is a gathering of young(er) adults (and those who think young) sharing what they've heard in the worship service. It is an opportunity to share what continues to reverberate after the benediction. Younger adults face different challenges when it comes to building relationships in church. We are offering time to drink coffee, get to know one another, and discuss issues that are unique to their lives. If you want to come and check it out, we meet in the Fellowship Hall after the Sunday morning worship service. We look forward to seeing you!

– Dr. Len Keever

## Sunday School Class Spotlight

The Bible Academy Sunday School class was established in 2018, initially focusing on religious history. In 2022, John Paschal took over leadership with the objective of reading the entire Bible within a year, following a predetermined schedule provided by the Bible Project. The version utilized was Eugene Peterson's The Message, and the class read through the Bible in chronological order.

In 2023, the class chose to read through the Bible again, using each member's preferred version, covering from Genesis to Revelation. In 2024, the curriculum shifted to specific Books of the Bible, utilizing plans from the Bible Project app. To date, the class has studied Romans and Revelation and is currently progressing through the New Testament at a slower pace, starting with Matthew.

The following individuals now lead the class on a rotating basis: Sarah Brooks, James Chanco, Bronna Greer, Donna Lee, Stacie Moor and Bill Moor. The Bible Academy welcomes participants of all ages, genders, marital statuses, and backgrounds. It aims to foster a deeper understanding of God and Jesus through reading His Holy Word. We meet in Room #222.



## VBS registration deadline is June 23

We are taking VBS 2025 on the road! Well, not literally, but the theme is focused on road trips.

We will look at "road trips" of people in the Bible who, through

various twists and turns along the journey, learn the important message of our theme verse – that God is with us wherever we go. – Joshua 1:9

Join us for a meaningful four days of scripture, song, games, crafts, science and fellowship at Vacation Bible School.

VBS is Sunday, July 13 through Wednesday, July 16. The Sunday, Monday and Tuesday sessions are from 5:30-8 p.m. Wednesday's session, which includes the closing ceremony and a food truck dinner is from 6 to 8 p.m.

VBS begins at 5:30 p.m. with a meal in the Fellowship Hall. Caregivers are invited to



eat. After the meal, children should be dropped off in his/her "Parking Garage." Pick up your child at 8 a.m. in the same spot.

VBS is open to preschool children ages three (as of

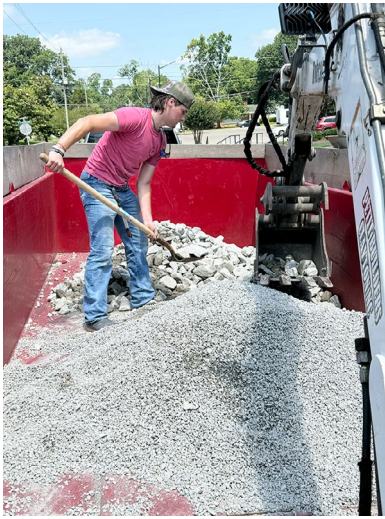
7/12/25) through five, and grade schoolers who have completed Kindergarten through completion of 5th grade. If you sign up a child who is three, you are required to volunteer.

Register online by using the QR code.

Registration closes June 23. After registration closes, we cannot guarantee a shirt or spot.

Be sure to hit the final "register" button to complete registration. If you do not get a confirmation email, your registration did not complete.





### ***Baptist Men get to work***

Members of the Baptist Men built a wheelchair ramp at the home of Joyce Nixon then, a few days later, made needed repairs to the sidewalk and steps in front of the church. Pictured are Braxton Andrews (shoveling gravel); Bob Hinton, Jeff Spivey, Steve Hall, Doug Phillips and Richie Johnson (at Joyce's home).



## *Memorials and Honorariums*

### **WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS TO THE**

#### **General Fund in Memory of**

Lin Shehdan by Jim and Judy Nappier

Tom Medlin by Ken and Diane Dillo

Tom Medlin by Bill and Sarah Brooks

#### **General Fund in Honor of**

Anne Abene by the Homebound Ministry Team

Nancy Martinez and Dean Temple by the Faith Sunday School Class

Gloria Pleasant by Doug and Rebecca Mudd

#### **Baptist Men's Fund in Memory of**

Tom Medlin, Noelle Franklin and Lin Shehdan by David and Nancy Turlington

## Weekly Reports

Baptisms this Year.....6      New Members.....17

### **Worship Attendance**

Sunday, June 15.....209      Sunday, June 8.....160

### **Sunday School Attendance**

Sunday, June 15.....132      Sunday, June 8.....131

### **General Fund Giving**

Sunday, June 15.....\$14,788      Sunday, June 8.....\$17,961

Weekly Needs.....\$16,659