



# *The Outlook*

## **First Baptist Church Clayton**

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## **Exciting updates for the CDC**

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At the CDC, we believe that early education is more than just learning letters and numbers – it's about helping our children grow spiritually, socially, emotionally and academically in a loving, Christ-centered environment. This year, we are so excited



for several updates that will make our program stronger than ever!

### **Academic Growth with Creative Curriculum:**

We will be introducing a new digital experience to our Creative Curriculum.

This is a research-based curriculum designed to spark curiosity, build critical thinking skills and prepare our children for a lifelong love of learning. With hands-on experiences, engaging activities and opportunities for family engagement, our students will develop a deep love of learning while strengthening their academic readiness.

### **Spiritual Development through ABC Jesus Loves Me:**

Our commitment to nurturing faith remains a cornerstone of our mission. We will continue to use the ABC Jesus Loves Me curriculum for our daily and weekly faith-

based lessons. In addition to the ABC Jesus Loves Me, we will be having weekly Chapel lessons with Miss Tara where we will reinforce the stories from our classrooms, sing songs of praise and learn about God's love in ways that they can remember. We are also very blessed to have monthly visits in the Sanctuary with our pastors, who will help guide and encourage our children in their spiritual journey.

### **Building Social and Emotional Skills:**

Equipping children with the tools to manage emotions, show empathy and build healthy relationships is vital. That's why we are continuing to offer weekly Social Emotional learning lessons with Miss Tara. We will be using the Little Spot Curriculum and the Hello Genius book series, as well as the Color Monster Stories. Our children will explore topics such as kindness, patience, problem solving, teamwork, self-confidence and self-control in engaging, fun and meaningful ways.

### **Partnering with Parents and the Community:**

We believe children thrive when parents and educators work together. Our newly formed Parent Group has already been a big blessing, and we are looking forward to

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The K-2nd Grade and 3rd-5th Grade Sunday School classes gathered together on the front steps of the church last Sunday to hear John Paschal blow the Shofar. The Shofar is an ancient Jewish ram's horn trumpet used in religious ceremonies. Shofars were used by the priests to aid in the siege of Jericho. "When the people heard the sound of the rams' horns, they shouted as loud as they could. Suddenly, the walls of Jericho collapsed, and the Israelites charged straight into the town and captured it." – Joshua 6:20. The Shofar also played a significant role in the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, the topic both classes studied Sunday. "Then the herald loudly proclaimed, 'Nations and peoples of every language, this is what you are commanded to do: As soon as you hear the sound of the ram's horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, you must fall down and worship the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. Whoever does not fall down and worship will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace.'" – Daniel 3:4-6

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partnering with them on community involvement and fundraising events. This group will play a key role in strengthening the connection between our center, our families and our community.

### Stay Connected!

We want our families and friends to be part of the exciting things happening here at the CDC! Be sure to watch for updates on our newly refreshed Facebook page, where we will share upcoming events, classroom events and ways to get involved.

At the CDC, our mission is simple – to create a safe, nurturing and Christ-filled space where our children can grow into confident, compassionate and capable learners. With these new programs and partnerships, we are excited to see how God will continue to bless our children, families and staff in the new year ahead. Our Open House is scheduled for August 22 at 5:30 p.m. and our new school year starts August 25.



## **WMU Kickoff**

Randa Gay and Jessica Brown with Isaiah 117 House spoke at the WMU Kickoff last week. They talked about their mission of providing a safe and loving home to children awaiting placement in a foster home. First Baptist's Grace Papanko also spoke. She reflected on her experience with WMU and missionaries while living in her native Ghana. Grace said WMU's influence on her church and the area she lived in led her and many others to Christ.

**FBCC's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Ice Cream  
Social**

Please bring your best homemade ice cream to share! Votes will be collected and winner of best ice cream will receive a PRIZE!

<b>Sunday, August 17th</b>	<b>4pm Fellowship Hall</b>
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# Memorials and Honorariums

## WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS TO THE

### General Fund in Memory of

Marie Monsees, John Zullo and Gene Stephenson by Jerry and Diane Carroll  
Jerry Johnson by the Hope Sunday School Class

### General Fund in Honor of

Jo Howard by the Bill O’Neal Mission Group  
Jo Howard by the Faith Sunday School Class

## Young adults invited to Echo

What is *Echo*? It is a gathering of younger 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



## Weekly Reports

Baptisms this Year.....10      New Members.....19

### Worship Attendance

Sunday, August 10.....187      Sunday, August 3.....168

### Sunday School Attendance

Sunday, August 10.....147      Sunday, August 3.....135

### General Fund Giving

Sunday, August 10.....\$18,284      Sunday, August 3.....\$14,444

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