

# The Outlook

## First Baptist Church Clayton

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## When God's plan comes together

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Years ago, there was a television show called the A-Team. Each week the team would face different situations that involved a multitude of odd talents working together to meet a challenge. As the plans



were put into motion Colonel John "Hannibal" Smith would say, "I love it when a plan comes together!"

I thought of that as I reflected on our Spring Fellowship last Wednesday night. It was a wonderful time when so many things came together to help us celebrate our 30/30/30 Wednesday night activities and introduce FBCC to our community

It is impossible to know how many people attended. Likewise, it is impossible to know the importance of the evening on the people we met. What is important is that we shared the love of Christ with many new friends and spread the seeds of fellowship with some who are looking for a church home.

So many groups and individuals contributed to the evening. Missions Outreach facilitated the event. Budget and Finance found the funds we needed. Volunteers took flyers

to our neighbors inviting them to join us.

Our men cooked the hotdogs, WMU groups provided cookies for dessert and cakes for the cake walk. Children's ministry took on having bouncy houses and setting up games.

The Youth provided facepainting, helped supervise the bouncy houses and assisted with cleanup. Senior Adults ran the Bingo Game, while our Prayer Ministry set up a tent to pray with people and help with their spiritual needs.

The Praise Band led our music, keeping us reminded that our fellowship was also an act of worship. It was a great evening because all worked together to honor Christ. There are many to thank! Many helped make the event a success.

This too reminds me of Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 12 where he wrote about the many gifts of the Spirit coming together for the good of all. There are many spiritual gifts among us. Not everyone can sing in a Praise Band, not everyone can make those great cookies we enjoyed.

Not everyone can pick up tables and chairs to assist with clean-up. Not everyone can perfectly cook a hotdog and expertly put it in a bun! Yet when we put it all together, we

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# Memorials and Honorariums

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS TO THE

General Fund in Memory of

Tom Medlin by his family

Audrey Riddick by Andy and Gloria Pleasant



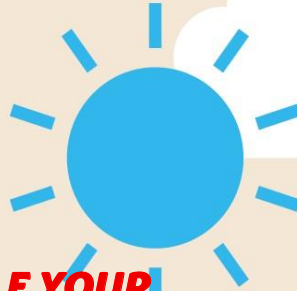
**American  
Red Cross**

## BLOOD DRIVE

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

411 N. Fayetteville Street  
Clayton, NC 27520

**Friday, June 19, 2026  
12:00 pm to 5:00 pm**



**SCHEDULE YOUR  
APPOINTMENT TODAY!!!  
SEE BELOW**

# SUMMER

# LIFESAVERS NEEDED

Please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter: [FirstBaptistClayton](https://www.redcrossblood.org) to schedule an appointment or **CLICK** on the following LINK:



<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=FirstBaptistClayton>

I am blessed beyond measure by your love, prayers and support shown me before and after my knee replacement. Every single dish, call, visit, card, flower, and PRAYER filled my heart with JOY. I give God the praise and glory for Christian friends who have servant hearts.

*thank you* 

Love in Christ – Sally Bierce

## Dance recital set for Sunday afternoon

Bada Bling Dance Studio's recital will be held Sunday, May 31 at 3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Director Stacie Moor's young dancers will be performing a one and one-half hour show.

Some of the First Baptist Church Clayton senior adults will also be participating. Please come out to support the dancers.

Tickets are \$2 cash and will be available from 3 to 3:25 p.m. the day of the show. FBCC members are welcome to attend at no charge. There will also be a silent auction. If you have any questions, call Stacie at 919-763-5738.

Pictured from left are members of Stacie's senior adult dance group: Lexene Lee, Edwina Oliver, Linda Nance, Dorothy Harris, Georgia Immordino, Susan Parker and Jo Earp.



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can be a part of the wonderful thing God is doing among us.

I share this to say that we all have something to contribute. Each of us has something we can give for the common good of all.

There are a variety of gifts. Each of these are given by God for the work of the Church. The gifts are not limited to prophets and preachers, teachers and interpreters.

There are a multitude of gifts among us, each important for the success of our fellowship. Everyone has something to share. Everyone's contribution brings glory to God.

It is a beautiful thing when God's plan comes together in our working together for the good of Christ's Body on earth.

# Hooked on Hope for Emma Fishing Tournament

June 27, 2026



**\$60.00 per person  
OR  
\$100.00 per 2 person team**



**BLAST OFF: 8:00 AM**

**WEIGH IN: 2:00 PM**

**Location:**

**Lilly's Bridge Access Area  
1097 Lilly's Bridge Rd.  
Mt Gilead, NC 27306  
910-434-6388**



**Rules**

- 5 Fish weigh-in
- 14 inch minimum length

**\*\*ALL DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED AND GREATLY APPRECIATED\*\***  
**ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT INCLUDING DONATIONS WILL GO TO EMMA AND HER FAMILY FOR MEDICAL EXPENSES AND TRAVEL.**

***PRIZES~~RAFFLES~~AND MORE***

Emma Rose, the niece of Terry McCallum, is home after chemotherapy. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Weekly Reports

Baptisms this Year.....4	New Members.....10
Worship Attendance	
Sunday, May 17.....148	Sunday, May 10.....209
Sunday School Attendance	
Sunday, May 17.....101	Sunday, May 10.....127
General Fund Giving	
Sunday, May 17.....\$15,930	Sunday, May 10.....\$18,047
2026 Weekly Needs.....\$17,470	