

# MARCH 2013

## *Birthdays*

1 <sup>st</sup> Miriam Rollison	18 <sup>th</sup> Andrew Templeton
Charliel Stahl	Aiden Malone
5 <sup>th</sup> Shelbi Henry	19 <sup>th</sup> Kathryn Byers
6 <sup>th</sup> Carla Porter	26 <sup>th</sup> Doug Frye
7 <sup>th</sup> David Dean	28 <sup>th</sup> Scott Clark
10 <sup>th</sup> Warren Bartlett	31 <sup>st</sup> Joan Vaughn
11 <sup>th</sup> Brennan Hughes	
12 <sup>th</sup> Christine Buccola	
14 <sup>th</sup> Taylor Rollison	
Melodie Miller	
Ava Manuel	

## *Anniversaries*

6 <sup>th</sup> Alan & Tammy Kirkman
20 <sup>th</sup> Tony & Lori Resler
21 <sup>st</sup> Rob & Cindy Allgood
24 <sup>th</sup> Rex & Lois Kirchoff
29 <sup>th</sup> Carl & Flo Byers

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### January 2013 Offering Totals:

General Fund ..... \$18,005.60  
Youth .....\$25.00  
Food Pantry.....\$958.35  
Hoops For Him .....\$1,200.00

### Year To Date Totals: (January 2013)

Budget Requirements ..... \$52,655.43  
Actual Receipts ..... \$46,488.83  
Actual Expenses ..... \$44,757.05

# FBC News & Activities

## **COMMUNITY LENTEN BREAKFAST / HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

Saturday	March 2	8:00 am	Lenten Breakfast @ Mineral Methodist
Saturday	March 9	8:00 am	Lenten Breakfast @ Mansions in Heaven
Saturday	March 16	8:00 am	Lenten Breakfast @ Tulip with Word of Life
Saturday	March 23	8:00 am	Lenten Breakfast @ First Baptist
Friday	March 29	7:00 pm	Community Good Friday Service @ First Presbyterian
Sunday	March 31	7:00 am	Community Easter Sunday Service @ United Methodist

## **SOUP ON SATURDAY – March 9**

FBC will be serving Soup on Saturday on March 9, 2013 at the First Methodist Church from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you would like to coordinate this ministry or just volunteer to serve or donate food, please contact me. It is truly a blessing to be able to provide food and fellowship to those attending.

In His service,  
Cheri Campbell

## **WANTED....**

.....an enthusiastic, motivated, mission minded person or team to head up VBS this year. There are several different exciting themes from which to choose. Take a look on line to preview the offerings. What could be more important than the opportunity to share the Good News with the children in our community. Pray about this opportunity. If you are interested, but feel it might be too much of a challenge for one person, talk to others in our church family about forming a VBS team. Contact Bob Templeton, Bob Weeks, or Cheri Campbell for more information.

## **AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING**

The America for Christ Offering 2013 will be received in March. The theme for this year is "Building Communities of Hope" based on Matthew 5:13-16. This offering blesses countless ministries across the US and in Puerto Rico. Offering envelopes will be available in the pews. Thank you for your generous support of this vital ministry.

## **Spend an evening with the PURDUE VARSITY GLEE CLUB**

Saturday, April 6, 2013 at 7:00PM at Bloomfield High School Glover Gym

Also appearing, Bloomfield's Center Stage

*Presale Tickets: \$10/adult & \$8/student.*

*Day of Show tickets, if available: \$12*

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Enjoy dinner with the Glee Club before the show!

\$8...reservations required by 3/31

Dinner provided by Bloomfield UMC & served in the BHS cafeteria

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For more info & to purchase tickets, visit our website: [www.friendsofthegleeclub.com](http://www.friendsofthegleeclub.com)  
or call Keith & Janene Hanauer 875-2503



# Youth Happenings!

*FRUITFUL LIVES ADORING THE MERCIFUL EVERLASTING SAVIOR*  
*"HIS WORD IS IN MY HEART LIKE A FIRE." JEREMIAH 20:9*

**Sunday, March 3** ~ Church Camp Sunday

**Tuesday, March 26 – Wednesday, March 27** ~ Girl's Night! Come to Tasha's house at 4pm on Tuesday for crafts, dancing, and girl talk! We'll make candles, bath scrubs and soaps, and other creative endeavors.

**Wednesday, March 27** ~ Field Trip! We're leaving at 4:30pm for a surprise destination. Let Tasha know if you need a ride. We'll return at 8pm.

**Drama Practice** - 5pm on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall. Plan on performing Thursday evening and Friday evening of Spring Break, March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.



The youth's annual fundraiser dinner will be Sat. May 11<sup>th</sup>. Thanks in advance for your support!

Also, we will honor our graduating seniors on Sun. May 19<sup>th</sup> with a lunch after church.

Any sophomore through senior girl wanting to attend Chrysalis can sign up for the Hoosier Hills weekend April 26<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup>.



# BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

## DAYCARE NEWS

We are all so excited to have spring here. As the Children learn about why we celebrate Easter, we will be telling the stories of Jesus all month and doing crafts to go along with the stories! One of the children's favorite things is when we talk about Jesus washing his disciples' feet and then we wash each other's feet. We will have our Easter Party on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Remember we are closed on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> in celebration of Jesus dying for us because he loved us so much.

Get ready for our flowers fundraiser. We will let you know the exact date in April so they will be here for Mothers Day. Start saving your pennies.

### **Mini Musings:**

A group of 3-4 year olds were learning about Presidents Day their caregiver asked them "who do you think is the President" they replied "God" she said "No" they said "well then its Jesus".

A 5 year old went home one day and said to his Mom "I would like to change my name to Isaac" she asked why and he replied "did you know Isaac is in the Bible".

A caregiver asked a 9 year old boy "are you wearing cologne" the child said "yes" the caregiver said "you smell good" the child replied "I've been wearing it for years".

The 3-5 year old class was asked "what starts with Q" after saying several things that start with Q one of the 5 year olds yelled out "cucumber".

One day as the school age were leaving to get on the bus I said "Be Good" one of the 5 year olds turned to me and said "you too".

*When asked "what love means" this is what some of our children had to say...*

Ben age 3- "You got to love everybody. You love somebody if you want to hug somebody."

Bailey age 3- "Jesus"

Cohen age 3- "Dogs, animals"

Tera age 4- They make you a pretty picture and that means they love you."

Abby S age 3- "Jesus. Mary"

Kierington age 4- "I love you. Thank you. Barbie"

Lyla age 4- "God. The animals".

Aiden age 5- "Love means if somebody gives you something you say I love you and that means thank you. If you give something to somebody like a new puppy or something and they say thanks that means love you. If you ask your Mom nicely then give them a kitten or something."

Abby R. age 4- "They care about you".

Reagan age 5- "Love means that you love somebody. You do nice things. Make sure they are o.k."

Samauryion age 4- "That means you love your Mommy and Daddy. You kiss them and hug them".

Toby age 5- "You like someone, If you hug and kiss them. Moms and Dads. Jesus".

Chase age 5- "I love my Dad. I love my Mom. Give them Hearts".

Holden age 5- Love Jesus, Do what he asks us to do".

Mckenzie age 4- "Jesus loves us".

Andrew age 5- "That you love people. Give them a kiss or hug them."

# BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

The month of February has flown by for the 3-4 year old class. It is hard to believe we have almost made it through the alphabet. We have been busy learning our letters Q, R, S, and T and also introducing the numbers 4, 5, and 6. We have also been continuing our review of the colors and shapes and boy are we getting good! Along with the letters of the week, we have been reading many stories to coincide with the Bible. We read *The Quiltmaker's Gift*, *Ruth and Naomi*, *The lost Sheep*, and *The Giving Tree*. Through these stories we have learned about trusting God, and how real joy comes with giving and loving those around us, loyalty and friendship, and how much God loves us.

The children have been able to have a lot of hands on fun and experimenting this month. We have created our own quilt patterns, completed a sugar and salt experiment, and had an in touch with the sense of touch experiment.

The children were also able to participate in their Valentine Party on Thursday, February 14. We had a valentine exchange, created a few crafts, played some fun games, and of course we ate some yummy snacks. Thanks to many of the parent's participation, the party went over well and a good time was had by all!

Blessings,  
Mrs. Farmer and Miss Katie

During the cold winter months, the four and five year old class has been busy learning more letters and numbers. The children have recently learned the letters Rr, Ss, Tt, and Uu! We are going to run out of letters soon! Cute raccoons were made during the Rr week. Spiral snakes abounded during the Ss week. The weeks of Tt and Uu had us making tiger puppets and fun pictures with umbrellas! We hope that these works of art will also trigger a letter/sound association with each letter.

We also had many interesting Bible stories to go with these letters. The story of Ruth and Naomi demonstrated their loyalty, friendship, and devotion to each other. The story of the mighty strength of Samson always prompts a display of muscles from the children. A discussion about the Ten Commandments, God's special rules, comes with the letter Tt.

We enjoyed a special celebration with Valentine's Day. The children, several parents, and grandparents had a fun time at our parties. It is always great fun to get special cards from our friends. We thank all of the participants for their time and talents!

Blessings,  
Mrs. DeGott and Miss Katie



Bright Beginnings

# A Note from Pastor Nathan

March has arrived and plenty of basketball comes with it. During the first weekend of the month, IHSAA boys' sectional champions and girls' state champions will be determined. By mid-month, major college conference tournaments will begin. This will be followed by three consecutive weekends of NCAA Tournament play. We will have opportunities to view a lot of basketball.

Whether you love basketball or are rather indifferent, we all have this in common: we don't care much about the majority of these teams. Think about it for a minute. There are tournaments going on at many levels of play all around the country. The vast majority of games played never hit our radar, and most of those that do elicit little response in us.

But each team is important to somebody, somewhere. We may never meet them, but there are people who get very excited when Long Beach State wins. Others are very disappointed when Stony Brook loses. Reactions are the same after every game: one set of fans cheers a victory while another group mourns a loss. For every team, there are people who care deeply, and it shows.

How do we get to the point where we are so concerned about a team and its welfare? We watch a team play. We read about its games. We learn about the athletes' lives. We purchase tickets and wear apparel. We hang out with other folks who like the same team, and find approval. That sense of affirmation motivates us all the more to attend, watch, read, learn, wear, spend, and talk about our favorite teams. And we get very excited when a championship is on the line. We are so invested because we have invested so much.

An honest evaluation of my life shows that I have often been more enthused about what a team might do than what God has done. I have frequently been more excited about a momentary play or a temporary championship than I have been about the enduring power and everlasting victory of God. How can this be?

The human heart longs for victory. Athletic victories are not without meaning or value. But if we pursue these championships with all that is in us, we find that after the season, win or lose, we still yearn for something more. Victories have come – some of them, championships – but we are left longing for victory.

*But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 15:57).* Whatever other victories we may celebrate this March, the greatest falls on the last day of the month, Easter Sunday! The more I explore the victory of Christ and its ramifications – freedom from sin, death, and fear; hope of resurrection and new creation; the end of evil and the salvation of God's people – the more satisfied and excited I become.

This article is not a condemnation of those who watch basketball. I still enjoy sports and value many things about athletics. But what we see here is a dangerous tendency to place our hopes in temporary things – and there are lots of things we do this with, not just basketball. When an interest becomes an idol we find trouble.

Calling out to us is the loving voice of the Holy Spirit, prompting us to pursue the One who is Champion of all. He does not lose and His victory will never end. His victory is ours even when we walk through life's losses. As we stand staring into broken cisterns looking for satisfaction, the Lord calls us to turn around and drink freely from His streams of living water. Repent and believe the Gospel!

The greatest Victory has been won! Let's pursue it and proclaim it with all that we are.

Thanks be to God!

# HOSANNA BANNER

Offer Jesus our King praises by making this banner for Palm Sunday.

## What you need:

- 6 sheets of green construction paper (8" x 11")
- Pencil
- Scissors
- 7 sheets of pastel-colored paper
- Rubber cement or glue
- 7 sheets of white cardstock (8" x 8")
- Hole punch
- Thin ribbon



## What you do:

1. Fold the stack of green paper in half. Draw a palm branch on one of the folded sides and cut out all 12 branches.
2. On the pastel-colored paper, draw and cut out block letters to spell the word *Hosanna* – one letter per sheet. Then glue each letter onto a sheet of white paper.
3. Punch one hole in the top of each palm branch and two holes in each letter square (top left and top right corners).
4. Thread the ribbon through a palm branch, letter, palm branch, letter, etc. Tie a knot after each hole to keep the pieces from sliding.



When Jesus entered Jerusalem, a large crowd cheered for him. Complete this puzzle to discover what they used (also see John 12:13).

**Directions:** In the number grid below, draw lines by starting with the first number in each list and stopping at the last.

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112-68-102  
102-107-92-102  
102-47-92

92-97-82-92  
92-37-82  
22-42-44-32-9-42  
42-55-52-66-62-77-72

42-19-52-18-62-17-72  
82-27-72-87-82  
82-42

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