

October 2013

Birthdays

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| 2 nd Kim Bailey | 12 th Alan Brown |
| Sarah Shaffer | Malea Toon |
| 3 rd Norm Sullivan | 14 th Jean Burcham |
| 4 th Bob Templeton | Paul Stewart III |
| 6 th Joe Burcham | 18 th Rodney Roark |
| 8 th Bob Holt | Kent Rollison |
| 9 th Betty Baker | 19 th Nancy Brinson |
| Rex Kirchoff | Megan Lunberry |
| 10 th Jean Boyer | 22 nd Jackie Vandeventer |
| 11 th Steve Ham | 24 th Brenda Nichols |
| Delene Weeks | 29 th Zachary Hudson |
| 12 th Alan Brown | Brixton Groomer |
| Malea Tood | 31 st Robyn Allgood |

Anniversaries

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| 7 th Warren & Paula Bartlett |
| 9 th James & Heather Malone |
| 11 th Steve & Sandy Clark |
| Bob & Janice Holt |
| 12 th Charles & Mary Jane Parker |
| 18 th Jeff & Teresa Coffin |
| 20 th Randy & Brenda Flanagin |

Prayer Concerns

On-Going Prayer Concerns

Bright Beginnings Daycare and Preschool
 Nancy Cummings – cancer
 Albert DeGott – cancer
 Jonathan Kirchoff – brain tumor
 (Rex & Lois' grandson)
 Peace seeking in Iraq & Afghanistan

Homebound

Roberta Neill

Parkview Village - Odon

Betty Baker

Missionaries

Tyler & Georgene Lunberry in India
 American Baptists around the world

FINANCIAL REPORT

August 2013 Offering Totals:

General Fund..... \$16,665.21
 Food Pantry..... \$120.00
 Lydia Circle \$100.00
 One Great Hour of Sharing \$25.00

Year to Date Offering Totals (Aug. 2013)

Budget Requirements 421,470.88
 Actual Receipts 395,813.38
 Actual Expenses 414,753.17

FBC News & Activities

FBC sermons are now available online! Please visit our church website, fcbloom.org, and click on "Featured Media." Sermon recordings are listed there by date, title, and Scripture text. Special thanks go to our technology team for making this ministry possible.

Apple Festival is Fast Approaching! – October 4-6



We need the church body to pitch in to support our Chicken and Noodle Booth. We'll need food donations, kitchen workers, runners, and booth workers for Friday and Saturday, October 4th and 5th. The fun will officially start at 6:00pm on Thursday, October 3rd when we will need people to set up the booth AND people to make noodles!

Sign-up sheets for food donations and workers will be passed around during the month of September. Please see Kimberly and Charles Porter for more information.

Food Pantry Float

The First Christian Church of Bloomfield will be sponsoring a float in the Annual Apple Festival Parade on Sunday, 6 October, to collect food or monetary donations for the First Baptist Church Community Food Pantry. Identified volunteer walkers will be collecting canned goods and cash donations along the parade route.



Please consider donating to this worthy cause and support your local food pantry. Look for the walkers pushing shopping carts and help out those in need. The pantry is currently in need of canned goods such as green beans, spaghetti sauce, tuna fish, pork and beans, to mention a few. If you don't have any canned goods on hand, please consider a cash donation.

For more information, please call DeWayne Allan, 384-4572 or Sharon Terrell 384-3256.

Operation Medicine Cabinet – October 12, 10am-1pm

Due to an increase of break-ins of senior citizen homes and an increase of abuse/misuse of prescription drugs, agencies in Greene County have established Operation Medicine Cabinet. If you or someone you know has unused or expired drugs/medications, you can take them to one of the 4 Township Fire Departments on October 12 between 10am – 1pm. We will see that they are disposed of properly. Please call 384-4781 ext 3 with any questions.

- Wright Township Fire Department – Midland
- Center Township Fire Department – Little Cincinnati
- Stockton Township Fire Department – Linton
- Richland Township Fire Department – Bloomfield

Sponsored by your local: Soil and Water; Sherriff's Department; Health Department; Local Coordinating Council; Churches; Greened Education Services; Baxter Comics and JR Billboards

Who is eligible for assistance from the Bloomfield First Baptist Church Food Pantry?

Could be you or a friend or a family member!!!

Even if you are currently employed, you can still utilize the Food Pantry. Eligibility is determined by your monthly / yearly income and your current address.

The First Baptist Church Community Food Pantry, located on 500 Lincoln Drive in Bloomfield, is available to households that meet specified monthly or yearly income levels, and live in the following zip code areas: 47424, 47457, 47439, 47449, 47453, and 47551.

The income levels set by the federal government for 2014 are as follows:

| <u>Family Members</u> | <u>Monthly Income</u> | <u>Yearly Income</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 person | \$1,772 | \$21,257 |
| 2 people | \$2,392 | \$28,694 |
| 3 people | \$3,011 | \$36,131 |
| 4 people | \$3,631 | \$43,568 |
| 5 People | \$4,251 | \$51,005 |
| 6 People | \$4,871 | \$58,442 |

The amount of food given to a family is designed to provide meals for 1-week. Clients are encouraged to shop independently. Families may shop one time per month, twelve months a year. The food stocked in the pantry is received from private donations, community donations, church donations, Feeding America donations, Hoosier Hills Food Bank, and from Catholic Charities.

The Food Pantry hours are: Monday through Thursday from 9 – 11 am. and Tuesday evenings from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. **Closed on Friday.** Photo ID and current proof of residence are required. Please call the First Baptist Church (384-8459) Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. with questions.

Brad Pridemore Scholarship Fund

The 2013 recipients of the Brad Pridemore Scholarship are: Jennifer Moody, Rochelle Schmidt and Alex Weeks. May God bless each of you as you further your education.

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

DAYCARE NEWS

Fall is here and we have some exciting things planned for our children. We will be carving pumpkins on Thursday, October 24 and our annual Fall Festival Party will be on Friday, October 25. We plan on lots of arts and crafts, games and food, come join the fun. We look forward to watching the changes that fall brings.

It is also time again for PUMPKIN ROLLS! We will be taking orders October 6 - 21. They will be here in time for Thanksgiving. YUM! The cost will be \$14 per roll. Thank you for your support.

Tammy Kirkman
Daycare Director

Purdue Student Foundation

On September 29th, Shawn Zambrows, who represents the Purdue Baptist Foundation (The Found) located at the Purdue University Campus, shared about what the Purdue Found is accomplishing.

Shawn stated: The Found's goal is to help college students grow in their relationship with Christ. More and more we have students that have not had much of a Christian background so we are actually introducing them to Christ and the faith.

The Found offers Bible studies, worship on Sunday mornings, social activities, especially activities that are alternatives to some of the weekend campus activities that involve alcohol and such. We create a welcoming environment for students to bring their friends. We even have some of those "friends" attend these activities without the student who originally brought them.

We have always been involved in mission and service by helping Christian students understand that as a disciple of Christ they are called to service. We continue to do this, but now we are also striving to help people involved in service to understand that what they are already doing is something that God is calling them to do and through that we work to introduce them to Christ. We are calling this "From Servant to Disciple."

We are involved in a service project organized by the Wesley Foundation that each fall brings together hundreds of students to go out into the community and prepare the homes of elderly and disabled folks for winter. It is called Winterization. Our students have been on the planning team for this event for years. The year before last our students at the Found decided to organize a spring semester version of this, called Springification. This past semester we had our second annual event and we had over 120 student volunteers that served nearly 50 homes.

This past year we have also started a "homework club" in one of the section 8 apartment complexes in West Lafayette. We have done this in cooperation with Federated Church (the ABC-related church in WL). Now we have students who go twice a week to help these elementary and middle school-aged students with their homework. They also serve as mentors and role models to the kids.

In addition to these particular things we have students who occasionally do night duty at the homeless shelter, we have a day that we help with the local Habitat for Humanity, we bake cookies each year for the Kairos Prison Ministry, and we go on our annual spring break mission trip (this past year we went to N.C. to work with Habitat for Humanity and this coming year we are planning to do work in Boston with groups that work with homeless people). Our goal is to help students see that service and mission are a regular part of life with Christ and we hope that they will continue to be involved in mission and service for the rest of their lives.





Youth Happenings!

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

Apple Crisp Night

Wed. Oct. 2nd we'll be making Apple Crisps to sell at the Festival.

Apple Festival – Oct. 4-6

If you haven't already signed up, contact Kimberly Porter to work the booth!

ABY Fall Retreat: Registration Deadline is Sunday Oct. 13th

The ABY Fall Retreat will be held Nov. 8-10 at Camp Camby in Camby, IN. The theme is "I Am: Finding ourselves in who God is" with the focus on Isaiah 43. Building Nations will be the worship band, we will participate in identity groups, and support NightLight Ministries. Don't miss the deadline to enjoy this great retreat!

FLAMES Christmas Dinner, a mission trip fundraiser

We are very hopeful about scheduling a mission trip to El Salvador. We do not yet have confirmation from the mission organization we hope to partner with, but we want to move forward in preparing our funds so we are ready to go when we get the okay from God to move forward. The youth will host a Christmas dinner after church on Sunday Dec. 1st as a fundraiser. We'll feature a variety of soups and homemade breads and we hope you'll plan now to support our endeavors. Please pray for opportunities in El Salvador, and perhaps you'll feel God calling you to join in this mission.



A Note from Pastor Nathan

Happy October!

By the time you are reading this, we will be more than halfway through a sermon series inspired by our church's Vision Statement. That statement is undergirded by nine beliefs. We have been digging into the Scripture together to see where those beliefs originate, and what claim they make upon our lives. Our desire is for the Holy Spirit to speak to us during this journey and lead us in obedience during the days ahead.

The thing about any vision statement is this: it must be visible. A vision statement that is out-of-sight and out-of-mind will probably also be out-of-practice. Soon, you will see our Vision Statement posted in various places around the church building. It will serve as a subtle but constant reminder to us of our focus for ministry.

But the church is the church even when we're not *at* the church. We all spend most of our time somewhere other than these physical church premises. When we leave the building, we are still the church. We still have a vision to embody. So, we need our Vision Statement to be visible to us somewhere beyond the church walls.

What a wonderful opportunity this newsletter article now presents us. Below, taken from our church's *Personnel, Policies and Procedures Handbook*, are our Vision and Belief Statements. You now have them in your hands or on your computer screen. I invite you to print these out and place them somewhere in your regular field of vision. Maybe that could be as a bookmark in your Bible, or a note on your refrigerator, or anywhere you might see these things daily and remember our shared calling to live them out daily.

"And God is able to make all grace abound to [us], so that in all things, at all times, having all that [we] need, [we] may abound in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8). Pray that the Spirit will help us to abound!

Grace and peace,

Nathan

FBC Vision Statement: The First Baptist Church is the body of Christ, nurturing all parts of the body within, bringing Christ to others and others to Christ.

Beliefs: *As believers, our responsibility to Christ is to be His witnesses in this community and in the entire world. Our witness demonstrates the following core values:*

- We believe all people have immeasurable worth because they are created in the image of God.
- We believe God wants all people to know Christ as their Lord and Savior.
- We believe our calling as followers is to reflect Christ's love to others in our daily lives.
- We believe Christ's love compels us to minister to the needs of the Body, Mind, and Spirit of everyone.
- We believe each of us is empowered by the Holy Spirit to use our God-given gifts so the Body of Christ may function as God intends.
- We believe each part of the Body of Christ is equally important.
- We believe Prayer is the vital link connecting God to us and us to God.
- We believe our daily lives are dependent on God's Grace, Mercy, and Love.
- We believe we should share in one another's sorrows and joys.