

**The First Baptist Connection**

# January 2016

**News and Updates for our Family in Christ**

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### Children's Worship

*(2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays only)*

10 <sup>th</sup>	Betty Miller
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## *Birthdays*

5 <sup>th</sup> Jamie Hudspeth	22 <sup>nd</sup> Erin Sullivan
Avery Malone	23 <sup>rd</sup> Joann White
6 <sup>th</sup> Remington Roark	24 <sup>th</sup> Younkyung Kim
9 <sup>th</sup> Pauline Auxier	26 <sup>th</sup> Jennifer Moody
Teresa Coffin	Charles Parker
Debra Hudson	Jeanette Riggs
10 <sup>th</sup> Tasha Hudson	28 <sup>th</sup> Charlotte
12 <sup>th</sup> Janet Brown	Humerickhouse
16 <sup>th</sup> Earl White	31 <sup>st</sup> Kevin Flinn

## *Prayer Concerns*

### On-Going Prayer Concerns

Bright Beginnings Daycare and Preschool  
Steve Buccola  
Charlie Farmer  
Tyler & Georgene Lunberry  
Mary Jane Parker  
Kay & Don Pierce  
Peace seeking in Iraq & Afghanistan  
American Baptist missionaries

### Lyons Health & Living Center

Betty Baker  
Roberta Neill

## *Anniversaries*

25<sup>th</sup> David & Lydia Hunter

1<sup>st</sup> Fridays



@

1<sup>st</sup> Baptist

Obeying **GOD**

Registration @ 6:00 PM

Dinner @ 6:15 PM

Special Movie Night @ 7:00 PM

Pick-up @ 8:30 PM

**500 Lincoln Dr.**

**812-384-8459**

*Call the church by 12:00 PM Thursday to schedule transportation!*

**AGES 4-12 (3 YR. OLDS WELCOME WITH AN ADULT)**

**Friday, January 8**  
**We Obey God!**

"This is love for God: to obey his commands."

—1 John 5:3a, NIV '84

# FBC News & Activities

## Hoops for Him - 2016

The 2016 Hoops for Him Basketball Program will be held at the Bloomfield First Baptist Christian Life Center beginning January 23 and ending March 12, 2016. Any boy or girl age 4 through 6th Grade is invited to participate. Session 1 for Preschool and Kindergarten age kids will be 9:00-10:00am, Session 2 for Grades 1-3 will be 10:00-11:30am, and Session 3 for Grades 4-6 will be 11:30am-1:00pm each Saturday. The season will conclude with an Awards Banquet on March 12th at 6:00pm. Sign-up forms are available at the church office.



Many volunteers are needed every Saturday to lead each session, coach the kids, work the concession stand, and provide devotions. Please prayerfully consider how you can help make our 6th season successful. Contact Eric Moody (email [eric.moody@navy.mil](mailto:eric.moody@navy.mil) or text 812-227-0700) if you are willing to assist.

## BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

### DAYCARE NEWS

We are all excited about the New Year. God has been so good and we know He has awesome things in store for us in 2016.

A 3 year old told his Mom, Santa and us that he wanted a “roller down” for Christmas. We all tried so hard to figure out what he was talking about. After weeks of trying his caregiver asked him to show her a “roller down.” He goes over and picks up a toilet paper roll.

While talking about Christmas and Jesus’ birth a 3 year old told his caregiver “Jesus comes out at Easter.”



# A Note from Pastor Nathan

For many years now there has been some debate over the appropriateness of the phrase, “Merry Christmas!” Sometimes “Merry Christmas” is put on the back burner in favor of something generic, like “Happy Holidays.”

When we Christians complain about this issue, our favorite villain to blame is “political correctness.” And to a certain extent that is true. But what if there are also other reasons people aren’t saying “Merry Christmas”?

What if there are a lot of people who don’t actually know what Christmas is about?

If Linus had to remind Charlie Brown of the true meaning of Christmas back in 1965, is it possible that a lot of people in our world today have forgotten the true meaning of Christmas?

Is it possible that a lot of people are thinking like the Grinch (before his heart grew three sizes), that Christmas is only about packages, boxes, and bags?

Is it possible that a lot of people think Christmas – as in many of our movies – is only about some magic feeling and a benevolent, bearded man?

If people think Christmas is only about these trivial things, can we blame them for dropping Christmas, not only in name but also in practice?

But you object – the practice of Christmas is not declining. Millions of Americans participate in gift-giving, light-hanging, party-going, card-sending and other practices that are associated with Christmas. Several even participate in explicitly Christian gatherings, like cantatas and Christmas Eve services. But I think that in many cases, they know not what they do. Even some who know Christmas is about Jesus do not really *know* Jesus.

By the time you are reading this, it is either late December or early January. The distinction between those who say “Merry Christmas” and those who only say “Happy Holidays” is no longer apparent. There must be something else distinctive about those of us who claim to know and follow Christ.

“If you love Me, you will obey what I command.”

“Love one another as I have loved you.”

“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart.”

“Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Please don’t stop saying “Merry Christmas.” But if we want more people to come to know Jesus – and therefore really appreciate the meaning of Christmas – we need to do something more than just say the appropriate phrase in December. We have lives to live among our neighbors, employers, co-workers, teachers, students, classmates, teammates and friends. In most cases, people will need to see the love of Christ in us before they will care what we have to say about Christ.

We are the aroma of Christ. It’s January. We have a great opportunity before us. Holy Spirit, help us!

“Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit,” says the Lord.

Grace and peace,  
Nathan

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**JANUARY  
2016**

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Bright Beginnings Daycare & Preschool: 384-0400

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:00 Kingdom Kids	4 6:30 Trustees	5	6	7	8 6:30 First Friday @ First Baptist	9
10 9:00 Kingdom Kids	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 9:00 Hoops 4 Him
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<b>Deacon of the Month</b> <i>John Bailey</i>	<b>Trustee of the Month</b> <i>Greg Flinn</i>	<b>Usher of the Month</b> <i>Charles Porter</i>	<b>Greeter</b> <i>Norm &amp; Nancy Sullivan</i>
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<u>Reoccurring Weekly Activities @ FBC</u>		
<b>Sundays:</b>	6:00 p.m.	REVIVE - Sanctuary
<b>Mondays:</b>	10:30 a.m.	Enhanced Fitness - FH
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts – FH
	6:30 p.m.	Faithful Workouts – CLC
<b>Tuesdays:</b>	6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts - FH
	7:00 p.m.	Cottage Prayer Group
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	10:30 a.m.	Enhanced Fitness – FH
	6:15 p.m.	FLAMES - CLC
<b>Thursdays:</b>	6:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast - Dairy Queen
	10:30 a.m.	Enhanced Fitness - FH
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts - FH
	6:30 p.m.	Gideons (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs. each month) – FH

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