

The First Baptist Connection

February 2015

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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Sound System

1 st	Paul Schmidt
8 th	Braden Hudson
15 th	Mark Kirkman
22 nd	Eric Moody

Prayers

1 st	Betty Miller
8 th	Tony Resler
15 th	Debra Hudson
22 nd	Cheri Campbell

Children's Worship

(2nd & 4th Sundays only)

8 th	Betty Miller
22 nd	Sandy Clark, Janet Schmidt & Andrew Templeton

February 2015

Birthdays

2 nd Claire Sims	20 th Mike Canty
4 th Evelyn Resler	21 st Mark Flinn
6 th Mark Clapp	Sharon Terrell
9 th Casey Porter	23 rd Sherry Weeks
11 th Kay Pierce	25 th Gary Sullivan
Tera Pangallo	27 th Paula Bartlett
12 th Nancy Sullivan	Betty Miller
13 th Janet Schmidt	
15 th Tasha Campbell	
17 th Rosie Allgood	

Prayer Concerns

On-Going Prayer Concerns

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

Homebound

Roberta Neill

Parkview Village - Odon

Betty Baker

Missionaries

American Baptists around the world

Anniversaries

14 th Earl & Joann White
14 th Ron & Jeanette Riggs
16 th Steve & Kathy Ham
17 th Brad & Shawn Hughes

FINANCIAL REPORT

DECEMBER 2014 Offering Totals:

General Fund	\$24,988.33
Food Pantry	\$436.00
Building Usage	\$200.00
Youth Fund	\$45.00
White Christmas	\$640.00
World Mission	\$32.27

Join us for:

 **The
Jesus
Tour**

2nd Fridays

@ Bloomfield First Baptist

(500 Lincoln Drive)

February 13—*"The Greatest Commandment"*

Matthew 22:35-40

TOUR BEGINS @ 6:30 PM! Pick up @ 8:30 PM!

Children ages 3- 6th Grade welcome!

(3 years olds must have an adult stay with them.)

Join us this month as we learn about the greatest commandment given to us! We'll have dinner followed by a special puppet-led story time, LOVEly games, HEART-felt crafts, and much more!



Youth Happenings!

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

Women's Retreat, Junior & Senior High ladies included, February 20-22, 2015

What is your Identity? Daughter, sister, friend, teacher, mother athlete, speaker, role model, artist, businesswoman... Leave those roles behind and join us for a weekend of identifying and exploring our identity in Christ. Your true identity. What did He make you to be? Register today and join a large group of other women for a weekend of fellowship, friendship, and deeper understanding of our identity in Christ. (6pm Fri-2pm Sun)

Ski Trip! – February 25

The youth group is going skiing on Wednesday, February 25. We will leave right after school (3pm) and be home around 10pm. The cost is \$15 per person and you will need money for dinner as well. The \$15 needs to be turned in by February 22nd to reserve your spot. Church Family, if you are interested in joining the youth on the ski trip, please talk to Tasha!

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

DAYCARE NEWS

February 13th will be our Valentine exchange party. We will also be making valentines for Jesus and valentines for residents of our local nursing homes.

Here are some of the Children's responses to my question "What is Love?"

School age

Samauryion: It means you love your Parents. It means you are happy. You celebrate Valentine's day.

Chase: You care about people. You like them and care about them.

Zachary: To love others and be kind to others. To be nice and love your family and have happy feelings and always have fun with your family. Always trust in God and Jesus and people in Heaven.

Jaden: Family, Happy, Beloved.

Jordan: Liking People, being nice to people, being kind to people.

Adalyn: It means, it's like you really really really like someone and you don't want it to die or get harmed and you pray for it.

Taylor: Love means that when a person and another person like each other. Something being loved and you like something and it is something important to you in your life, and you never won't love it. Someone you like a person you share other love.

Justin: Now that I think about it it is harder to explain than I thought. Everybody is created equally. I could probably write a book about this Ms. Tammy. It's like trying to explain money.

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

DAYCARE NEWS - continued

5 year olds

Ayden: It means you like someone. You love someone forever and you want to see them forever and you want to stay with them forever. I want to stay with my Grandmother forever.

Ryan: It means you love people, giving hugs, and kissing your Moms and Dads.

Freya: Loving somebody like your parents

Ben: It's from your heart, you hug them.

Adam: You love your people. I love Ms. Erin. You go to daycare. I love Daddy and Emmi.

4 year olds

Emmi: I don't know what love is yet. I think I forgot a little so I just don't know yet.

Ella: You love your family, by Jesus.

Adalyn: It means you fall in love. I need to go potty.

Braylon: I hug my Dad and my Mom.

Johni Lynn: Love means you love somebody. You ask them if they love you and they might say yes.

Angela: Valentine's day. You give cards to people that has a heart in it. You have a heart in here (points to her chest).

Gannon: It's I like Mamaw, Papaw, Grandma, Papaw, Grandma, Grandpa, and my Mommy, Bubby he's at school

3 year olds

Wyatt: Mouse, tractor, dump truck, I don't know. How about a fox?

Nathan: I love my Mommy. I love my Daddy and my friends.

Kaydance: A Heart, a hug and a kiss

Peyten: Zylah

Keaton W.: Kiss, stickers on charts, bugs

Lane: A heart, that I love my Mommy.

Jonah: A hug, that's it

Avalyn: Hearts, blueberries, Pears, Milk

2 year olds

Leo: Turkey, taco, sausage, pepperoni, waffles. Me and Annie have waffles at home. Annie's my sister. Oscar's my brother.

Ellie: Mommy, Daddy and Adalyn. Adalyn rides the school bus. Ellie.

Keaton H.: This (he holds out his hands palms up and wiggles his fingers).

Tennlee: Tammy

We thank you for your continual support and prayers for our children, staff and facilities.

Tammy Kirkman,
Daycare Director

News & Activities

Life Line Health Screenings – February 2

First Baptist Church is pleased to host Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, on February 2, 2015. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners. **YOU MUST REGISTER FOR AN APPOINTMENT.**

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## Valentine's Dinner – February 14

On Saturday, February 14, 2015 the Youth will host their fundraising Valentine's Dinner. You will be served salad, lasagna, bread and desserts in a glowing atmosphere. Support the youth and enjoy a nice dinner out.

**Submit your reservations today!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ # in your party \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need childcare? Please list names and ages of children:

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You may place your reservation in the offering plate or on the Secretary's desk. OR call the church office at 384-8459 and give your reservation to Brenda.

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Open Arms Anniversary Celebration

Open Arms invites you to their 30th Anniversary Spring Celebration featuring Kathy Troccoli in concert. It will be held at the Red Skelton Performing Arts Center in Vincennes, on May 16th @ 7pm. Tickets are \$10 each and only **available until March 1** at this price for floor seating. If enough FBC folks would like to go, we will take the church bus. Please see Sharon Terrell BEFORE February 23 to reserve your seat!

YOU ARE INVITED!

The Church Family is invited to share in our joy as we are united in marriage on March 14, 2015, at 4:30 p.m. A dinner reception will be held immediately following the ceremony in the Christian Life Center. Kindly R.S.V.P. by February 21, 2015, to crcampbell65@gmail.com. There will also be a signup list on the library counter. We are looking forward to celebrating with our friends and family. In lieu of gifts, donations to the FBC Food Pantry will be appreciated.



Cheri Campbell and Steve Graf

Guitar Club

Come work on guitar chords Wednesdays 3-5pm in the Youth Room, or Sunday 5-6pm in the Choir Room. Hone skills while getting encouragement and tips from other guitar players. If you are interested in individual lessons with an IU Masters student on Thursday nights, please talk to Braden or Tasha Hudson.

Faithful Workouts

Aerobics are being offered on Monday nights at 6:30pm in the CLC. Come workout to Christian music with Bible verses and faith encouragement while getting cardio exercise. You may want to bring a mat or towel, and small hand weights or an exercise band if you have it. If you do not, it is fine. Exercises will be demonstrated with and without these accessories. The exercise is demonstrated at various levels of intensity. If you have questions talk to Sandy Clark.

Family Friendly DVD's Now Available at the Church Library!

These DVDs are available for you to check out and return with consideration to other members of the congregation. Please limit checkouts to two DVDs at a time, and return them within a week. We ask that everyone be respectful with this new addition to church property! If you have DVDs you would like to donate, please let Georgia Flinn, Kimberly Porter, or Tasha Hudson know. DVDs are located on the top left shelf of the library. There is a card checkout box for you to fill out with the DVDs. Titles currently available are:

Adventures of the Swiss Family Robinson

Amish Grace

Billy Graham, the early years

Bonhoeffer, agent of grace

Courageous

Cross and the Tower (9/11 10th Anniversary)

Eric Liddell Champion

Fireproof

Flywheel

God's Not Dead

Grace Unplugged

Hardflip

Hidden in Silence (WWII)

Hiding Place (Corrie Ten Boom)

Jesus of Nazareth (1977)

Kings Faith

Left Behind (Kirk Cameron Trilogy)

Lessons by Rebecca St. James v. 1

Lessons by Rebecca St. James v. 2

Lessons by Rebecca St. James v. 3

Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of the Rings

Louie Giglio Passion Talk Complete Collection 9 talks

Love Comes Softly (10 DVD set)

Mom's Night Out

Ragamuffin

Seasons of Gray

Secrets of Jonathan Speery

Soul Surfer

Sunday School Musical

The Family Project (12 session small group study)

Though None Go With Me

Tim Hawkins Greatest Hits & Bits

Touched By Grace

Unconditional

What's in the Bible? #12: Letters from Paul!

VeggieTales Funtastic Four!, 2-Disc Set

What's in the Bible? #8: Words to Make Us Wise

Heroes of the Bible: Moses, Miriam, and Joseph.

What's in the Bible? #13: God's Kingdom Comes

Mission Trip Opportunity – July 18-25

An American Baptist Church in Ft. Wayne is hosting a Mission Serve week July 18-25th.

<http://mission-serve.com/mission-serve/2015-projects/fort-wayne-in>

Do you want to try a mission trip? We would arrive Saturday night, February 18, attend church at Faith Baptist Church Sunday morning, work on projects with others for the week, and return home around noon on the Friday, February 25. Each church group is housed in their own room (one for girls, one for guys) with shower trailers on site. Breakfast and Dinner is provided at Faith Baptist Church each day, and Lunch is provided by other area churches at the work sites. Work will include roofing, siding, drywall, painting, and building handicap ramps for low income families in Ft. Wayne. The cost is \$260 per person. If any adult wants to be a construction leader, they would be in charge of a work site. They will receive all the details in a packet describing the job and the tools needed, and their week is free. Students going into 7th grade and all ages above that are invited. Worship is provided each night and we'll get to know others working on the project. (Everyone receives a t-shirt, CD of photos from the week, group photo, and tool belt!) Mission Serve starts taking deposits Feb. 1 (\$50 each) to reserve one of the 100 spots for this week. Interested? Please speak with a Deacon if you would like to sign up.

A Note from Pastor Nathan

See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.¹³ But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.¹⁴ We have come to share in Christ if we hold firmly till the end the confidence we had at first.
Hebrews 3:12-14 (NIV '84)

After taking a break in January to write about prayer, I now return to our four-month newsletter series focusing on scriptures that appear in our FBC membership description. The passage above comes from a discussion about rebellious Israel in the wilderness. You might remember them! God brought His people out of slavery in Egypt, desiring to give them a land He would provide. But because of their disobedience, an entire generation missed out on that rest.

The entire episode is intended as a warning to us. Rebellion against God never works out well. Our hearts are prone to wander. God makes a glorious offer of salvation to us through Jesus Christ. We want to respond in obedience, not rebellion. This passage teaches that we need help from one another in order to remain faithful.

In order to "see to it that none of us has a sinful, unbelieving heart," and "encourage one another daily," we need to get to know one another's hearts. God does not expect us to know all Christians (or even all other people at FBC) on this heart-level. It's not possible. But we do *need* this depth of relationship with at least a few other Christians if we are going to be able to give and receive the accountability we need.

How do deep, authentic Christian relationships develop? The people with whom I have these relationships are people with whom I've shared common experiences: former classmates, fellow mission trip travelers, close family members, people I've worked with. These relationships take time. Some of them come and go. When we lack these relationships, we pray for God to provide. He gives us other Christians in our lives so that we can get to know one another and share with one another and pray for one another. This is fellowship.

What holds us back from having these kinds of relationships? Fear. Pride. We are afraid to share our hearts because we think we might be judged or embarrassed. We are too proud to admit that we have specific weaknesses or need accountability for particular temptations. So we stay on the surface. When we speak of deep things, we do so only generically. We keep our conversations to shallow subjects.

Things might have gone quite differently for that wilderness generation if heart-level accountability had been the contagious norm. Imagine the conversations they could have had with one another: "How can you worship that false god? Don't you remember that the Lord rescued us from Egypt?" "Let's take a time-out from our complaining and list some of the things we are thankful for." These apparently weren't the conversations that won the day. Idolatry, complaining, and rebellion dominated. And death was the result.

Not so with us, the writer of Hebrews urges. God has revealed Himself to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. How shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? Therefore, encourage one another daily! See to it that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God!

So, let's pray about it. Who can I seek out to offer me the sort of accountability and encouragement I need as I seek to follow Jesus? Who might the Lord be laying on my heart to say an encouraging word to today? Do I have a Christian brother or sister with whom the Lord is calling me to "go deeper"? Maybe I feel very lonely in this regard – will I trust and pray for the Lord to provide? Holy Spirit, help us to speak and listen to one another in love, so that we might spur one another on to faithfulness.

To God be the glory,
Nathan

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Bright Beginnings Daycare & Preschool: 384-0400

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 6:30p Trustees	4	5 6:30 Church Council	6	7 8:00a Hoops 4 Him
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 8:00a Hoops 4 Him
15	16	17	18 7:00p Ash Wed. Service @ Bloomfield Methodist	19	20	21 8:00a Hoops 4 Him 8:00a Lenten Breakfast @ Holy Name
22	23	24	25	26 6:30p Deacons	27	28 8:00a Hoops 4 Him 8:00a Lenten Breakfast @ 1 st Presbyterian

Deacon of the Month Georgia Flinn	Trustee of the Month Eric Moody	Usher of the Month Jeff Coffin	Greeters Mark Mullins / Greg Flinn
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Reoccurring Weekly Activities @ FBC		
Sundays:	6:00 p.m.	Campfire - Sanctuary & FH
Mondays:	10:30 a.m.	Enhanced Fitness - FH
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts – FH
	6:30 p.m.	Faithful Workouts – CLC
Tuesdays:	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts - FH
	7:00 p.m.	Cottage Prayer Group
Wednesdays:	10:30 a.m.	Enhanced Fitness – FH
	6:15 p.m.	FLAMES - CLC
Thursdays:	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 rd Thurs. each month) – FH

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