

The First Baptist Connection

February 2016

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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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	Jason Nicholson	23 rd	Sherry Weeks
	Casey Porter	25 th	Gary Sullivan
11 th	Kay Pierce		Wesley Porter
	Tera Pangallo	27 th	Paula Bartlett
12 th	Nancy Sullivan		Betty Miller
13 th	Janet Schmidt	28 th	Marc Meade
15 th	Tasha Campbell		
17 th	Rosie Allgood		

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

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

1st Fridays

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Obeying GOD

Registration @ 6:00 PM

Dinner @ 6:15 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, February 5
Samuel Hears God

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

—1 John 5:3a, NIV '84

FBC News & Activities

Quarterly Congregational Meeting – February 11

As we all start a new year as First Baptist Church Bloomfield we are planning on placing a special focus on relationships. Rather than just manage the day to day operations and normal programs that we do year after year, we are going to see what we can do as a church body, council, board, committee, ministry, and individual Christians to “move the needle” on the relationships we have and the ones that we don’t have that Christ is calling us to develop. Please come to our **February Congregation meeting, scheduled for Thursday, February 11 @ 6:30pm**, to hear what ideas we have come up with for this year. Come help us refine our ideas and/or bring up additional ideas on how we might positively affect our relationships during this year that has just begun.

Your Church Moderator,
Bob Weeks

Valentine's Dinner – February 14

The Youth Group will host a luncheon after church on Sunday, February 14. We will serve salad, soups, and brownies a la mode! Please plan now to stay after church to enjoy fellowship and a good meal with your church family. There will be a free-will offering as a fundraiser for youth group mission projects to be conducted this summer. This lunch will replace the normally scheduled 2nd Sunday breakfast for February 14.

Ski Trip - February 24

The Youth Group will be making our annual trek down to Paoli. We need a group of 15, so feel free to join us! The cost is \$15 plus money for dinner. We will leave at 3pm, and be home around 10pm. Please let Tasha know by February 17th if you are going.

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 or text 812-227-0700) if you are willing to assist.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is February 10th. The sanctuary will be open throughout the day and a written prayer guide will be available. If you would like to receive the ashes on your forehead, Nathan will be here from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. You may come and go as you like. If you are unable to attend but would like to receive an email of the prayer guide, please let Nathan know.

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

This month we will celebrate Valentine's Day with a Valentine exchange party. We will also be making valentines for Jesus and valentines for residents of our local nursing homes.

What is love? Let's ask the experts:

- 6 year old Adam says he loves his Mom, Dad, Brother and his friends in school. He says love is giving people a picture or something...giving them a heart. (Adam loves to draw.)
- 9 year old Adalyn says love means you are born to someone and they take care of you so you start to love them. It means someone protecting you and staying with you and saving you.
- 6 year old Cohen had this to say about love... You should love Mary; you should be nice to your enemies; love your teachers; always love your animals and your family. Love what God gave you; be nice to everybody that you don't know; love food and what God gave you to eat. You should love God, Jesus and the Bible. Listen to your teachers and if you love God what you are is good.
- 8 year old Jovan said Love is something that comes from your heart and Valentine 's Day hearts is not actually what a heart looks like. Love is something you give to a person you really appreciate. You love your Mom, Dad, siblings, and other family members. If you give people love they will love you back.
- 8 year old Chase said love is when you care about somebody and you take care of them and you like them. It makes somebody feel special.
- 10 year old Emma said You should always love your enemies, you should love your Mom and Dad and family. You should love God and Jesus and you should love your animals.
- 4 year old Avalyn said love is giving hearts and Valentine 's Day and her Daddy's birthday. She said Mom and Dad loves us.
- 4 year old Bryce said Jesus loves us.
- 5 year old Keaton said love is Valentine 's Day and people want to marry each other.
- 4 year old Dylan said He loves his Mommy, Daddy, grandpa and he has 3 pop-pops.
- 3 year old Keaton said He loves God and He loves Jesus and that's it.
- 3 year old Ellie said It means you like somebody and it means you get in the heart.
- 4 year old Deklan said love means to make friends.
- 5 year old Ayden said He loves God, he loves Jesus, he loves his Mom, his Dad, and sister. He loves his cousins too and that's all.
- 5 year old Adalyn says love means that you love people, you share and play with them and you sleep in their beds with them.
- 3 year old Leo said he loves his Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, both of his Brothers' and his Sister. He said love is cutting out pieces of paper that would be hearts. He said his Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, both of his Brothers' and his Sister all love him and his cousins Mom and Dad all love him.
- 5 year old Emmi said you love something like your Mom and Dad, sisters and brothers. She said love is when you give kisses and hugs because that is what her Mommy always says when she loves her Daddy and they give her hugs and kisses.
- 3 year old Abram said "I love Jesus and I love God."

DAYCARE NEWS - continued

- 4 year old Jonah said “Well I love my Sissy, I love my Mommy, I love my Daddy, I love my Mamaw, I love my Papaw, I love my Uncle and I love Tater. They are going to get married.” He said love is “I don’t know, you hug I guess. And I love my Grandma, my other Grandma, my other papaw, Uncle Jason, Nicole’ my friend Riley now Riley has a sister but I have to ask my Mom her name again and I love my puppy I mean my dog, my hermit crabs and I love my fish.”
- 4 year old Chloe said love is “Marrying. I don’t know...just because they love you and that’s how you know you love them.”
- 3 year old Keegan “I don’t know. No clue.”
- 3 year old Jackson said love is “Happy, Mommy, Daddy.”
- 2 year old Kennedy said Love is “bread, a hug, hmm carrots, hmm carrots again.”
- 3 year old Weston said Love is “I don’t know. I love my Mommy, Grandma and Papaw.”
- 3 year old Turner said love is Mommy and Daddy.
- 2 year old Brody said Love is “I love my Mommy, bee bop sissy.”
- 2 year old Bradley when asked about love started laughing and ran out of my office.
- 2 year old Brooklyn said Love is “Mommy, Mamaw.” When I asked her who she loves she said “sissy.” (She is sissy).
- 4 year old Ariel said love is “When you love somebody like we love Jesus and Mommy and Daddy and Brother, that’s it.”
- 5 year old Braylon said “Love is the people that you love. People give you hugs when you love them.”
- 5 year old Gannon said “Love means you love somebody. It means hugs, kisses, listening, when they have love in their hearts, it’s picking up toys, and not getting mad at your Mamaw.” “Hey what are you laughing at? I can’t think of another one (he rubs his head) that’s all huh?”
- 3 year old Nathan said love is “I love my Mommy and Daddy and that is all.”
- 3 year old Emily said she loves her Mommy, Daddy, Addy and her cousins and Uncle JR and her Sara. She said “Quinton hurt his foot and had to go to the doctor with my Mom and my Sara. He is not o.k. now but he will get better later sometime.”
- 4 year old Ozaiah said love means “I love You.” He said he loves his real Mom and Dad and his Aunt and his cousins. When asked “How do you know when somebody loves you?” He replied “Cause I’m smart. Do you know what smart is?” I asked “What is smart?” He said “I am asking YOU...I already know.”
- 4 year old Wyatt said love is “I love my Papaw, I love Jesus, I love Daddy, and I love Grandma. Her is so not feeling good yesterday. My Papaw takes me on the tractor. My Daddy prays with me all night long.”



A Note from Pastor Nathan

Quick to listen. Slow to speak. Slow to become angry. Many of you shared that you felt like the Lord was speaking directly to you through the recent sermon on James 1:19-27 (Jan. 17). He was also speaking to me!

James says if we are going to live that way, we must put off all moral filth and humbly accept the word planted in us, which can save us. In an ultimate sense, Jesus Christ is the Word planted in us who has the power to save us. He is at work within us by his Spirit, producing a righteousness that flows over into our lives.

So what happens if I have asked Jesus into my heart but I still find that I struggle with impatient listening, hasty speaking, and rash anger? What “does humbly accepting the word planted in me” look like then? Did it not “take” when I asked Him in the first time? Is Jesus not getting the job done for me?

The Christian life is one of participation. I must participate in what Christ is doing in me. In my experience this is a continual process of discovery, surrender, and healing. Otherwise, I grow stagnant.

Psalm 139 begins with the declaration, “O Lord, you have searched me and you know me,” and concludes with this prayer, “Search me, O God, and know my heart ... and lead me in the way everlasting.” The Lord knows me better than I know me; I need Him to search me out and show me what’s going on in my heart in order to live in the freedom He has for me.

It has helped me to debrief with the Lord after various incidents or meetings: *Why was I not a very good listener? Why did I talk so much? Why was I getting so frustrated with that person?* These kinds of questions are good for us. And if we ask them sincerely, the Lord will show us the answers, however painful they might be. Sometimes I am reluctant or unaware of my need to do this! But eventually the Lord shows me that I am “off” and I have no choice but to spend some time with Him, praying Psalm 139 or something similar.

I shared some factors in the sermon that cause us to be poor listeners, quick speakers, and to have short fuses. Pride. Fear. Distrust. Impatience. There are more reasons than just these, and more specific: *A particular desire. A conflicting priority. A looming deadline. An issue of lingering unforgiveness. Something happened that didn’t go my way.* The Lord shows us these things so that we can surrender them to Him in prayer. Only through trust and surrender will our healing come.

I say all of this to encourage you, if you don’t already, to take some intentional time each day to be still before the Lord. Take some additional time after that rough meeting or difficult conversation with your spouse or kids. Ask God to show you anything in your heart that is stopping James 1:19 from happening in your life. Confess any sinful desires, greed, impatience, or unforgiveness. Ask the Holy Spirit to supply you with patience and wisdom and peace that you don’t have on your own (neither do I!).

All of this goes for other things we will talk about during our study of James. Favoritism. Judgmentalism. Boasting. Quarreling. All of these behaviors stem from unhealthy stuff in our hearts. Jesus can heal us from unhealthy stuff in our hearts! But He won’t force Himself on us. We must let Him in. Will you?

It has been pointed out before that the “I stand at the door and knock” passage in Revelation 3:20 was written to people who were already Christians. Jesus was rebuking them because He loved them and wanted to clothe them properly and correct their perspective. When you feel like “that sermon was for me,” the Lord is knocking, ever so gently, on your heart! He may ask you to deal with some uncomfortable stuff. But He does it because He loves you, and He wants to set you free!

“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me!” (Phil. 3:12, NIV, 1984).

Grace and peace,
Nathan

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Bright Beginnings Daycare & Preschool: 384-0400

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 6:30 Trustees 6:30 Deacons	3	4 6:30 Ch Council	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 6:30 Congregational Meeting	12	13 8:00 Lenten Breakfast @ First Christian Church
14 12:00 Valentine's Dinner	15	16	17	18	19	20 8:00 Lenten Breakfast @ Word of Life Fellowship
21	22	23	24	25 6:30 Deacons	26	27 8:00 Lenten Breakfast @ Mineral United Methodist
28	29					

Deacon of the Month <i>Kathy Ham</i>	Trustee of the Month <i>Paul Stewart</i>	Usher of the Month <i>Debra Hudson</i>	Greeter <i>Laverne & Miriam Rollison</i>
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Reoccurring Weekly Activities @ FBC

Sundays:	6:00 p.m.	REVIVE - Sanctuary
Mondays:	10:30 a.m.	Enhanced Fitness - FH
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts – FH
	6:30 p.m.	Faithful Workouts – CLC
Tuesdays:	6:00 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
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	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts - FH
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