

The First Baptist Connection

March 2016

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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Birthdays

1st Miriam Rollison
Charlie Stahl
5th Shelbi Henry
6th Carla Porter
9th Ryne Campbell
10th Warren Bartlett
11th Brennan Hughes
12th Chrissy Buccola
14th Taylor Rollison
Melodie Miller
Ava Manuel
18th Andrew Templeton
Aiden Malone
26th Doug Frye
28th Scott Clark
31st Joan Vaughn

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

Anniversaries

6th Alan & Tammy Kirkman
20th Tony & Lori Resler
24th Rex & Lois Kirchoff

1st Fridays

@

1st Baptist



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, March 4
King David Anointed

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

—1 John 5:3a, NIV '84

FBC News & Activities

Blood Drive @ First Presbyterian – March 12

The First Presbyterian Church, 401 Shyla Lane in Bloomfield, will host a Red Cross blood drive in their Fellowship Hall from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. There are only a few requirements to donate blood. You need to be in good general health, be over 17 years of age, and weigh at least 110 lbs. Be sure to tell your family and friends, the blood drive is open to everyone. At the present time, there is a shortage of O positive, O negative, and B negative blood. One, just 1 pint of blood, can save three lives!

Chili Supper to Support Full Life Development – March 12

A free-will Donation Chili Supper will be held at the Bloomfield United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 12 from 5-7:00pm to support Full Life Development ministries. Thai items will be available for silent auction, and Bethany Scott will be in attendance to discuss FLD activities in Thailand. The church is located at 60 W. Main Street in Bloomfield. To learn more about Full Life Development, go to www.FullLifeDevelopment.org.

Holy Week Services

March 24 – Maundy Thursday Service at FBC @ 7:00pm

March 25 – Good Friday Service at First Presbyterian @ 7:00pm

March 27 – Easter Sunrise Service at Bloomfield UMC @ 7:00am

Purdue Glee Club Coming to Bloomfield – April 1

The Purdue Varsity Glee Club and Heart & Soul are coming to Bloomfield High School's Glover Gym for a performance on Friday, April 1st at 7pm. Enjoy dinner with the singers before the show (5:30pm) in the school cafeteria. It's going to be a lovely evening! Tickets are \$12 for adults (\$15 day of show)/ \$10 for students. Dinner is \$10—reservations required. Tickets may be purchased from Keith & Janene Hanauer (812-875-2503) or via the website: www.FriendsoftheGleeClub.com.



BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

We will be celebrating Easter with a party on March 22. We will read the Story of what Jesus has done for us; wash each other's feet and talk about being servants for Jesus; hunt for eggs; do arts and crafts; and of course eat.

The children are so looking forward to spring! The last few days have been so beautiful and listening to the birds sing always puts smiles on our faces. Please pray with and for us as we teach these children about God's love for us.

- A 3 year old when asked about Jesus said "Jesus comes out at Easter."
- A 5 year old lost her first tooth at daycare and wanted to let her Mommy know so we sent an e-mail. This is what she said: "Hi Mommy, my tooth is out of my other teeth."
- A 5 year old was looking at the Valentines we had made for Jesus and hung up on the wall she asked her caregiver why Jesus had not taken his valentines that we gave him.
- The older 3 - 5 year olds went to the Library. As their caregiver was buckling them in the bus to return to daycare she was having issues with the seatbelts so she made the comment "Who made these seatbelts anyway?" One of the Children replied "Well God made the bus but he did NOT make the seatbelts."

Blessings,

Tammy Kirkman, Daycare Director



A Note from Pastor Nathan

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...

1 Peter 1:3 (NIV 1984)

Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead. He was really dead. Now He is really alive. And He is really alive forever. He is coming again. Whoever lives by faith in Him, even though we die, yet shall we live. The whole creation longs to see the children of God in our redeemed bodies, for it will also be set free. God is making all things new. And if any of us are “in Christ,” we are new creations already. God is making us new!

I didn't make any of that up. It's all in the Bible. And all of it flows from the central claim: He is risen! If death no longer has mastery over our Master, it will not ultimately have mastery over us. We too shall live.

The whole idea of resurrection can seem ridiculous. We don't sound very credible when we claim that some Jewish man who died on a Roman cross came back from the dead. I mean, who sees that happening today? I don't dismiss the fact that resurrection miracles do in fact take place around the globe, but most people have never seen anyone come back from the dead.

And even the stories that we are aware of – people whose heart rate stopped on the operating table or who were pronounced dead at the scene, and then lived to tell about it – end up in death again. Even Lazarus (John 11) died again. But the idea that someone rose from the dead *and is still alive, forever*, seems really outlandish. So is the idea that He will return one day, and transform our bodies, and bring everything under His control. Who are the weird people who believe these things?

We are. The resurrection of Jesus Christ it is essential to us. It is the basis of our hope. The Psalms, for example, are full of all sorts of promises about God's deliverance and protection. Those promises would ring hollow apart from Christ's resurrection. But when we factor in that God raises the dead, we begin to think that maybe these crazy promises aren't so crazy after all. “A righteous man may have many troubles but the Lord delivers him *from them all*” (Ps. 34:19). If God will deliver me from death, what could possibly do me in?

This world is full of fears and if we're not careful we can become overwhelmed ourselves. This world is vainly seeking hope in a number of very temporary things that won't come through for us in the end. But we have been given new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. We have something that our world is longing for. We have the opportunity to be truly free.

Holy Spirit, help this resurrection faith in our heads to fully become the faith of our hearts, so that we might be changed and so that others might find true hope in Jesus Christ. Jesus, be alive in us!

Happy Easter!

Nathan

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 6:30 Deacons	4 6:00 First Friday	5 8am Lenten Breakfast @ Mansions in Heaven
6 Communion 6pm REVIVE!	7	8	9	10	11	12 8am Lenten Breakfast @ First Presbyterian
13 9am Kingdom Kids	14	15	16	17	18	19 8am Lenten Breakfast @ FBC
20	21	22	23	24 7pm Maundy Thursday Service	25 7pm Good Friday Service @ First Presbyterian	26
27 EASTER!! 7am Sunrise Service @ Bloomfield UMC 9am Kingdom Kids	28	29	30	31 6:30 Deacons		

Deacon of the Month <i>Randy Flanagin</i>	Trustee of the Month <i>Braden Hudson</i>	Usher of the Month <i>Charles Porter</i>	Greeter <i>Warren Bartlett</i>
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<u>Reoccurring Weekly Activities @ FBC</u>			
Sundays: 8:00 a.m. Handbell Practice 6:00 p.m. REVIVE! – Sanctuary		Wednesdays: 10:30 a.m. Enhanced Fitness - FH 6:15 p.m. FLAMES - CLC	
Mondays: 10:30 a.m. Enhanced Fitness - FH 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts – FH 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice		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	
Tuesdays: 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts - FH 6:30 p.m. Cottage Prayer Group			

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