

# The First Baptist Connection

## March 2021

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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### BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

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1<sup>st</sup> Miriam Rollison  
Jessa Ayers  
4<sup>th</sup> Michael Sullivan  
6<sup>th</sup> Carla Porter  
7<sup>th</sup> David Dean  
8<sup>th</sup> Jim Foxworthy  
10<sup>th</sup> Skyler Pittman  
11<sup>th</sup> Brennan Hughes  
14<sup>th</sup> Taylor Rollison  
Ava Manuel  
18<sup>th</sup> Andrew Templeton  
Aiden Malone  
22<sup>nd</sup> Ivy Foxworthy  
23<sup>rd</sup> Kris Lanz  
Chris Wilson  
25<sup>th</sup> Sophy Groomer  
26<sup>th</sup> Doug Frye  
31<sup>st</sup> Joan Vaughn  
Aden Romans

#### ANNIVERSARIES

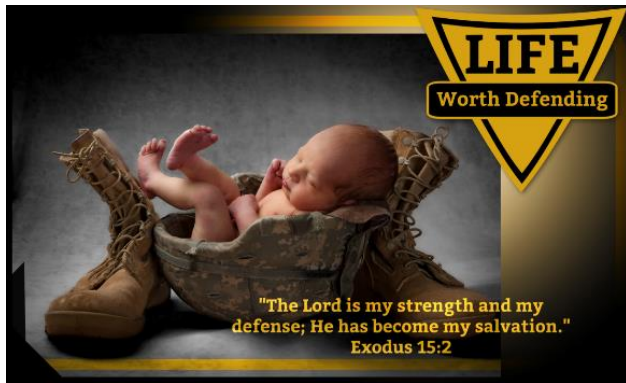
14<sup>th</sup> Steve & Cheri Graf  
20<sup>th</sup> Tony & Lori Resler  
24<sup>th</sup> Rex & Lois Kirchoff

#### *Updated guidance for gathering in-person at FBC:*

- Please wear a face covering for worship as a gift of love to those around you. Exceptions include:
  - Children under age 5 in worship services.
  - Worship service leaders and Sunday school teachers only while leading/teaching.
  - All children's SS classes while in SS classrooms.
  - Outdoor gatherings.
- Please observe social distancing when possible and move conversations outdoors.
  - Sanctuary seating is every-other-row. Please allow six feet between families/households.
  - No food or drink is available in the narthex.
- Please do not attend if you or someone in your immediate household has symptoms of COVID-19 or has recently tested positive.
- An offering box is available in the narthex but is not being passed during the service.

#### *We encourage anyone who is unable to attend in-person to participate online:*

- Links for live worship services are posted weekly at [Facebook.com/groups/fcbloom](https://Facebook.com/groups/fcbloom).
- Recorded worship services are available to the public at [YouTube.com/fcbloomfield](https://YouTube.com/fcbloomfield).



### *Pregnancy Choices Virtual Impact Event*

Please join Pregnancy Choices for a virtual Impact Event on Tuesday, March 16, 2021. The event will be held online at 7:00pm.

Please follow this link:

<https://gcpchoices.banquetstream.com>

### *COVID-19 Vaccine*

COVID-19 vaccinations are being hosted by our church. The Greene County Health Department will be administering the vaccinations in the Fellowship Hall. We can expect the Fellowship Hall to be occupied for several weeks. The vaccine is currently available to Hoosiers who are **60 years of age or older**. If you need to schedule an appointment, you or a representative may call 2-1-1 or visit [ourshot.in.gov](http://ourshot.in.gov). Please call the Greene County Health Department @ 812-384-4496 with any questions.

### *Reshaping Church Small Groups*

Sign-ups for small groups are on the table in the Narthex. Please look over the times and select a group where you can participate. We are beginning a process for discerning God's will for our church, and we desire for everyone to have the opportunity to give input. The small groups will meet for eight weeks in late spring. There are groups during Sunday School, Monday night, on Tuesday and Friday mornings, and another evening yet to be selected. There will be online options as well as in person. Prayerfully consider where you can participate! There is also a book which costs \$12. Each household, but not necessarily each participant, will need one. If the cost is prohibitive, the deacons will cover it. To sign up online, see the church's website [www.fbcbloom.org](http://www.fbcbloom.org) or facebook page. For Small Group questions, please ask Tasha Hudson or Pastor Nathan.

### *Blessing Box Needs*

As we transition to colder temperatures, new or "gently used" hats, gloves, scarfs, or small throws are a welcome addition to our Blessing Box. Baby, hygiene and cleaning supplies are still in great demand. Please add one or more of these items to your shopping list and leave in the tote by the library counter. For convenience, donations can also be made by check or on line giving at [Tithe.ly](http://Tithe.ly). Your prayers and support of this ministry are greatly appreciated. Please contact Cheri Graf (812-384-8980) with questions or suggestions.

## **SPOTLIGHT ON OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AWAY**

Each month we will be updating you on one of our former "youth" who are now away a college, serving in the armed forces, or simply living away from home now. This month's spotlight is on Tucker Weeks!

Tucker is serving in the U.S. Air Force. He is stationed at McChord Field in Washington. He said things are going great. His job specialty is a Debt Technician. He helps military members handle their debt. He currently does upgrade training classes 4 hours a day on line. He will graduate on April 2. He is hoping to have time to explore Washington a bit more. His mother also shared that he has found a church that he likes. Tucker said he misses all of us and is looking forward to coming home on leave. Be sure to keep him in your prayers. Tucker would love to hear from our church family. His address is: 574 Outer Drive, Box 19B JBLM MCCHORD Field, WA

# A NOTE FROM PASTOR NATHAN

*"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble.  
But take heart! I have overcome the world."*

John 16:33 (NIV 1984)

One helpful way to dig into the Bible is by doing a "word study." In a word study we look up every place that a particular word appears so that we can figure out what it means, how it is used, and what it has to do with us. Today, let's look at the Greek word, *tharseo* (thar-SAY-oh), which appears seven times in the New Testament. Below I quote the Greek word itself (spelling varies by context) rather than an English translation, so that we can hear the term with fresh ears.

## **Matthew 9:2**

Jesus says to a man with paralysis: "*Tharsei* (THAR-say), son, your sins are forgiven!"

## **Matthew 9:22**

Jesus says to a long-suffering woman: "*Tharsei*, daughter, your faith has saved you!"

## **Matthew 14:27 and Mark 6:50**

Walking on the lake at night, Jesus calls to his disciples: "*Tharseite!* (thar-SAY-te) I AM! Do not be afraid!"

## **Mark 10:49**

The crowd encourages a blind beggar whom Jesus is calling: "*Tharsei!* Rise up! He's calling you!"

## **John 16:33**

Jesus prepares his disciples: "In this world you will have trouble, but *tharseite*, I have overcome the world!"

## **Acts 23:11**

Jesus exhorts Paul: "*Tharsei*, for as you testified about me in Jerusalem, so you must also testify in Rome."

Let's try to describe the word without defining it. *Tharseo* is something we do because Jesus has forgiven our sins. It is our response to Jesus' declaration that our faith has saved us. It is the demeanor we possess because Jesus – the Great "I AM" – is with us. It is our countenance because, though others may reject us, Jesus *wants* to spend time with us. It is our posture in a rattling world because we know the One who has overcome that world. It is necessary for obedience because the Lord has more work yet for us to do.

It is Jesus' invitation to all children of God. We might call it confidence, courage, or "taking heart." It is a different way of thinking and living. It opposes the default insecurity, discouragement, and fear which plague human life on earth.

It is a word that we need. We need to hear the lips of Jesus saying to us, "Have confidence! Be courageous! Take heart! I've forgiven you! I've saved you! I'm with you! I'm calling you! I've got more work for you to do! Do not be afraid! I have overcome the world!"

Maybe you are in a downtrodden place as you read this today. Take heart, brothers and sisters! Jesus loves us! He has forgiven us! He is stronger than anything that faces us! He has already won the final victory. And He is with us, today!

*Tharseite!*

Nathan

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 6:30 Trustees	3 9:00 Bible Study	4 6:30 Deacons	5	6
7 <b>Communion</b> Reshaping Church Launch Event	8	9	10 9:00 Bible Study	11 6:30 Congregational Meeting	12	13
14 <b>SPRING FORWARD!!</b> Daylight Saving Begins	15	16	17 9:00 Bible Study	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 9:00 Bible Study	25	26	27
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