

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Nathan Brooks, Pastor

May 3, 2015 ~ 10:45 a.m.

Welcome, Registration & Announcements

Call to Worship

*Praise Singing *"The Power of Your Love"* Worship Team
 "Trading My Sorrows"
 "Amazing Grace / My Chains are Gone"

Invocation and Lord's Prayer Deacon John Bailey

Offering

*Gloria Patri #812

Morning Prayer

Anthem *"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"* Sanctuary Choir

Scripture John 11:1-3

Message *"My God, Why?"* Nathan Brooks

Communion *(Deacon's serving communion today are John Bailey,
Randy Flanagan, Cheri Graf, Kathy Ham and Bob Weeks)*

*Closing Hymn *"It is Well with My Soul"* #705

*Benediction

*Postlude

** You are invited to stand if able*

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*\*\* The kneeling rails at the front of the sanctuary are open throughout  
the service for prayer. \*\**

*\*\*\* Hearing aid devices are available at the Greeter's table. Just turn it  
on and adjust the volume. \*\*\**

# This Week's Calendar

**Today**            9:30 a.m. .... Sunday School  
*May 3*            10:40 a.m. .... Morning Announcements  
                     10:45 a.m. .... Morning Worship  
                     2:00 p.m. .... Softball practice  
                     6:00 p.m. .... Campfire

**Monday**        6:30 p.m. .... Faithful Workouts  
*May 4*

**Tuesday**      6:30 p.m. .... Trustees  
*May 5*            7:00 p.m. .... Cottage Prayer Group

**Wednesday** 6:00 p.m. .... FLAMES  
*May 6*            6:30 p.m. .... Choir Practice

**Thursday**     6:30 p.m. .... Church Council  
*May 7*



**Next Week's Scripture Reading:**  
*Psalm 139*



**Birthdays This Week**  
May 5 Mark Kirkman  
May 7 Gracie Hudson  
         Cannon Roark  
May 8 Marlen Flynn  
May 9 Mandy Rollison



*If you are interested in becoming a member of First Baptist Church or if you have questions about what membership means, please feel free to contact Pastor Nathan or one of the Deacons. We would be happy to talk and pray with you.*

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Next Week's Volunteers – May 10, 2015

Sound System..... Braden Hudson
 PrayerJames Malone
 Children's Worship..... Betty Miller

May Volunteers

Greeters Nancy Covey & Charlotte Humerickhouse
 Usher of the Month Braden Hudson
 Deacon of the MonthJohn Bailey
 Trustee of the Month.....Bert Terrell

***If you are unable to work on your scheduled week,
 PLEASE find someone to take your place!***

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*FBC sermons are available online. Visit our church website, [fbc bloom.org](http://fbc bloom.org), and click on "Featured Media." Or scan this QR code with your smart phone to go directly to the Featured Media page. From there you may select Sermons, Newsletters or Bulletins.*



### A Look at Last Week

**Attendance**

Sunday School ..... 65  
 Morning Worship Service ..... 122

**Last Week's Giving**

General Fund..... \$2,728.13  
 Food Pantry..... \$50.00

**Year to Date Giving**

Actual Income ..... \$68,810.45  
 Actual Expenses ..... \$82,024.22



# **First Baptist Church Vision Statement**

*The First Baptist Church is the body of Christ, nurturing all parts of the body within, bringing Christ to others and others to Christ.*



## **Church Covenant**

We, the members of First Baptist Church Bloomfield, having been led by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, most sincerely and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ. We pledge, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit:

To attend the services of FBC Bloomfield regularly for spiritual nourishment, growth and encouragement:

To walk together and watch over one another in Christian love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in times of sickness and difficulty; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation;

To contribute cheerfully and regularly, according to our ability, to the support of FBC Bloomfield and its various activities; to support the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world;

To strive in our family lives to make Jesus Christ the center of our homes;

To cultivate a life of devotion and consecration to God;

To aid and assist prayerfully, loyally and affectionately, the ministers and others who seek to strengthen the witness of FBC Bloomfield;

To conduct ourselves in accordance with the principles of our Lord, in all our social and business relationships;

We enter into this covenant under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, prayerfully asking for Divine guidance and help in this our earnest endeavor.



We invite you to sign the attendance register as it is passed your way and, if you are visiting with us for the first time, we have information for you regarding life at First Baptist.

## Prayer Concerns of the Week

Persecuted Christians around the world

Virgil Bland (*Friend of Paul Stewart*)

Phoenix Bridegroom (*Barb Stoner*)

Steve Buccola

Ronald "Skip" Campos (*Sandy Mead*)

Teresa Coffin

Mason Ellis (*grandson of Brad & Anne*)

Bub Emery (*Cheri Graf*)

Greg Flinn

Zach Gray (*Robin Lamson*)

Jimmy Hensley (*Nephew of Sue Sanford*)

Carla Hovey (*Friend of Cheri Graf*)

Donna Jones (*Nancy Covey's niece*)

Diana Lahmann (*friend of Cheri Graf*)

Terry Merrill (*Nancy Covey's nephew*)

Brent Myers (*grandson of Donna Miller*)

Beth Martin-Orman

Roberta Neill

Joanna Newsom (*Becky Dayhoff's mother*)

Deni Pegg (*cousin of Becky Dayhoff*)

Kay & Don Pierce

Clarence Rudolph (*Nancy Covey's brother*)

Layton Runyon (*Cindy Allgood*)

Barb Stoner

Jessie Terrell

Kyle Witmer & Family (*ABC Missionaries to Thailand*)

For Peace on Earth— Psalm 46:9

US Military personnel around the world

## **Hoosier Hills Emmaus Community Gathering – May 8**

Our church is hosting the upcoming Emmaus Community Gathering. Everyone is welcome to attend even if you have never attended an Emmaus weekend. If you're thinking of attending an Emmaus Walk, this would be a great way for you to learn a little more about the weekend! Dinner will begin around 6:30 PM and a worship and fellowship time will follow afterwards. Please bring a covered dish to share, as this will be a pitch-in dinner!

## **Baby Dedication – May 10**

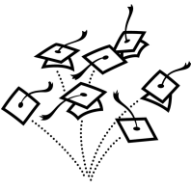
We will be celebrating a baby dedication on Mother's Day, May 10, during the morning worship service. If you have a child (or grandchild) to be dedicated to the Lord on that Sunday, please let Nathan know no later than May 3. We will pray God's blessing on those children and their parents and families.



## **Congregational Meeting Agenda Items – May 14**

Our next FBC Congregational Meeting will be Thursday, May 14, at 6:30 p.m. We have two main items on the agenda. First, the Trustees have identified costly ceiling insulation damage which cannot be repaired until fall. We need to begin discussing our options to pay for this project. Second, after functioning without a Clerk for the last 16 ½ months, the Council recommends that we change the Constitution so that our paid church Secretary can attend all Council and Congregational meetings as a non-voting Recording Secretary. Please be praying about both of these matters and then join us for the meeting on May 14. Thank you!

## **Youth Sunday and Graduate Lunch – May 17**



Please join us Sun. May 17th as the Youth of the church lead us in worship. Athan Lamson will bring the sermon. We will recognize our graduating Seniors: Rosie Allgood, Chrissy Buccola, Monica Hudson, Athan Lamson, Taylor Templeton, and possibly Danielle Jackson. We will have a Taco Salad Lunch following church.

## **Directory Photo Shoots - May 16 & 17 – 1:00-5:00pm**

Please remember to sign up for your directory photo; sheets are on the library counter. If you prefer, you may also submit your own photo to Brenda at [secretary@fbc bloom.org](mailto:secretary@fbc bloom.org). Future dates may be available.

## **Let's Go Camping!**

Camp schedules and reservation forms are located on the library counter or you can print them directly from the camp website at [www.indiancreek.com](http://www.indiancreek.com). Our church will pay one half of the registration fee for children attending FBC. Registration forms and your half of the fee need to be turned in THREE WEEKS before your camp date. Checks should be made out to First Baptist Church. If a camp scholarship is needed see Pastor Nathan or Jeff Coffin.

## **Summer Special Music**

As the season for the choir ensembles winds down it is once again time for a summer of special music! All musicians are invited to share your talents with music that adds to meaningful worship. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Choir room. Alternatively, you may contact either Brenda Flanagin or Steve Clark.

## **Festival of Music – June 7**

The annual First Baptist Church Festival of Music, to celebrate the completion of the music season for the choirs, will be on June 7. Following a light lunch in the Fellowship Hall we will gather in the Sanctuary for the celebration. We anticipate the music to begin by 1:00 pm. Plan to attend and enjoy ensemble music presented by the Kingdom Kids, the Adult Choir, the Handbell Choir, and the Trio. Additionally, there will be instrumental solos by a number of the church family, including James Maverick on piano. We welcome any and all musicians to participate! If you have an instrumental piece, a song you'd like to sing, or a signing please contact Brenda Flanagin or Steve Clark.

## **Thank you**

All of us at Bright Beginning Daycare would like to say "THANK YOU!!!!!!!" to all who contributed to our buggy fund. We are now the proud owners of a brand new 6-seater infant buggy. The babies are so happy to be able to stroll around inside and outside safely.





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### Thanksgiving

- For the wonderful country we live in
- For the freedoms we enjoy

### Confession

- For injustices we've tolerated, both past and present
- For sins we have encouraged and even celebrated

### Pray for wisdom, protection, strength, and a desire to do God's will

- President Obama and his staff
- Governor Pence and his staff
- U.S. Congress and Senate
- Indiana State Representatives and Senators
- Local Greene County and Bloomfield leaders
- Federal, State, and Local Judges

### U.S. Military Personnel around the globe

- For protection and quick returns home
- For families who are separated from these loved ones
- For families of those who have fallen in the line of duty
- For our veterans
- For peace on earth and an end to all wars

### Police, Firefighters, and other Emergency Responders

- For safety and wisdom as they serve our communities

### Christians in the United States

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