

## **The First Baptist Connection**

# **April 2014**

## **News and Updates for our Family in Christ**

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### **Sound System**

6 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Schmidt
13 <sup>th</sup>	Braden Hudson
20 <sup>th</sup>	Tyler Nickless
27 <sup>th</sup>	Eric Moody

### **Prayers**

6 <sup>th</sup>	Jeff Coffin
13 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Hudson
20 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Stewart
27 <sup>th</sup>	Brad Ellis

### **Children's Worship**

13 <sup>th</sup>	Betty Miller
	Delene Weeks
20 <sup>th</sup>	Sarah Riggins
	Tasha Hudson
27 <sup>th</sup>	Sandy Clark
	Janet Schmidt
	Andrew Templeton

# April 2014

## *Birthdays*

1 <sup>st</sup>	Barb Stoner	16 <sup>th</sup>	Sadie Ross
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kelsey Moody	18 <sup>th</sup>	Matt Cummings
	Jeffrie Porter		Ben Stoner
4 <sup>th</sup>	Cheri Campbell		Melissa Toon
	Gabriel Brown	19 <sup>th</sup>	Laverne Rollison
8 <sup>th</sup>	Marie Farmer		Steve Buccola
9 <sup>th</sup>	Brad Hughes	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Kay Allen
11 <sup>th</sup>	Ethan Dean	24 <sup>th</sup>	Rob Allgood
	Shannon Dean	26 <sup>th</sup>	David Hunter
	Hailey Hargrove	28 <sup>th</sup>	Lori Resler
12 <sup>th</sup>	Jenny Yergin		

## *Anniversaries*

11 <sup>th</sup>	Charlie & Marie Farmer
18 <sup>th</sup>	Jerry & Jean Boyer
19 <sup>th</sup>	Doug & Barb Frye
	Bert & Sharon Terrell
28 <sup>th</sup>	David & Tena Doane

## *Prayer Concerns*

### On-Going Prayer Concerns

Bright Beginnings Daycare and Preschool  
Cheri Campbell  
Nancy Cummings  
Janice Holt  
Peace seeking in Iraq & Afghanistan

### Homebound

Roberta Neill

### Parkview Village - Odon

Betty Baker

### Missionaries

Tyler & Georgene Lunberry in India  
American Baptists around the world

## FINANCIAL REPORT

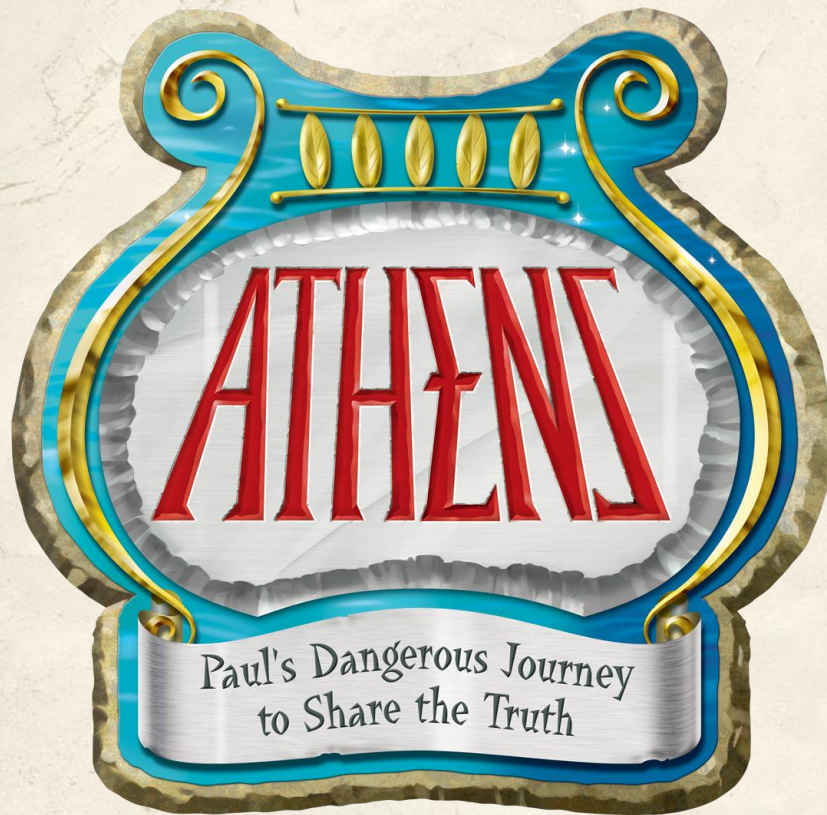
### February 2014 Offering Totals:

General Fund..... \$17,761.17  
Food Pantry..... \$1,447.54  
Brad Pridemore Scholarship Fund ..... \$150.00  
Mission Trip to El Salvador..... \$466.60  
World Mission ..... \$10.00

### Year to Date (as of February 2014)

Actual Receipts..... \$104,458.00  
Actual Expenses ..... \$107,642.00

# Bloomfield First Baptist First Friday!



Friday, April 4, 2014

6:30 – 8:35 pm

Registration at 6:15

Supper at 6:30

# FBC News & Activities

## Yard Sale Donations – May 3



As you prepare to do some Spring Cleaning, please consider donating items to a yard sale to benefit the Mission Trip to El Salvador. The yard sale will be held Sat. May 3rd during the town-wide sale at Jean Resler's property on Spring Street, just south of Dairy Queen. Items can be donated Friday, May 2nd. Please let Tasha know if you have a large item we can list in the newspaper's description of what is for sale.

## Weekend of Worship and Service @ Indian Creek - May 16-18

This year we'd like to offer you the chance to enjoy a whole weekend at camp as we prepare the camp for the summer. There is so much you can do to help us provide the most amazing camp experience for every camper that attends. This is a wonderful weekend where we'll enjoy the company of brothers and sisters in Christ sharing a special time of service and worship with one another.

We'll enjoy times of worship and bible study. We'll partner with one another in serving around the camp, by teaming up with one another on service projects all around the camp. We'll enjoy games and activities with one another, sit around the camp fire, and even watch an outdoor movie. Check out the website at [www.campindiancreek.com](http://www.campindiancreek.com) to register.

## El Salvador Mission Trip – May 25-31

A Mission Trip to El Salvador is scheduled for May 25-31, 2014. 13 people will be traveling to volunteer in an orphanage in San Salvador. The Mission Team: Rosie Allgood, Sandy Clark, Braden Hudson, Debra Hudson, Monica Hudson, Tasha Hudson, JR Ross, Mary Puntney, Andrew Templeton, Taylor Templeton, Andrew Weeks, Delene Weeks, Bob Weeks.

El Salvador is near to our youth's heart because of their friend Vanesa, who passed away this past April. We are partnering with La Casa de mi Padre (The House of my Father) and staying on the Youth With a Mission compound. This trip will cost about \$1,111 per person. Please pray for the planning process, for travel safety, for communication skills, and for our witness to others about Christ's love for them.

## Summer Ladies Bible Study is Back!

With great joy, I invite all ladies (youth welcome!) to join me here at FBC on Tuesday evenings June 10-July 29 (excluding June 24) for Bible study from 6:30-8:30pm! Our study this summer is called Abraham: Response to Grace. The homework lessons and discussion groups will focus on Abraham's life in Genesis and also his influence upon the early church. The teaching sessions will focus on how Abraham teaches us to respond to God's grace.



New this year: You have two options for participation in the study: **1) Order the book, complete five 30 minute homework lessons per week, participate in the discussion groups, and attend the teaching sessions.** I'd highly recommend this option if you can commit to it because you'll receive the most out of the study. **2) Attend only the teaching sessions.** I give you this option in case you do not have the time to commit to doing the weekly lessons, but still want to get into the word with some other ladies. I believe it will still be very worthwhile for you.

Everyone choosing to attend will want to arrive on June 10 at 6:30pm, and I'll explain the plan for the following weeks. **Please let me know if you plan to attend, and whether or not you need a book by Sunday, June 1.** Books will be in the range of \$15 (exact price will be given when you receive the book on June 10). I am so excited to get back in the Word with you!

~Liz ([liz.brooks@ymail.com](mailto:liz.brooks@ymail.com))

# BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

## DAYCARE NEWS

We are all looking so forward to Spring, the green, the birds, the flowers and plants and most of all celebrating the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please remember we will be closed on Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, for Good Friday. As you go about your day remember that Jesus died on the cross for all of us so that we can be saved and live with him someday for forever.

We will be celebrating Easter with a party on Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. We will start with the Easter Story and remind our Children what Easter means. We will also have an Easter egg hunt, arts and crafts and of course food. We look forward to this time.

April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Arbor Day so (weather permitting) we will be planting flowers on this day. The children love to help and watch the plants grow.

Our annual flower fundraiser starts April 1! (No foolin'!) We will be selling 4.5" Potted Annuals (Geranium, Begonia or Impatiens) for \$3.50 each; 8" tubs (Geranium for Impatiens) for \$15 each; 12" tubs (Geranium) for \$20; and 10" hanging baskets for \$20.00. Order forms are on the library counter. All orders with payment are due by April 21. Please make checks out to Bright Beginnings Daycare. The flowers will be here on May 1 in plenty of time for Mother's day. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Ms. Shirley. Thank you in advance for your support.

Tammy Kirkman, Daycare Director  
Daycare staff and children

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

The preschool classes have been having a great time playing with our friends! We are looking forward to the weather warming up so we will be able to go outside and enjoy our awesome playground. We are getting close to finishing up the letters of the alphabet. So far, we have learned up to the letter Ww. We have also been doing a great deal of counting and learning our numbers. We have been working on assessments and the completed ones have been sent home. At the beginning of March, both classes got to take individual as well as class pictures. We are looking forward Spring Break during the week of March 23-29 and wish that everyone has fun and safe spring break.



## Thanksgiving Challenge 2014

COUNT 1000 GIFTS IN 2012  
SNAP A PHOTO OR RECORD 3 GIFTS/DAY  
ONETHOUSANDGIFTS.COM/GET-THE-APP/



COUNT 1000 GIFTS

APRIL

PS. 34:1 "I WILL BLESS THE LORD  
AT ALL TIMES; HIS PRAISE SHALL  
CONTINUALLY BE IN MY MOUTH."

SHARE THE GIFTS: #1000GIFTS  
FACEBOOK.COM/ONETHOUSANDGIFTS  
COUNT 1000 GIFTS IN 2012  
AND ENTER TO WIN NIKON D90  
@ ANNVOSEKAMP.COM

<p>3 GIFTS SURPRISINGLY FOUND</p> <p>3 GIFTS IN HIS WORD</p> <p>3 GIFTS @ 11AM, 2PM, 6PM</p> <p>3 GIFTS NAILED TOGETHER</p> <p>3 GIFTS WAITED FOR</p> <p>3 GIFTS RISING UP</p> <p>A GIFT HIDING, HELD, HEARD</p> <p>3 GIFTS OPENED UP</p> <p>3 GIFTS BUDDING/BLOOMING</p> <p>3 GIFTS WORN</p> <p>3 GIFTS BRIGHT</p> <p>3 GIFTS FOUND LOOKING UP</p> <p>A GIFT IN A BAG, IN A BOX, IN A BOOK</p>	<p>1. 3 GIFTS ROUND</p> <p>2. 3 GIFTS WHITE</p> <p>3. 3 GIFTS SURPRISINGLY FOUND</p> <p>4. 3 GIFTS IN HIS WORD</p> <p>5. 3 GIFTS @ 11AM, 2PM, 6PM</p> <p>6. 3 GIFTS NAILED TOGETHER</p> <p>7. 3 GIFTS WAITED FOR</p> <p>8. 3 GIFTS RISING UP</p> <p>9. A GIFT HIDING, HELD, HEARD</p> <p>10. 3 GIFTS OPENED UP</p> <p>11. 3 GIFTS BUDDING/BLOOMING</p> <p>12. 3 GIFTS WORN</p> <p>13. 3 GIFTS BRIGHT</p> <p>14. 3 GIFTS FOUND LOOKING UP</p> <p>15. A GIFT IN A BAG, IN A BOX, IN A BOOK</p> <p>16. 3 HARD EUCHARISTEOS</p> <p>17. 3 GIFTS WOVEN TOGETHER</p> <p>18. 3 GIFTS INHERITED</p> <p>19. 3 GIFTS SQUARE</p> <p>20. A GIFT STACKED, STASHED, STILLED</p> <p>21. 3 GIFTS FOUND IN CHRIST</p> <p>22. 3 GIFTS CLOSE</p> <p>23. 3 GIFTS REFLECTING</p> <p>24. 3 GIFTS FRAGILE</p> <p>25. A GIFT CLOTH, STEEL, WOOD</p> <p>26. 3 GIFTS MOVING</p> <p>27. 3 GIFTS "UGLY BEAUTIFUL"</p> <p>28. 3 GIFTS ORANGE</p> <p>29. 3 GIFTS IN DIRT</p> <p>30. A GIFT GIVEN, MADE, SACRIFICED</p>
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# A Note from Pastor Nathan

At a conference I recently attended, a sermon was preached on Mark 7:24-30. In that passage, Jesus is traveling in non-Jewish territory when a woman comes up to Him and begs Him to heal her daughter, who is demon-possessed. Jesus offers a seemingly uncharacteristic and uncaring response: "First let the children eat all they want, for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs" (7:27).

Is this our Jesus talking? Isn't He the one who constantly irritates the religious establishment by ministering to outsiders like this Phoenician woman? Why then does Jesus essentially call her and her people "dogs"?

I believe Jesus isn't sincere in this remark; rather, He is setting this woman up for a response of great faith: "Yes, Lord, but even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs" (7:28). Jesus responds to her bold faith by casting the demon out of her daughter. She returns home to find her child calmly lying on the bed, with the demon gone!

Those are some powerful crumbs! And the preacher said, "If that is what the crumbs can do, imagine what the whole Loaf can do!" And he broke the bread and we received Communion together. It was a powerful experience.

Every time we gather around the Lord's Table, we eat a tiny wafer, or break off a piece of bread. This reminds us that the crumbs have tumbled even to us! We are reminded of Jesus Christ, the Loaf who nourishes and sustains and empowers us. "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry" (John 6:35).

Imagine what the whole Loaf can do! We will soon celebrate Easter, God's victory over death and the grave. We will proclaim and sing about resurrection power. Our God gives life to dry bones (Ezek. 37). He is able to immeasurably more than anything we ask or imagine (Eph. 3:20). It turns out that Jesus' long-distance exorcism of a demon from a little Phoenician girl really is just "the crumbs."

*Lord Jesus, increase our faith in Your mighty power and unfailing love. Thank You for offering Yourself to each of us. Help us to see our circumstances in light of Your power! And help us to proclaim You to the world!*

Grace and peace,

Nathan

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 6:30 First Friday	5 8:00 Lenten Breakfast @ 1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian
6	7	8	9	10 6:30 Church Council	11	12 8:00 Lenten Breakfast @ Mineral Methodist
13	14 6:30 Trustees	15	16	17 7:00 Maundy Thursday	18 7:00 Good Friday service @ 1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian	19
20 EASTER!! 7:00 Sunrise service @ Bloomfield Methodist	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Deacon of the Month	Trustee of the Month	Usher of the Month	Greeters
<i>Randy Flanagan</i>	<i>Braden Hudson</i>	<i>Bob Templeton</i>	<i>John &amp; Mary Bailey</i>

### Reoccurring Weekly Activities @ FBC

**Sundays:** 6:00 p.m. Campfire - Sanctuary & FH

**Mondays:** 10:30 a.m. Enhanced Fitness - FH  
4:30 p.m. Enhanced Fitness – Kumetus  
6:15 p.m. Zumba – CLC  
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts – FH

**Tuesdays:** 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts - FH  
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice  
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  
6:15 p.m. Zumba – CLC  
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - FH  
6:30 p.m. Gideons (3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. each month) – FH

### Sound System

6<sup>th</sup> Paul Schmidt  
13<sup>th</sup> Braden Hudson  
20<sup>th</sup> Tyler Nickless  
27<sup>th</sup> Eric Moody

### Prayers

6<sup>th</sup> Warren Bartlett  
13<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Moody  
20<sup>th</sup> Mary Bailey  
27<sup>th</sup> Norm Sullivan

### Children's Worship

6<sup>th</sup> Betty Miller & Delene Weeks  
13<sup>th</sup> Sarah Riggins & Tasha Hudson  
20<sup>th</sup> Sandy Clark, Janet Schmidt &  
Andrew Templeton