

The First Baptist Connection

April 2015

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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Birthdays

1 st Barb Stoner	18 th Matt Cummings
3 rd Kelsey Moody	Ben Stoner
Jeffrie Porter	Melissa Toon
4 th Cheri Graf	19 th Laverne Rollison
Gabriel Brown	Steve Buccola
7 th Ethan Riggins	23 rd Kay Allen
8 th Marie Farmer	24 th Rob Allgood
9 th Brad Hughes	26 th David Hunter
12 th Jenny Yergin	28 th Lori Resler
16 th Sadie Ross	

Prayer Concerns

On-Going Prayer Concerns

Bright Beginnings Daycare and Preschool
Steve Buccola
Tyler & Georgene Lunberry
Mary Jane Parker
Kay & Don Pierce
Peace seeking in Iraq & Afghanistan

Lyons Health & Living Center

Roberta Neill

Parkview Village - Odon

Betty Baker

Missionaries

American Baptists around the world

Anniversaries

11 th	Charlie & Marie Farmer
13 th	Paul & Janet Schmidt
18 th	Jerry & Jean Boyer
19 th	Doug & Barb Frye
	Bert & Sharon Terrell
28 th	David & Tena Doane

FINANCIAL REPORT

Year to date as of March 24, 2015

Actual Receipts: \$54,057.60

Actual Expenses: \$53,164.27

Join us for:

**The
Jesus
Tour**

2nd Fridays

@ Bloomfield First Baptist

(500 Lincoln Drive)

April 10—*The Big Picture!*

TOUR BEGINS @ 6:30 PM! Pick up @ 8:30 PM!

Children ages 3- 6th Grade welcome!

(3 years olds must have an adult stay with them.)

Come for dinner and then participate in our fun activities! We'll watch Jesus perform miracles and play games!



Youth Happenings!

FRUITFUL LIVES ADORING THE MERCIFUL EVERLASTING SAVIOR
"HIS WORD IS IN MY HEART LIKE A FIRE." JEREMIAH 20:9

There is an upcoming flight for the Hoosier Hills Chrysalis Community, April 10-12. The girls arrive at Camp Indi-Co-So at 7:30am on Friday (missing school that day) and the weekend concludes at 5pm on Sunday. Girls age 15-18 are invited to attend.

"Chrysalis" is the name chosen for the youth and young adult version of The Walk to Emmaus, its parent movement, because it symbolizes the spiritual growth that is essential between adolescence and adulthood. That growth is as crucial for youth as the cocoon is for the caterpillar. It is that precious time of nurturing a person's faith for discipleship.

Chrysalis is a three-day spiritual renewal time that provides an opportunity to learn more about faith, to experience Christian love and support, and to make new faith commitments. The point is to inspire, challenge and equip you for a closer friendship with Christ and for Christian action at home, church, school, and community.

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Preschool is rolling along! It is hard to believe another year is almost over. We have finished up with our assessments and will be starting enrollment for the fall of 2015 on April 1st. We have continued reviewing the alphabet, numbers, colors, and shapes. We have been enjoying the beautiful weather and have been excited to get to go out the playground again. We are planning to take field trips to the Bloomfield Public Library, Bloomfield Park, and Dairy Queen. We are looking forward to our closing/graduation program on Friday, May 1st at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary and we will follow with refreshments in the Fellowship hall after our program. The children have been working really hard practicing their songs they will be singing. We have had a great year and are looking forward summer break starting in May.

Blessings,
Mrs. Farmer and Ms. Katie

News & Activities

CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY



It has been five years since we last developed a photo directory of our FBC family. We are going to attempt to put one together again in 2015. This time we will be doing it "in-house" with our own software and working with a local printer. Norm Sullivan has volunteered to do the photography, with picture-taking times to be held during the month of May. Or, if you or your family already has a photo you'd like to use in the directory instead, you may submit that by email to Brenda Nichols (secretary@fbcbloom.org) in the church office. This process will probably take several months so directories would become available later in the year. A suggested donation would cover our printing costs. Keep an eye out in our church bulletins and newsletters for more information and for sign-ups to have your picture taken. If you have any questions, ask Nathan.

New Campfire Study

The Campfire Sunday Evening Service will do a 4-week study by Max Lucado called *"Before Amen: The Power of Simple Prayer."* This study will take place at 6pm on April 12, 19, 26, and May 3, followed by dinner together in the Fellowship Hall. Lucado reveals his struggles with prayer and his discovery that having a conversation with God is for everyone, not just for the pious few. He will walk us through building a prayer life that is stronger, better and deeper. Connecting with Him each day can mean all the difference in your life and how you experience God.



Welcome Center Snack Support



We hope you have enjoyed our Sunday morning snacks so far. We thank all who have volunteered to help. We are still in need of volunteers to bring in snacks, set up and clean up after the service. We really would like for this to become a regular Sunday morning tradition. The church provides the coffee and paper supplies. Please give it some thought. There is a signup sheet on the counter in the Narthex. You may also call Carla Porter at 812-659-2819 or Debra Hudson at 812-384-4779 to sign up or ask questions. Thank you for your help with this mission.



F.I.S.H.

(Fellowship in Someone's Home)

A Ministry of First Baptist Church – Summer 2015

Who?

- Groups of about 8-10 people.
- Anyone who would like to participate!

What?

- Your group gathers for a meal, fellowship, and fun.

When?

- Your group meets once per month at a mealtime most convenient for your whole group.
- FISH runs through the months of June, July, and August (but you can keep going if your group desires).
- Sign-up deadline is April 26! Groups will be formed by May 3.

Where?

- The people in your group rotate who hosts the gathering each month.
- Or, if you want to, you can meet at a neutral location (like a restaurant or park).

Why?

- To develop new relationships.
- To get to know one another better.
- To have fun together!

How?

- Sign up (by April 26)! Please indicate if you are willing to host your group's June gathering.
- All who are interested will be assigned into groups.
- The June host will contact others in her/his group to get a date on the calendar.
- Whoever hosts provides the main dish; everyone else brings a side or desert as needed.

A Note from Pastor Nathan

Recently in a Sunday sermon we talked about the joy of knowing Jesus Christ. The Galatians were putting their focus on other things and losing that sense of joy. But the essence of Christianity is to know Christ, be known by Christ, and make Christ known. And this brings us great joy.

There is a thirst among our congregation for more of Jesus Christ. I want to encourage you in this. Many of you have expressed a desire to grow deeper in your relationship with Christ. This is a wonderful thing! He is drawing us to Himself. We long for more of Jesus.

The question is, how? What does it mean to have an ongoing relationship with Jesus Christ? We use this kind of language at church, but what does it look like in everyday life? If I want a deeper relationship with Jesus but don't know where to begin, how can I get started?

I believe that among our church family we have a lot of wisdom and experience to share with one another. We have each encountered the challenges of maintaining a relationship with Christ, and we have also discovered things that are really helpful to our relationships with Christ.

Our upcoming sermon series, beginning after Easter, will focus on prayer. Prayer is obviously an essential part of our relationship with Jesus Christ. We are going to look at a number of different scripture passages that have something to do with prayer. One thing I would like to do is to incorporate ideas and insights from you about your own walk with the Lord. I am very interested in your responses to the following questions...

1. What has been the biggest challenge (or challenges) for you in maintaining a daily relationship with Jesus?
2. What has been the most helpful thing (or things) for you in keeping up that ongoing relationship with Jesus?
3. What is something special that the Lord has done in your life by means of that daily relationship?

I think we have a lot to learn from one another. Some of these answers I might share (anonymously) as part of the sermon series on prayer. Others of you I might ask to briefly share your experiences with the congregation. The goal is not to lift up any one person; rather the goal is to learn from and encourage one another in our journeys with Jesus. So please pray about it. If you feel comfortable with it, I'd be interested in hearing your reflections on the questions above. Let's get this conversation going so that we might spur one another on toward a deeper walk with Christ.

Grace and peace,
Nathan

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Good Friday Office closed 7p Good Friday service @ 1 st Presbyterian	4
5 EASTER 7a Sunrise Service @ United Methodist	6	7 6:30 Trustees	8	9	10 6:30 2 nd Friday @ First Baptist	11
12	13	14	15 10a Bright Beginnings	16 6:30 Church Council	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 6:30 Deacons	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 7p Concert		

Deacon of the Month <i>Cheri Graf</i>	Trustee of the Month <i>Rob Allgood</i>	Usher of the Month <i>Rob Allgood</i>	Greeters <i>Donna Miller/Jean Resler</i>
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<u>Reoccurring Weekly Activities @ FBC</u>		
Sundays:	6:00 p.m.	Campfire - Sanctuary & FH
Mondays:	10:30 a.m.	Enhanced Fitness - FH
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts – FH
	6:30 p.m.	Faithful Workouts – CLC
Tuesdays:	6:30 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
	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

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