

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Nathan Brooks, Pastor

March 4, 2018 ~ 10:45 a.m.

Welcome/Invocation/Lord's Prayer		Debra Hudson
Praise Singing	<i>"The Power of Your Love" "Chain Breaker" "We Believe"</i>	Worship Team
Offering		
Doxology*		#815
Morning Prayer		
Special Music	<i>"I Give My All"</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Scripture Reading		Luke 4:9-13
Message	<i>"To Use God"</i>	Pastor Nathan
Communion		
Closing Hymn*	<i>"I Need Thee Every Hour"</i>	#638
Benediction*		
Postlude*		

** You are invited to stand if able*

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

This Week's Calendar

Today	9:30 a.m.....	Sunday School
<i>March 4</i>	10:30 a.m.....	Prayer in Nathan's office
	10:45 a.m.....	Morning Worship
	5:15 p.m.....	BLITZ
Monday	6:30 p.m.....	Choir
<i>March 5</i>		
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.....	Cottage Prayer Group
<i>March 6</i>		
Wednesday	6:15 p.m.....	Flames
<i>March 7</i>		
Saturday	8:00 a.m.....	Lenten Breakfast @ First Presbyterian
<i>March 10</i>	9:00 a.m.....	Hoops for Him
	 Daylight Saving – Spring Forward tonight!
NEXT Sunday	8:30 a.m.....	Fellowship Breakfast
<i>March 11</i>		<i>(Don't forget to spring forward or you'll miss it!!!)</i>

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### ***Next Week's Scripture Reading***

Matthew 12:38-42

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Birthdays this week

March 6 Carla Porter

March 7 David Dean

March 10 Warren Bartlett

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*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 – March 11

Prayer..... Sharon Terrell
 Sound System..... Braden Hudson
 Children's Worship..... Betty Miller
 Nursery..... Open / Unstaffed

March Volunteers

Deacon of the Month Debra Hudson
 Trustee of the Month..... Eric Moody
 Usher of the Month John Bailey
 Greeters Warren & Paula Bartlett

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

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A Look at Last Week

Attendance

Sunday School 70
 Morning Worship Service..... 133

Last Week's Giving

General Fund..... \$3474.50
 Food Pantry \$100.00

Year to Date Giving

Income \$45,205.82
 Budget Requirement \$39,410.24
 Net Income..... \$5,795.58

Loving Our Neighbors

The below questions are for each of us, as individuals and as families, to consider as we pursue Jesus' command to love our neighbors. As you respond, please keep track of any new ideas the Spirit brings to mind and any fruitful stories that arise from your obedience to the Lord's leading. Following the worship service on April 22, we'll eat together and share around our tables what God is doing among us.

Who are our neighbors?

What do we know about our neighbors? What do we need to learn in order to love our neighbors as ourselves?

How can we pray for our neighbors?

How can we increase our comfort level with our neighbors, and their comfort level with us?

How can we develop relationships with neighbors on a deeper/personal/spiritual level?

How could we take initiative in blessing our neighbors (rather than waiting for them to come to us)?



Welcome to worship! If you are a first-time guest, we have a small gift for you; please just ask. We invite all worshipers to sign the black book to help us better minister to you. If you'd like a prayer request announced, please use an orange card

from your pew and place it in the offering plate. Guests, your presence is a gift to us; please feel no pressure to participate in the offering.

NEW Prayer requests from last week, February 25, 2018

The family of Glenda Gibson (*Don Hendrix's sister*)

Mike Yates (*Son of Jerry/Jean Boyer*)

Nancy Covey's nieces, Tina & Carla

Charlotte Humerickhouse (*Moved to Room 219 @ Hearthstone*)

Other prayer requests:

BLITZ - Bold Living in the Zone! – Tonight @ 5:15

All kids ages 3 through grade 6 are welcome! Registration begins at 5:15 with dinner served at 5:30. Pick-up time will be 7:30.

Daylight Saving – March 11

Don't forget to spring forward next Saturday evening or Sunday morning. You don't want to miss the always delicious Fellowship Breakfast...OR morning worship!

Do You Like To Decorate?

We are in need of people to decorate the sanctuary, rotating on a monthly basis. Would you be interested in trying this ministry for a month? If so, please see Betty Miller or Pastor Nathan.

Concert at Tulip – March 15

The Greenville (IL) University Choir will be performing in concert, "From Darkness to Light," at Tulip Church of God on Thursday, March 15, at 7:00 p.m. A love offering will be received. Cammi Rockey is a member of this group.

Thank You

Dearest Church Family,

Thank you for all your love, acceptance, and support as we have journeyed through foster care and adoption. We couldn't have done it without you! It has been such a pleasure to see Taylor become a part of the family, both our family, and the Family of God! Within the first two weeks of her coming (5/28/15), we had to start talking about Church Camp, because it was just a few weeks away. She agreed she wanted to go, and had a great time learning about God. Taylor got baptized on Easter in 2016, (adopted in to God's family) and adopted in to the Hudson family on 11/21/17. It has been a special journey, and we thank you for welcoming Taylor and helping her learn about God's love through your love. Thank you for honoring her with a celebration lunch last Sunday.

Braden and Tasha Hudson



CGCMA Lenten Schedule 2018

Breakfasts - Saturdays, 8:00 AM

March 10 @ First Presbyterian: 401 Shyla Ln.

March 17 @ Word of Life Fellowship: 4713 E SR 54

March 24 @ Mineral UMC: 3165 E Mineral-Koleen Rd.

Good Friday, March 30

First Presbyterian, 401 Shyla Ln., 7:00 PM

Easter Sunrise, April 1

Bloomfield United Methodist, 60 W. Main St.

7:00 AM Service, Breakfast Following



HELP WANTED

FBC is looking for someone who would be interested in setting up a means to inform FBC members and attendees if someone has a need or an article to sell or give away, maybe you need some help to accomplish a task around your house, or maybe an adult or youth is interested in earning some extra money working. Quite often someone in our church family needs help or wants to help and there is no clear cut path to communicate the same.

Whoever is willing to coordinate these announcements could employ any number of means of communication: a physical bulletin board or two where items could be posted, an electronic bulletin board, utilizing the FBC group email list, the weekly bulletin, the monthly newsletter, Facebook, and/or some other method?

If you would be interested in working on developing and setting this program in motion, with help and guidance as needed from the Church Council and Trustees, please contact one of the Council members listed in your church phone directory or leave a note on the Church Secretary's desk.