

The First Baptist Connection

May 2015

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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Birthdays

5th Mark Kirkman
7th Gracie Hudson
Cannon Roark
8th Marlen Flynn
9th Mandy Rollison
13th Monica Hudson
15th Roberta Neill
16th Samantha Groomer
25th Johnny Cummings
26th Jason Brown
29th Derek Rollison
30th Betty Sullivan

Anniversaries

11th David & Shannon Dean
12th Paul & Ginger Stewart
18th Aaron & Tasha Campbell
21st Laverne & Miriam Rollison
24th Braden & Tasha Hudson

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



SAVE THE DATE!!!

Camp Discovery
Jesus at Work Through Us
July 5 – 9, 2015



Youth Happenings!

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

All Jr. High and Sr. High Youth

We'll be preparing for Youth Sunday during the Sunday School hour on May 3, 10, & 17th. Please come Wednesdays as well to share ideas.

News & Activities

Hoosier Hills Emmaus Community Gathering

*Friday, May 8,
2015
6:30 PM
Fellowship Hall*

Childcare Provided!

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! If it's been a while since you've been a part of the community, this would be a great time to renew old friendships as well!

Dinner will begin around 6:30 PM and a worship and fellowship time will follow afterwards.

What do we bring? Please bring a covered dish to share, as this will be a pitch-in dinner!

News & Activities

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.

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.



Directory Photo Shoots - May 16 & 17



Norm Sullivan will be available to take pictures on Saturday and Sunday afternoon, May 16 & 17, from 1:00-5:00pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the library counter for you to choose your date and time. If you already have a family photo that you would like to submit for the directory, you may email it to Brenda at secretary@fbc bloom.org. Future dates for photos with Norm will be available if needed.

Youth Sunday and Graduate Lunch

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.



congratulations!!

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.

Pray For Our Mission Team – July 18-25

Seven from the church will be teaming up with others in Ft. Wayne for Mission Serve, July 18-25. The team consists of John Cummings, Bill Hudson, Debra Hudson, Julie Hudson, Andrew Templeton, Andrew Weeks, & Bob Weeks.



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. 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 to the CHURCH SECRETARY at least 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.

Indian Creek Camp Schedule

2015 Summer Schedule			
Camp	Grade Level (Grade Entering)	Dates	Price
Special Persons	16 years old and up	June 1-5	\$165
Boys Camp	4th-6th grade Boys Only	June 7-11	\$150
Explorer	1st and 2nd	June 14-16	\$115
Discovery	3rd and 4th	June 17-20	\$135
Girls Camp	4th-6th Grade Girls Only	June 21-25	\$150
Family Camp		June 26-28	Varies
Senior High	11th grade-2015 grads	June 28-July 4	\$240
Focus	7th-9th	July 5-11	\$235
First Timers	K and 1st	July 11-12	\$70
Teen	9th-10th	July 12-18	\$235
Challenge	6th-8th	July 19-25	\$235

Tippecanoe Schedule

Dates	Session	Grade	Cost
June 7-12	Missions Camp	All Ages	Week - \$150.00 Daily - \$ 50.00
June 14-18	Explorer	1st-2nd	\$170.00
June 14-20	Leadership	7th-11th	\$255.00
June 19-20	First Timers	K-1st	\$ 65.00
June 21-27	Trailblazers	5th-6th	\$255.00
June 28-July 3	Day Camp	K-6th	\$125.00
June 28-July 4	JAM	7th-12th	\$255.00
July 5-11	Sr High	9th-12th	\$260.00
July 12-18	Challenge	7th-8th	\$255.00
July 19-25	Discovery	3rd-4th	\$255.00
August 14-15	Father & Son		\$ 80.00
September 16-19	Quilters & Stampers		\$165.00
October 20-22	Young at Heart		\$ 80.00

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

DAYCARE NEWS

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.

Thank you also for your orders of flowers. The fund raiser was as always a success.

We are looking into redoing our toddler playground, any suggestions and/or help would be greatly appreciated. Our children love being outside and we want to ensure it is as safe as we can possibly make it.

As always thank you so much for your continued prayers and support to make this Ministry possible.

Tammy Kirkman,
Daycare Director



A Note from Pastor Nathan

"...to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation..."

Description of an FBC member, from our Covenant

What is forgiveness? I recently read this: "...forgiveness is the cancellation of debt. It's not forgetting the injury, but it is looking at someone and saying, 'You owed me better, but you don't owe me anymore.'"¹

The author refers to the love and respect we owe one another as image bearers of God. We have all fallen short of this. Each of us has treated others with less than the dignity they deserve and each of us has been mistreated. We have injured one another. We owed one another better.

This understanding of forgiveness as debt-relief reminds me of Matthew 18:21-35: a king forgives his servant for an enormous debt; that servant fails to forgive another servant for a much smaller debt; the outraged king asks: "Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?" (18:33, *NIV*).

When a debt is owed, there are two options for making things right. The debt must either be repaid or forgiven. For the first servant in Matthew 18, repayment was impossible. His debt was too huge. He could only beg for mercy. He was entirely dependent on the king's forgiveness. This is certainly our reality with God, *but it is also our reality with one another*.

Consider that most of us have been hurt deeply by family or friends. These folks who have injured us have, in many cases, also done good things for us. But if I say or do something hurtful to you, no amount of gifts or nice gestures or kind words can remove the pain I caused you. Sooner or later, we must acknowledge that I owed you better. And sooner or later, I must confess that I cannot possibly pay you back. I need you to forgive me for the ways I caused you pain.

And, in order for you to be free, you also need to forgive me. It is a burden for you to keep track of my debts against you. A pastor once said that unforgiveness is like a bucket full of rocks. Each hurtful incident we are holding on to is like a rock in our bucket. We need to empty our buckets if we are going to be truly free.

Forgiving people can be extraordinarily difficult, especially if the wounds they caused us were deep or repeated. The Lord knows this and has mercy! But are we willing to pursue the forgiveness that the Lord calls us to give? Sometimes we must begin by praying for the desire to forgive. We have to be honest with the Lord about our unforgiving attitudes. Only God can change our hearts.

Occasionally I am asked what might be keeping our church from being all that the Holy Spirit calls us to be. The Lord has impressed upon me that unforgiveness is a huge problem in our midst. We as a church body are holding grudges against one another for things done recently and a long time ago. We are harboring bitterness toward those in the church who have hurt us. We are clinging to our judgments about those people: what they did was so terrible, what they said was so awful. And we may be right. If we've been wronged, we must be honest about the injuries we received. But we also must not stop there. We are called to forgive one another just as God in Christ forgave us (Ephesians 4:32).

I am asking our church family to use this month of May as a special season for praying about forgiveness and reconciliation. What wrongs do you need to confess? What wrongs do you need to forgive? Who might you need to have a conversation with, and what does the Lord want you to say? Holy Spirit, help us to empty our buckets, confess our sins, and forgive our debtors. Heal our broken relationships and set us free!

Grace and peace,
Nathan

¹ Neideck, Bob. "The Path to Forgiveness," *Taylor*, 109 (Spring 2015): 12-13

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Bright Beginnings Daycare & Preschool: 384-0400

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 6:30 Preschool Graduation	2
3	4	5 6:30 Trustees	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 6:30 Congregational Meeting	15	16
17 Youth Sunday 2:00 Softball practice	18	19	20	21 7:00 Concert	22	23
24 2:00 Softball practice	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Deacon Fund 2:00 Softball practice 6:30 Songfest @ Tulip Church of God						

Deacon of the Month <i>John Bailey</i>	Trustee of the Month <i>Bert Terrell</i>	Usher of the Month <i>Braden Hudson</i>	Greeters <i>Nancy Covey</i> <i>Charlotte Humerickhouse</i>
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Reoccurring Weekly Activities @ FBC		
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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