

CONNECTION

May 2020

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Bright Beginnings Daycare is CLOSED until further notice.

Bright Beginnings Preschool is CLOSED as long as Bloomfield Schools are closed.

The Food Pantry is OPEN normal hours as a drive-thru operation.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9-11 a.m.; Tuesday 4:30-6 p.m.

All Sunday Morning Worship Services (10:40 a.m.); Wednesday Morning Bible Studies (9:00 a.m.); and Thursday morning Bright Beginnings Bible Story readings (8:30 a.m.) will be livestreamed at

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuANdmBC_mhijyNn8A--xtw

The church office is closed. Brenda, our secretary, will be working from home. All calls and emails to the church are being rerouted to her at home. Please do not hesitate to call or email if you need something.

(812-384-8459 or secretary@fbc bloom.org)

In-person gatherings are suspended. Archived sermon audio and video is available at fbcbloom.org.

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BIRTHDAYS

5th Piper Hughes

9th Mandy Rollison

29th Derek Rollison

7th Gracie Hudson

13th Monica Hudson

30th Betty Sullivan

Cannon Roar

16th Samantha Groomer

31st Meredith Pittman

8th Marlen Flynn

26th Jason Brown

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ANNIVERSARIES

11th David & Shannon Dean

12th Paul & Ginger Stewart

14th Skyler & Emily Pittman

21st Laverne & Miriam Rollison

24th Braden & Tasha Hudson

WE ARE NOW ON YOUTUBE!

Beginning today, Sunday, May 3, 2020, all FBC livestreams will broadcast from this YouTube page.

Video for sermons since Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020, has also migrated to YouTube.

All archived sermon audio is available at fbcbloom.org.

Weekly YouTube Broadcast Schedule (all times a.m., EDT):

Sunday Services: 10:20 on-air, 10:40 service starts

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: 8:55 on-air, 9:00 study starts

Thursday Bright Beginnings Story time: 8:30

Click on this link to find us:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuANdmBC_mhjyNn8A--xtw

ON-LINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE AT

https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithe.ly/give-one-time/1400550

or

Download the Tithe.ly app for your android or apple devices

Daycare Flower Fundraiser DUE DATE CHANGE!

Orders and payments are due Monday, May 11, 2020. Pick-up date is Friday, May 15 from 2:00-6:00pm.

Church Camp Registration

The camp directors and leadership teams have made the difficult decision to suspend all summer camps for 2020. You are encouraged to complete your registration as normal so that you may access online camp resources. All campers/caregivers who have made a payment already will be offered a full refund. Please visit the following link to read the full announcement:

<https://abc-indiana.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Letter-for-2020-camp-season.pdf>

Vacation Bible School – July 26-30

Planning for this summer's VBS, Rocky Railway, is well under way! VBS this year will be a railroad themed program that will get railroad enthusiasts and everyone excited about how Jesus pulls us through life's ups and downs. We've had volunteers come forward to lead most of the activities. We're seeking someone to help with/co-teaching the Bible Adventures portion of the program as well as Crew Leaders and Preschool helpers. Please contact Brenda Flanagin or Sherry Weeks if you're interested in helping out. We are planning for success, as well as a fun and safe VBS for all participants (children as well as workers.) We will incorporate the guidelines of state and local health care leaders to ensure everyone's safety as we continue developing plans.



Youth Mission Trip Cancelled

The Mission Trip scheduled for July to Cincinnati has been cancelled. If you were considering sponsoring one of our youth, there will still be an opportunity. At this time, we are hoping to schedule another trip for next summer. Once we find out a schedule and location (hopefully this fall) we will begin planning. Thanks to all of you who made our Fazoli's fundraiser a success!

A Note from Pastor Nathan

*Others went out on the sea in ships; they were merchants on the mighty waters.
They saw the works of the Lord, his wonderful deeds in the deep.
For he spoke and stirred up a tempest that lifted high the waves.
They mounted up to the heavens and went down to the depths;
in their peril their courage melted away.
They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their wits' end.
Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress.
He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed.
They were glad when it grew calm, and he guided them to their desired haven.
Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men.
Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people and praise him in the council of the elders.*

Psalm 107:23-32 (NIV 1984)

*You will keep in perfect peace
him whose mind is steadfast,
because he trusts in you.
Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord, is the Rock eternal.*
Isaiah 26:3-4 (NIV 1984)

The first passage above is a portion of Psalm 107. A storm arises, disrupts commerce, threatens life, and brings people to “their wits’ end.” Literally, “all their wisdom was swallowed up.” They did not know what to do. I wonder if some of you reading this, weary from the coronavirus and all of its effects, are at your wits’ end. *How are we going to keep on going? How long will this last? When will things be normal again? Is it ever going to end? Are we going to make it?*

Usually, there is somebody we know who is facing a “wits’ end” kind of situation. Often, multiple somebodies. Life on earth can be hard, and we know people going through hard things. But not all of us are enduring the same hard thing personally, and so we can be instruments of stability and hope for those who are suffering. It is easier to have perspective when you’re not in the midst of the storm yourself.

In this case – our current coronavirus climate – everyone is being tested. All of society is strained. And we are plagued with questions such as those I mentioned above. The questions about *duration* might be the hardest. When we can’t see the light at the end of the tunnel, or when it feels like reaching that light will take forever, our wits wear thin.

I have no idea how long the coronavirus threat will last, or how long it might take to get back to normal, or how “normal” that normal might be.

But the Lord is the Rock eternal. His love is unfailing. God has not changed and will not change. He is not at His wits’ end. He has not lost money. His strength has not been zapped. He is not surprised. He is not overwhelmed. He has overcome. He promises us a future in which sorrow will be no more. He is with us always, even to the end of the age.

Anxiety is fed by the buffet of unknowns before us. Peace is sustained by the character and work of God. The steadfast mind, when confronted by the former, consistently returns to the latter. Perfect peace – “*shalom-shalom*,” which might be translated, “peaceful peace,” or, “whole wholeness” – need not wait for the difficulty to end. Perfect peace is available to all of us who resolutely look to our God in the midst of uncertain times.

Of course, complete circumstantial peace is coming. He will guide us to our desired haven. He is the Lord who stills the wind and the waves. I’m praying for you as I write this, that you will experience the calming of the storm inside of you, even as we await the calming of all storms on the outside; that we would be the people of *shalom-shalom* in the midst of a frantic world; and that His government and peace would continue to increase through us, without end.

Grace and peace,
Nathan

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Communion	4	5 6:30 Trustees	6 9:00 Bible Study	7 6:30 Deacons	8	9
10 Happy Mother's Day	11 Daycare flower orders due!	12	13 9:00 Bible Study	14 6:30 Ch Council	15 2:00-6:00 Daycare Flower Delivery	16
17	18	19	20 9:00 Bible Study	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27 9:00 Bible Study	28	29	30
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Sound System	Prayers	Nursery Care	Children's Worship (2 nd & 4 th Sundays only)
3 rd Paul Schmidt	3 rd	3 rd Sandy Clark / Taylor Johnson	
10 th Braden Hudson	10 th	10 th Paula Bartlett / Kinley Moody	10 th Betty Miller
17 th TBD	17 th Donna Miller	17 th NEED VOLUNTEERS	
24 th Eric Moody	24 th Brad Ellis	24 th Janet Schmidt / Haley Brown	24 th Sandy Clark
31 st Eric Moody	31 st Bob Weeks		

<u>Reoccurring Weekly Activities @ FBC</u>	
Mondays:	6:30p.m. CubScouts-FH
Tuesdays:	6:30p.m. GirlScouts-FH
Thursdays:	6:00a.m. Men's Breakfast
	6:30p.m. BoyScouts-FH
	6:30p.m. Gideons(3 rd Thurs.eachmonth)-FH

<u>Deacon of the Month</u>
<i>Randy Flanagin</i>
<u>Trustee of the Month</u>
<i>John Bailey</i>
<u>Usher of the Month</u>
<u>Greeters of the Month</u>