# The First Baptist Connection

# June 2014

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

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# **Sound System**

1st Paul Schmidt 8th Braden Hudson 15th Tyler Nickless 22nd Eric Moody

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## **Prayers**

Tasha Hudson

8<sup>th</sup> Bob Templeton 15<sup>th</sup> Cheri Campbell 22<sup>nd</sup> Cindy Allgood 29<sup>th</sup> Rob Allgood

# **Children's Worship**

(2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays only)

11th Betty Miller & Delene Weeks18th Sarah Riggins & Tasha Hudson

25th Sandy Clark, Janet Schmidt &

**Andrew Templeton** 

# JUNE 2014 Bitthdays Prayer Concerns

1 <sup>st</sup>	Shelia McBride	15 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Bailey
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Becky Dayhoff	18 <sup>th</sup>	Max Terrell
	Brenda Pridemore		Sydney Terrell
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ansley Ross	20 <sup>th</sup>	Tammy Kirkman
	William Clapp	22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Taylor Templeton</b>
6 <sup>th</sup>	Julie Hudson	24 <sup>th</sup>	JR Ross
8 <sup>th</sup>	Gabby Weeks	25 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy Covey
9 <sup>th</sup>	Karlie Thompson	27 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Allen
12 <sup>th</sup>	Savannah Roark	28 <sup>th</sup>	Emma Resler
14 <sup>th</sup>	Heather Malone		Tyler Blakley
	Austin Rollison	30 <sup>th</sup>	George Dallaire

# Anniversaries

Norm & Nancy Sullivan Danny & Sarah Riggins

3<sup>rd</sup> Joe & Jean Burcham George & Marilyn Dallaire

Bill & Debra Hudson

10<sup>th</sup> Don & Betty Sullivan

11<sup>th</sup> Charles & Kimberly Porter

12<sup>th</sup> Eric & Jennifer Moody

19<sup>th</sup> Gary & Carolyn Sullivan

21<sup>st</sup> **Bob & Sherry Weeks** 

23<sup>rd</sup> John & Nancy Cummings

24<sup>th</sup> Nathan & Liz Brooks

# Prayer Concerns

#### **On-Going Prayer Concerns**

Bright Beginnings Daycare and Preschool **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

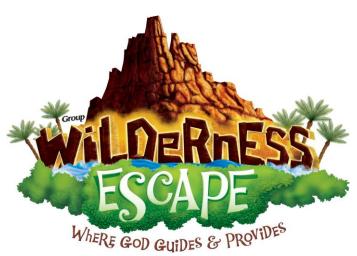
# FINANCIAL REPORT

# **April 2014 Offering Totals:**

## General Fund.......\$19,495.98 America for Christ ...... \$825.00 Food Pantry.....\$100.00 Mission Trip......\$250.00 Decorating Committee.....\$100.00 .....\$30.00 Youth

# Year to Date (as of April 2014)

Actual Receipts	\$206,587.99
Actual Expenses	\$245,547.35



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 22-26, 2014 6:00 - 8:30

JOIN US AT FBC FOR WILDERNESS ESCAPE, AND BECOME PART OF THE JOURNEY AS MOSES AND THE ISRAELITES WATCH GOD GUIDE AND PROVIDE!

YOU'LL TRAVEL BACK INTO BIBLE TIMES—WITHOUT SETTING FOOT OUTSIDE OUR COMMUNITY. EACH DAY, YOU WILL BECOME PART OF HISTORY AS YOU SEE, HEAR, TOUCH, AND EVEN TASTE WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO LIVE IN THE BIBLE-TIMES WILDERNESS!

YOU'LL EXPLORE THE ISRAELITE CAMP TENTS, VISIT MOSES, TAKE PART IN GAMES, DANCE TO LIVELY BIBLE SONGS, AND SAMPLE TASTY TIDBITS AS YOU DISCOVER MORE ABOUT MOSES' ADVENTURES. THESE EXPERIENCES MAKE GOD'S WORD COME ALIVE WITH NEW MEANING FOR ALL WHO PARTICIPATE!

## PLEASE REGISTER ME FOR WILDERNESS ESCAPE

Child's name				
Gender: Male Female Birthdate			Grade completed	
Address		_ City _	Sta	ate Zip
Parents/Guardian			Home phone	
Work phone	_ Cell phone		Email	
Emergency contact				
Relationship to child			Phone	
Please place my child with				
Name of home church				
Food allergies Y N List				
Medical concerns Y N Expla	in			

# FBC News & Activities

## Let's Go Camping @ Indian Creek!!!

The theme this year is "Come to the Well." The full camp schedule and registration forms are on the library counter. First Baptist Church will pay one half of the registration fee for all campers. If additional financial assistance is needed, please see Sandy Clark. Registration forms and checks (made out to FBC for half the total fee) need to be turned in to the church office THREE WEEKS BEFORE the start of the camp session.



# Reach for the Stars ~ DANCE!!!! Saturday, June 14, 2014

Six local "stars" (Benny McNeely, President of Bloomfield State Bank, David Dean, Principal Bloomfield Jr/Sr High School, Tina Closser, Crane STEM and Society of Women Engineers, Matt Ubelhor, Peabody Energy and State Representative, Sarah Armstrong, Society of Naval Engineers and Cheryl Hamilton, Ex. Dir. of the Linton Chamber of Commerce) will all be dancing with partners from Yer Studio in Bloomfield. They are also hard to raise money for Greene Education Services. Stars will earn votes through donations of cash (\$1 per vote), donation of silent auction items, or by gathering friends and purchasing eight tickets to fill a table. All funds raised will go toward providing youth programs/services and general operating expenses for Greene Education Services.

Reach for the Stars ~ Dance! will be held at the WestGate Academy Conferencing and Training Center located at 13598 East West Gate Drive, Odon. The evening events include dinner, silent auction, auction items, a raffle for a chance to win an iPad mini, live band, dancing and of course our first annual dance contest with our very own celebrity dancers.

We hope you can join us for this fun-filled evening and help us build memories. Ticket prices are \$40 per person, \$75 per couple or \$300 per table of eight and may be purchased from any board member, any Greene County School Superintendent's office, any of the local celebrity dance stars or at the Greene Education Services office in Switz City. Call Greene Education Services with any questions you may have: 812-659-1300.

#### <u>Summer Ladies Bible Study is Back!</u>

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 Order the book, complete five 30 participate in the discussion groups, recommend this option if you can out of the study. 2) Attend only the case you do not have the time to want to get into the word with some worthwhile for you.



options for participation in the study: 1) minute homework lessons per week, and attend the teaching sessions. I'd highly commit to it because you'll receive the most teaching sessions. I give you this option in commit to doing the weekly lessons, but still other ladies. I believe it will still be very

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 \$12 each and due on June 10. I am so excited to get back in the Word with you!

~Liz (liz.brooks@ymail.com)

## Save the Date for our 145th Anniversary - August 24

Our Executive Minister for the ABC-IN/KY, Soozi Ford, will be joining us for worship. We will join together for a time of fellowship and good food following the morning service. Stay tuned for more details!

# **Thanksgiving Challenge 2014**



# BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

#### **DAYCARE NEWS**

The flower fundraiser was a huge success and the flowers were absolutely beautiful. Thank you to all who participated.

We are happy to be out of school and look forward to a fun filled summer.

Some of the children going to Kindergarten in the fall told me what they think it will be like:

- Matthew said you have to get your numbers and letters right because those teachers are so very nice. You do coloring pictures and you can't get out of line.
- Tera said you gotta be good and you can't mess up cause those teachers will put a big red
  mark on your papers. You have to listen to the Teacher or you have to go listen to the
  Principal's office.
- Lola said it's going to be fun. You do some papers and we are going to have recess.
- Braxton said oh yeah, let's see it's going to be fun and help me learn and make me have a lot of fun times and I get to play games on the computers and I can't wait to spell things.
- Samauryian said I think you do art do recess and learn. That's all.
- Dylan said it's a big big school. You do art and stuff and also homework and play with toys if you have time you play.
- Sophia said I think it's going to be fun. We learn.
- Raigan said there is going to be different kids there and a lot of kids to play with. It's going to be like here but different.
- Jennifer said it's going to be like you see some stuff that you're going to do and you make the stuff.

A 23 month old child went to her Aunt's funeral, she saw a picture of Moses on the wall and she said "God Mama" her cousin told her "that's Jesus" the little girl yelled at him and said "Jesus loves ME".

# Our daycare can always use the following items. You just never know how we might turn something into a piece of art:

Glue sticksPaper platesBeadsGlueScraps of materialDuct tapeWashable markersEmpty toilet rollsColored pencilsFeathersEmpty paper towel rollsSmocks (old t-shirts)Pom pomsEgg cartonsDress up clothes

Cotton balls Tongue suppressors Tide

Buttons Play dough Scrap paper

Ribbon Bubbles Sand Tissue paper Chalk Rice

Felt Crayons Empty containers

Pipe cleaners Rubber band bracelet kits Shovels

Thank you for your support and prayers.

Tammy and staff

# A Note from Pastor Nathan

I have been reading a book about railroad engineering (not, "how to drive train," but, "how to design a railroad"). A recent chapter dealt with the subject of resistance. Every train encounters resistance.

Some resistance is always there – the weight of the locomotive, for example. Other resistance varies greatly – wind resistance, depending on direction and speed. Every hill or curve presents its own unique resistance. The length of a train and the weight and shape of each car influences the amount of resistance.

No train ever travels in a straight line, even if the track looks perfectly straight to us. As the train moves along, the wheels bounce slightly back and forth between the rails. The track is depressed and then rebounds as each set of wheels passes over it. All of this creates resistance. Resistance also increases with speed. How often do we find that to be true in life?

Engineers have developed many complex mathematical formulas for estimating resistance. This information is useful in planning routes, constructing track, and designing locomotives. Every effort is made to understand and reduce resistance. But, no matter what, there is always some resistance.

All of this means that at some point the attention must shift from avoiding resistance to acquiring the power to overcome that resistance. Understanding resistance is good. Reducing resistance is helpful. But if resistance is always around in some form, then we need power that will work, even in the face of great resistance.

Every Christian encounters resistance. If we are faithful to a King to whom the entire world is not yet faithful, we will experience resistance from other kings and kingdoms. And when we ourselves behave in ways that are contrary to the design of our King, we bring resistance upon ourselves. Some resistance is clearly the work of an enemy who is out to destroy us. Other resistance seems to be given to us by a loving God who desires for us to be transformed and grow stronger.

On the whole, I do not like resistance very much. Perhaps you do not like resistance, either. And so we do many things to try to understand and reduce resistance. This study of resistance is not bad; it is actually wise to be aware of and prepared for potential resistance. But when we find ourselves unable to eliminate resistance, we are humbled by our pressing need to find the power to live victoriously in its midst.

Enter the Holy Spirit. Pentecost this year falls on June 8. Pentecost is the day when we remember how the Holy Spirit came upon the early Christians with great power. This Spirit changes people – the fearful Peter of the Gospels becomes the bold preacher of Acts, for example. This Spirit empowers people to do miraculous things in Jesus' name. This Spirit frees people even from the fear of death, so that we may faithfully serve Christ even in the face of great resistance.

Christians get into trouble when we focus on resistance-management instead of Holy-Spirit-reliance. What is my starting point when I encounter resistance? Do I begin planning how I will remove the resistance? Do I dwell on my frustration that the resistance even exists? Or, do I cry out, "Come, Holy Spirit, I need Thee!"

Jesus says, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Jesus has not left us as orphans; He has come to us (John 14:18). He has given us the Holy Spirit to dwell within us, guide us, and empower us. And so, when we encounter resistance, how will we overcome? "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty" (Zech. 4:6). May that be true of us!

Grace and peace,

Nathan

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:30 SS Promotions 12:00: Senior Luncheon 1:00 Music Fest 3:00 Softball Practice		6:45 Softball game				
8 Gideon Speaker:	9	10	11	12	13	14
Tim Moody	6:30 Trustees	6:30 Ladies Bible Study 6:45 Softball game		6:30 Church Council		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		6:30 Ladies Bible Study 6:45 Softball game				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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29	30					
6:30 Songfest @ Tulip						

<b>Deacon of the Month</b>	Trustee of the Month	<b>Usher of the Month</b>	Greeters
Bob Weeks	Mike Henry	John Bailey	Marlen Flynn & Charles Husk

Reoccurring	Weekly	<b>Activities</b>	@ FBC
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**Sundays:** 6:00 p.m. Campfire - Sanctuary & FH

Mondays: 10:30 a.m. Enhanced Fitness - FH

6:15 p.m. Zumba – CLC 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts – FH

Tuesdays: 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

6:15 p.m. Zumba – CLC 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - FH

6:30 p.m. Gideons (3rd Thurs. each month) – FH

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