

The First Baptist Connection

July 2016

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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Birthdays

1st Eric Moody
3rd Stephanie Coffin
Rob Rollison
Donald Sullivan
4th Jean Resler
Alex Weeks
7th Alex Brown
8th Georgene Lunberry
11th Bob Weeks
14th Alecia Henry
18th David Doane
22nd Billie Blakley
23rd Allyson Campbell
24th Kathy Ham
25th Bill Hudson
Rochelle Schmidt
James Stoner
26th Alex Malone
27th Madison Toon
Emily Miller
28th Kinley Moody
Keaton Wilson

Prayer Concerns

On-Going Prayer Concerns

Bright Beginnings Daycare and Preschool
Jerry & Jean Boyer
David & Lydia Hunter
Tyler & Georgene Lunberry
Mary Jane Parker
Kay & Don Pierce
Peace seeking in Iraq & Afghanistan
American Baptist missionaries

Bloomington Nursing & Rehab

(120 E Miller Road, Bloomington)
Steve Buccola

Glenburn Nursing Home

Charlie Farmer

Owen Valley Health Campus

(W State Road 46, Spencer)
Charlotte Humerickhouse

Anniversaries

5th Jim & Jennifer Kingsley
6th Mike & Barb Stoner
18th Steve & Kay Allen
23rd Charlie & Judy Stahl
31st Nick & Brenda Keller

FBC News & Activities

Vacation Bible School – July 17-22

Deep Bible Quests!! How much would you like to know about Cave Quest? It's a place where you explore how God's people waited and hoped for Jesus! Walk on water as Peter did, discover truths from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount! Celebrate with us as the light of the world comes to life! Explore how the Holy Spirit works in our lives, and experience its life changing power. If you want to explore and discover all these things and more, then come to Vacation Bible School on July 17 to July 22, 2016 at Bloomfield First Baptist Church on 500 Lincoln Drive in Bloomfield, IN and join us for this amazing adventure!



Southern Indiana Men's Conference – August 20, 2016

The 5th annual Southern Indiana Men's Conference will be held here at First Baptist Church on Saturday, August 20. All men are encouraged to mark your calendars for this free event, which includes lunch.

Open Arms Ministry In Need of Donations

Open Arms Ministry, located across from the 4H fair grounds is seeking donations to help them replace 23 year old new carpet for a hallway in one of their larger homes. The Miriam Home is the facility where many girls with numerous problems in their life have found God along with a sense of direction in their life. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$14,800. They have divided the hallway into squares. It takes 3,000 squares of carpet and includes vinyl for the kitchen and laundry room to complete the project. Here are some giving opportunities:

\$25 will buy 5 squares of carpet

\$50 will provide 10 squares

\$100 will provide 20 squares

\$200 will provide 40 squares

Donation forms will be available on the counter near the library.

Children's Worship

We would like to have a volunteer to lead Children's Worship the 4th Sunday of each month. Teaching materials are provided. The children are between 4 years old and about 4th grade. We normally have 6 to 10 children. The children are invited to come to worship after the special music. The teaching time is about 40 minutes. Children's Worship is a once a month commitment. It is shared with other leaders teaching on the 2nd and 3rd month. It is a great time to share your love for Christ. If you can help, please contact Sandy Clark @ 812-384-3257.

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

We are having a fun summer so far. The School age children have made several trips to the Linton park and pool and to the Bloomfield Library. We enjoyed going to Westgate Tech Park for the Get Outdoors Event. We have many more fun things planned. Our portrait fund raiser was successful and we are planning to do it again in November.

We have all enjoyed water play activities outside. We have a Bible lesson every day in all ages. The School age are now learning how to look up Bible verses in their Bibles.

One of our 4-year-olds was talking about her baby brother getting teeth. Her Mom told her "Your brother is getting his teeth and you will soon be losing some of yours." The child responded with "the look" and replied "Well...if God wants me to lose some then I will."

I asked several of the School age how they feel about Bright Beginnings Daycare. Here are their responses:

Abby (10) - "I think it's really good. We get to do field trips. I like how the teachers are really, really nice to us. I like how we get to do water play. We learn about God and Jesus and verses from the Bible."

Alexis (10) - "I like it. I like learning about stuff in the Bible. I like seeing my friends."

Braylon (5) - "I love to play with Legos. I like the fellowship hall. We learn don't be mean."

Jovan (9) - "I like the Legos, the food, that it's air conditioned when it is hot outside. I like the pipe toys, the cars and crafts in the other building. I learn how to be nicer and I made new friends."

Samauryion (7) - "They let you do a lot of crafts. They keep you safe, they have nice teachers. I learn a lot of stuff about God. I learned that Jesus got captured and put on a cross with nails and a thorn thing and he died to protect and save us."

Michael (9) - "I like the Legos, the straw builder things, the food. I like when we go on field trips to places."

Johni (5) - "We get to go on field trips. I like the Bible studying. We saw a turtle today, it was laying eggs."

Cohen (6) - "Playing with Legos, learning about God and Jesus, and making new friends. I like quiet time and recess."

Adam (6) - "I like to color and play. I like to play with Legos. I like to play in the big room".

Emmi (5) - "I get to go to school age. I get to do crafts with my best friends. I like outside play. I usually play tag with Adam."

Kelsey (5) - "That we go outside. We learn to be nice and not hurt each other."

Please remember us in your prayers as we teach and learn from our Children.

Tammy Kirkman, Director

A Note from Pastor Nathan

But I tell you who hear me:

Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

Luke 6:27-28 (NIV 1984)

These are among Jesus' toughest but most necessary words. We know them well. We also know how rarely and imperfectly they have been followed. Yet there is no asterisk here; no fine print; no exceptions. This is standard material for all followers of Jesus Christ.

These words have never been more appropriate than they are for us, now. Fear and hatred of the "other" is running very high in our society. There is so much animosity between various groups and persons. We humans have a hard time dealing with people who aren't like us or disagree with us.

Jesus provides the way forward. He receives all conceivable hatred toward Himself through His suffering and death on the cross. He does not fight back. He receives all. He exposes all hatred as pathetically lacking in contrast with the overwhelming power and love of God. Resurrection day vindicates Jesus' strategy.

The word of Jesus – "Father, forgive them" – becomes a word for us – "Love your enemies." And the Spirit of the One who uttered these words is dwelling in us. Word and Spirit: we have everything we need to obey.

But do we really *want* to obey? That is a good question. There is, at some level, a measure of enjoyment in speaking and thinking ill of our enemies. This is counterfeit joy but at some level we do like it.

But hatred, like all other sin, reaps death. It cannot be the way for those who are called to life in Jesus' name.

And, it is not as if our society is so short on hatred that we need to help make up for the deficit in supply.

What the world needs is the love of God. Jesus intends for us to live out His love, by means of His Spirit, to the glory of our Father. God who loves His enemies – "while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" – calls us to do the same. So, we need the Lord to change our desires, that we would desire love and not hatred.

Love is one of those things – real love, authentic, *agape* love – that can only be known, experienced. It is not demonstrated by clever argument or loud words. We can talk about love, which is good. But we must live it. And in a world where love is so very misunderstood and mischaracterized, we are called to participate in something truly revolutionary: "Love your enemies." This, when done, is noticed. This makes an impact.

Jesus says this love involves praying God's blessing on our enemies and doing good to them. This obviously starts with the people we see regularly, daily. How can we love the "enemies" we see on TV or read about on the Internet if we cannot love the "enemies" in our church, family, workplace or neighborhood? Jesus offers no exceptions. If we claim to be His, we must wrestle with Him in prayer about and on behalf of our enemies.

This is not easy. Any obedience that requires transformation of deeply held inner desires will be a lifelong journey. But I can choose to volunteer as a participant in the "on earth as it is in heaven" project. *Holy Spirit, help me, help us, to be authentic instruments of the love of God in the midst of a world that is full of hate.*

Not that I have already obtained all of this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on...

Nathan

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 8:20 Softball game	2
3 Communion	4 Independence Day OFFICE CLOSED	5 6:00 Softball game 6:30 Trustees	6	7 6:30 Deacons	8 7:10 Softball game	9
10	11	12 6:00 Softball game	13	14 6:00 Softball game	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 6:30 Church Council	29	30
31 6:30 CGCMA Songfest @ UMC						

Deacon of the Month <i>Casey Rice</i>	Trustee of the Month <i>Paul Stewart</i>	Usher of the Month <i>Jeff Coffin</i>	Greeter <i>Bert & Sharon Terrell</i>
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<u>Reoccurring Weekly Activities @ FBC</u>			
Sundays: 8:00 a.m.	Handbell Practice	Wednesdays: 10:30 a.m.	Enhanced Fitness - FH
		6:15 p.m.	FLAMES - CLC
Mondays: 10:30 a.m.	Enhanced Fitness - FH	Thursdays: 6:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast - Dairy Queen
6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts - FH	10:30 a.m.	Enhanced Fitness - FH
6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts - FH
Tuesdays: 6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts - FH	6:30 p.m.	Gideons (3 rd Thurs. each month) - FH
6:30 p.m.	Cottage Prayer Group		

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