

**The First Baptist Connection**

# August 2014

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

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### Sound System

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paul Schmidt
10 <sup>th</sup>	Braden Hudson
17 <sup>th</sup>	Tyler Nickless
24 <sup>th</sup>	Eric Moody
31 <sup>st</sup>	Eric Moody

### Prayers

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jean Burcham
10 <sup>th</sup>	Charlotte Humerickhouse
17 <sup>th</sup>	Brenda Flanagin
24 <sup>th</sup>	Randy Flanagin
31 <sup>st</sup>	Georgia Flinn

### Children's Worship

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

10 <sup>th</sup>	Betty Miller & Delene Weeks
17 <sup>th</sup>	Sarah Riggins & Tasha Hudson
24 <sup>th</sup>	Sandy Clark, Janet Schmidt & Andrew Templeton

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## *Birthdays*

4 <sup>th</sup>	Eleanor Barkley Mary Puntney
7 <sup>th</sup>	Bert Terrell
8 <sup>th</sup>	Ashley Neill
10 <sup>th</sup>	Barb Frye
12 <sup>th</sup>	Flo Byers
14 <sup>th</sup>	Kylee Moody
16 <sup>th</sup>	Megan Keown
17 <sup>th</sup>	Theresa Clapp
18 <sup>th</sup>	Aaron Campbell
21 <sup>st</sup>	Peggy Blakley
25 <sup>th</sup>	Braden Hudson
28 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Toon
29 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy Beall Bobbie Leigh Weeks

## *Prayer Concerns*

<b><u>On-Going Prayer Concerns</u></b> Bright Beginnings Daycare and Preschool Steve Buccola Nancy Cummings Janice Holt Mary Jane Parker Kay & Don Pierce Joann White Peace seeking in Iraq & Afghanistan
<b><u>Homebound</u></b> Roberta Neill
<b><u>Parkview Village - Odon</u></b> Betty Baker
<b><u>Missionaries</u></b> Tyler & Georgene Lunberry in India American Baptists around the world

## *Anniversaries*

4 <sup>th</sup>	Ron & Shelia McBride Chris & Erin Wilson
8 <sup>th</sup>	Mike & Nancy Canty
14 <sup>th</sup>	Derek & Mandy Rollison
27 <sup>th</sup>	John & Mary Bailey

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

### **June 2014 Offering Totals:**

General Fund.....	\$21,429.77
Youth Fund.....	\$50.00
Food Pantry.....	\$220.00
Camp Registration.....	\$447.50

### **Year to Date (as of June 2014)**

Actual Receipts.....	\$276,032.53
Actual Expenses .....	\$301,261.62
(includes Bright Beginnings)	
Mortgage Donation Surplus.....	\$58,311.72
Remodel Expense.....	\$41,011.32

Join us for:

 **The  
Jesus  
Tour**

**2nd Fridays**

**@ Bloomfield First Baptist**

- September 12—"Names of Jesus"
- October 10—"I Am a Disciple"
- November 14—"Only One Came Back"
- December 12—"The Grand Entrance"
- January 9—"Don't Worry About Tomorrow"
- February 13—"The Greatest Commandment"
- March 13—"The Big Picture"
- April 10—"Have You Seen Jesus Today?"

**ALL TOURS BEGIN @ 6:30 PM!**

*(Registration @ 6:10 PM)*

*Dinner, Music, Games, Crafts, Jesus Bible Stories, and Lots of Fun!*

# FBC News & Activities

## **Backpack Bonanza 2014!!**

### **DISTRIBUTION DATES, SITES, SCHOOLS**

#### **August 1**

Family Life Center 10a-3p  
Linton Schools

#### **August 2**

Cincinnati Christian Church 10a-1p  
Eastern Greene Schools

#### **August 3**

Jasonville Assembly of God 5p-7p  
Shakamak Schools

#### **August 7**

Family Life Center 10a-3p  
White River Valley Schools

#### **August 8 & 9**

Family Life Center 10a-3p  
Bloomfield Schools

### **NEEDS:**

Backpacks  
Notebooks  
Composition Books  
Pocket Folders  
4 oz Glue Bottles  
Glue Sticks  
Crayons  
Colored Pencils  
Markers  
Erasers  
Pens (Black, Blue, Red)  
Pencils  
Pencil Sharpeners

## **FBC 145th Anniversary Celebration – August 24**

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



## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Dan & Megan Keown welcomed their son, Reece Walker Keown, on Thursday, July 24. He weighed 7lbs 3.5oz and was 20.5 inches long. Proud grandparents are Doug and Barb Frye! Mom and baby are doing well, but could use continued prayers as it was a difficult birth for both.



## **PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION**

Bright Beginnings Preschool still has a few openings for classes starting in September. The 3-4 year old class is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays while the 4-5 year old class is Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Morning class is 8:30-11:00 and afternoon class is 12:00-2:30. If you would like to enroll your child or know someone who is looking for a quality preschool, please contact the church office at 384-8459.



# Youth Happenings!

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

## Youth Sunday

Join us for Youth Led Worship on Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Andrew Weeks will be preaching and the rest of the youth will be leading worship for a special Sunday service. Come support these young people as they express their faith.

## ABY Fall Retreat

Mark your calendars now! Nov. 7-9, we'll be returning to Camp Camby to enjoy worship and renewal with other youth groups from across the state. Our theme is Listen: Mark 4:3-8. God speaks to us every day. How do we listen for God? Come to the ABY Retreat and experience listening for God in your life.



## Thanksgiving Challenge 2014

COUNT 1000 GIFTS IN 2012  
 SNAP A PHOTO OR RECORD 3 GIFTS/DAY  
 @NETHOUSANDGIFTS.COM/GET-THE-APP/

AUGUST

COUNT 1000 GIFTS

SHARE THE GIFTS #TIRING-ITS  
 FACEBOOK.COM/NETHOUSANDGIFTS  
 COUNT 1000 GIFTS IN 2012  
 AND ENTER TO WIN NIKON D90  
 @ANNVOSKAMP.COM

**THANKS BE TO GOD FOR HIS INDESCRIBABLE GIFT!**  
 II CORINTHIANS 9:15

<p>3 GIFTS WHITE</p> <p>3 GIFTS EATEN</p> <p>A GIFT AT 10AM, 1PM, 10PM</p> <p>3 GIFTS SITTING</p> <p>A GIFT OUTSIDE, INSIDE, UPSIDE DOWN</p> <p>3 GIFTS IN WATER</p> <p>3 GIFTS IN HIS WORD</p> <p>3 GIFTS IN SUMMER</p> <p>A GIFT HOLE, WHOLE, HALF</p> <p>3 HARD EUCHARISTEO</p> <p>3 GIFTS OF METAL</p> <p>3 GIFTS HALF-HIDDEN</p> <p>3 GIFTS IN GREEN</p> <p>A GIFT IN A RING, CURVE, SPHERE</p> <p>3 GIFTS UGLY-BEAUTIFUL</p> <p>3 GIFTS OF FAMILY</p>	<p>1. 3 GIFTS IN THE MORNING</p> <p>2. A GIFT RED, READ, WRITTEN</p> <p>3. 3 GIFTS IN CHURCH</p> <p>4. 3 GIFTS OF SERVING</p> <p>5. A GIFT STRAIGHT, CURVE, TURN</p> <p>6. 3 GIFTS IN LIGHT</p> <p>7. 3 GIFTS OLD</p> <p>8. 3 GIFTS MOVING</p> <p>9. 3 GIFTS FRAGILE</p> <p>10. A GIFT CUT, SEWN, BUTTONED</p> <p>11. 3 GIFTS NEW</p> <p>12. 3 GIFTS LONG AWAITED</p> <p>13. A GIFT ONE, TWO, THREE</p> <p>14. 3 GIFTS VERY SMALL</p> <p>15. 3 MIRACLES</p>
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# BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

## DAYCARE NEWS

We celebrated the Daycare's 12<sup>th</sup> Birthday with ice cream and cake on July 16<sup>th</sup>. God has really blessed us and we look forward to the blessings he has for us in the coming years. Thank you for all of your support and prayers and all the many ways you have helped make this Ministry a success.

It's hard to believe that our summer is almost over. We enjoyed our time together doing water play, taking trips to the Library, Wonder Lab, Linton Putt Putt, Linton Pool, and Bloomfield Park. Please pray for our School age children as they go back to school.

The daycare is in need of help in a few areas. We could really use a good, heavy duty vacuum cleaner. The toddler playground area is in desperate need of attention. We would like a sidewalk to be poured so we can ride our trikes; some grass; and a sand area. If you feel you can help in any of these areas please let us know.

### Mini Musings:

The 2 year old class was having their Bible Story "The Ravens feed Elijah." The caregiver told the children "They did not even have a McDonalds! They were all hungry. What were they supposed to do?" One of the children said "They could go to Dairy Queen."

A 3 year old was being picked up by her Mom. Mom said she was going to take her somewhere special to eat. The child got all excited and said "I want to eat at the grocery store."

A 2-year-old was at the fair with her mother. As Mom pushed the stroller up to the sheep enclosure, one of the sheep jumped on the fence and said "Baaaaa!" The child screamed and struggled to get out of the stroller, turned to her mother and said "HE BAAAAA'd AT ME!!"

I asked some of the 5 year old class "What do you want to talk about?"

- Samauryion said "I really want to go to Florida with you. We can play in the pool and stay in the Hotel."
- Reagan said "I love you. God helps people."
- Sophia said "Giraffes. They are so tall. There are baby giraffes. They are really cute and I think that is all."
- Dylan said "I want to play soccer after my birthday. I have 4 more days until I am done with daycare. I am going to the Linton school age."
- Lola said she wanted to talk about giving. "When somebody gives a gift to you, you feel like God gave a gift to you."
- Tera said she is playing football. She said "You should try it out." I asked "Could you really see me playing football?" After she was finished laughing she replied "No." ☺

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

Glue sticks	Felt	Bubbles	Tide
Glue	Pipe cleaners	Chalk	Scrap paper
Washable markers	Paper plates	Crayons	Sand
Feathers	Scraps of material	Rubber band bracelet kits	Rice
Pom poms	Empty toilet rolls	Beads	Empty containers
Cotton balls	Empty paper towel rolls	Duct tape	Shovels
Buttons	Egg cartons	Colored pencils	
Ribbon	Tongue suppressors	Smocks (old t-shirts)	
Tissue paper	Play dough	Dress up clothes	

Thank you for your support and prayers,  
Tammy and staff

# A Note from Pastor Nathan

*"For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."*

Acts 4:20

That was how Peter and John responded when the authorities told them to stop talking about Jesus. They couldn't stop talking about Jesus! Not after all they had seen Jesus do and who they had found Jesus to be! These early followers of Christ had encountered Him in profound ways, and their all-of-life witness was both contagious and courageous. Their number was growing by the thousands, and they were unable to stop speaking about Jesus Christ, even when the most powerful people in town forbade them from doing so.

During our summer sermon series we have named some of the things in life that we have no trouble talking about. These are our favorite things or people or places that we most cherish or most enjoy or that have most significantly transformed our lives. We witness to what excites us.

If we assess ourselves honestly, we may find that we are more excited about many things than we are about Jesus Christ. In our heads, we know there is nothing more compelling than the King of kings and Lord of lords. But in our hearts, we may hold other things to be more valuable. And as Jesus said, "Out of the overflow of the heart, the mouth speaks" (Luke 6:45). That which is important to our hearts will come out in our lives.

"You will be my witnesses" must therefore begin in our hearts. How does a heart get excited about something? Hearts do not get excited by being *told* to be excited. Our hearts get excited when we encounter something meaningful, and find ourselves desiring more of that something. Then, we find ourselves figuring out ways to encounter that something again. We set aside time for that something. We study to learn more about that something. We find others who share joy in that same something and talk with them about that something. We wear clothing and display pictures so that other people will know how much we love that something. We find ways to integrate that something into all of life. We are really quite good at this process and have cultivated a contagious love for many "somethings."

We will not develop into contagious witnesses of Jesus Christ by trying harder to witness more. We will not become more excited about Jesus Christ by trying harder to be excited. Our calling is simply to pursue Jesus. We can pursue Jesus much like we pursue the somethings of the previous paragraph. As we find Him, and find Him greater than anything and everything else, we become increasingly unable to contain our enthusiasm about Him. This Spirit-empowered overflow is our witness. "We cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."

One other thing must be said about our pursuit of somethings. For our most important somethings, we are willing to set aside all of the other somethings. This is necessary, in order to free up time, space, and energy to pursue the greater something. So also with Christ. We must surrender all of our other somethings to Him in order to find Him. "For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it" (Luke 9:24).

So our prayer is that the Lord would help us to pursue Him. We pray that He would help us to set aside anything that is hindering our pursuit. We pray that He would overwhelm us with Himself, that we might be so very captivated by Jesus Christ that we cannot help but declare Him to the world around us. Lord, help us to be your witnesses!

Grace and peace,

Nathan

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Guest Speaker: Rev. Ron Riggs	11 6:30 Trustees	12	13	14 6:30 Congregational Meeting	15	16 Southern Indiana Men's Conference @ FBC
17 <b>Youth Sunday</b> Andrew Weeks	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 145 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Guest Rev. Soozie Ford Meal after church	28	26 Pre-School Open House	27 Pre-School Open House	28 6:30 Deacons	29	30
31 6:30 Songfest @ FBC						

<b>Deacon of the Month</b> <i>Kathy Ham</i>	<b>Trustee of the Month</b> <i>Greg Flinn</i>	<b>Usher of the Month</b> <i>Greg Flinn</i>	<b>Greeters</b> <i>Nancy Covey / Carla Porter</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  
6:15 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. each month) - FH

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