

# THE FIRST BAPTIST CONNECTION

## *August 2019*

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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### BIRTHDAYS

4th	Mary Putney
7th	Bert Terrell
8th	Sandy Mead
10th	Barb Frye
	Charlie Cardinal
14th	Kylee Moody
25th	Braden Hudson

### PRAYER CONCERNS

#### On-Going Prayer Concerns

Bright Beginnings Daycare and Preschool  
Tyler & Georgene Lunberry  
Charles & Mary Jane Parker  
Tammy Kirkman  
Betty Sullivan

#### Hearthstone (Bloomington)

Charlotte Humerickhouse

### ANNIVERSARIES

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



Sundays, September 1, 8, and 15 – Preliminary 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Events  
 Sunday, September 22 – 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
 Sunday, September 29 – Day of Prayer for the Next 150 Years

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This ministry is not intended to replace our food pantry. The purpose is to make emergency supplies available 24x7 to those going through a difficult time. The idea is for people to take what they need and give what they can. Our Blessing Box will be another way we can show our community God's love in action. I will be happy to answer any questions. God Bless You, Cheri Campbell Graf 812-384-898.

The Adult Choir music season will be starting soon. Choir practice, which is on Monday evenings at 6:30, is tentatively scheduled to start on August 19. If you are interested singing and sharing in fun fellowship, please consider joining the Choir. See Andrew Sohn or any Choir member for more information.

# A Note from Pastor Nathan

*Give us each day our daily bread.*

Luke 11:3

I've shared with some of you that the Lord has had me reflecting on Luke's account of "The Lord's Prayer." It is somewhat different from the version we often recite from Matthew's Gospel. One of the best things we can do is look at a familiar text through fresh eyes. It gives the Holy Spirit new opportunities to speak to our hearts.

We have hummingbirds in our neighborhood. As of this writing, we probably have more hummers than at any time during the seven years we've lived in Bloomfield. The other night, I just sat on the porch to watch them. Especially in the evenings or after a rainstorm, they are *very* hungry. At least eight birds were zipping around between trees, bushes, and wires, warring over our two feeders and over our neighbors' feeders.

When I say warring, I mean *war*. I am convinced that the creators of *Star Wars* had spent a great deal of time studying the flights and fights of hummingbirds. These little birds become quite aggressive and territorial over the feeders. Usually one male bird will decide a particular feeder belongs to him. The others have to tag team or catch him not looking in order to get a drink. But even between the other birds themselves, there is friction.

The thing that is silly, from my perspective, is that these feeders are full of lots of nectar. In our immediate neighborhood, there are probably more than a dozen feeders within a few hundred feet of each other. Those of us who feed the birds have more nectar ready to go, or more sugar and water that could become nectar quickly.

In other words, there is an abundance of nectar to go around. There is no need to anxiously fight over it.

Jesus says our Father feeds the birds (Matt. 6:26). We get to be instruments of His provision (Gen. 1:28). We participate in God's feeding of the birds, but ultimately, God is the one doing the feeding (Ps. 145:15-16). He feeds every living thing, and He does not lack. God is the God of limitless abundance. We can trust Him.

We are somewhat like these birds, I'm afraid. Most of us don't run at each other flapping our arms in an angry fashion, but we can get quite frantic and agitated in life when really what we need to do is stop and pray and trust in Father's provision. The worry takes over and we end up doing and saying foolish things.

The line in Jesus' prayer, above, is a line that acknowledges my perpetual neediness. So much of our praying is along the lines of, "Lord, eliminate this need. Reduce this need I have. Take this area of neediness away from me." And those prayers are not bad. We pray for God to heal because we serve a God who heals. But we also pray to a God who teaches us the sufficiency of His grace in the midst of our weakness (2 Cor. 12:8-10).

Jesus' prayer teaches humility and confidence. Humility, that my permanent condition is neediness – I need God's provision for today, I will need God's provision for tomorrow and forever. Confidence, that God will provide what I need, today, tomorrow, and forever. Even when I die, God provides the gift of resurrection life. God will always be abundantly capable of providing everything I ever need. There is no exception to this.

I'm not sure if there's any hummingbird-like franticness or strife in your life right now, but it just might be that God is calling you and me to a fresh atmosphere of contentment and peace in His provision. A hummingbird at rest – they actually sit sometimes! – is a beautiful thing. In repentance and rest is our salvation; in quietness and trust is our strength (Isa. 30:15). "Come to Me," says Jesus, "and I will give you rest." (Matt. 11:28-30).

Pressing on with you,

Nathan

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# AUGUST 2019

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:30 Deacons	2 6:30 Softball game	3
4 Communion	5	6 6:30 Trustees	7 9:00 Bible Study	8 6:30 Congregational Meeting????	9	10
11 8:30 Fellowship Breakfast 9:00 Kingdom Kids	12	13	14 9:00 Bible Study	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 9:00 Bible Study	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 9:00 Bible Study	29	30	31

## Reoccurring Weekly Activities @ FBC

**Sundays:** 3:00p.m. Faithful Fitness-CLC  
**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<sup>rd</sup> Thurs.eachmonth)-FH

## Deacon of the Month

*Jeff Coffin*

## Trustee of the Month

*Bert Terrell*

## Usher of the Month

*Kathy Ham*

## Greeters of the Month

*Maryanne Snow & Debra Hudson*

## Sound System

4<sup>th</sup> TBD  
11<sup>th</sup> Braden Hudson  
18<sup>th</sup> TBD  
25<sup>th</sup> Eric Moody

## Prayers

4<sup>th</sup>  
11<sup>th</sup>  
18<sup>th</sup>  
25<sup>th</sup>

## Nursery Care

4<sup>th</sup>  
11<sup>th</sup>  
18<sup>th</sup>  
25<sup>th</sup>

## Children's Worship

4<sup>th</sup>  
11<sup>th</sup>  
18<sup>th</sup>  
25<sup>th</sup>