The First Baptist Connection September 2015

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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Children's Worship

(2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays only)

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September 2015

Birthdays

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2 nd	Jerry Boyer	13 th	Paul Schmidt
3 rd	Sandy Clark	20 th	Cameron Ross
4 th	Sue Sanford		Mike Henry
	Judy Stahl	21 st	Greg Flinn
	Brady Hudson		Alan Kirkman
	Ella Rollison	23 rd	Eleanor Kingsley
5 th	Kimberly Porter	29 th	Brandi Blakley
6 th	Don Hendrix		Gabe Rollins
7 th	Nancy Canty	30 th	Ron McBride
	Katlyn Moody		Quentin Ross
8 th	Reba Clapp		
9 th	Thomas Stoner		
	Tyler Lunberry		
12 th	Ginger Stewart		
	Tucker Weeks		

Prayer Concerns

On-Going Prayer Concerns

Bright Beginnings Daycare and Preschool
Steve Buccola
Charlie Farmer
Tyler & Georgene Lunberry
Mary Jane Parker
Kay & Don Pierce
Peace seeking in Iraq & Afghanistan
American Baptist missionaries

Lyons Health & Living Center

Betty Baker Roberta Neill

Anniversaries

1st Brad & Anne Ellis



Registration @ 6:00 PM

Dinner @ 6:15 PM

Pick-up @ 8:30 PM

→ Friday, September 4

→ Joshua and Caleb Obey

Transportation is available in Bloomfield!!

Please call 812-384-8459 by Noon on THURSDAY to schedule a ride.



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

Movie Night! - September 2

The youth are going to Bloomington to watch "War Room," and you are invited. We will leave the church at 6:15pm. Please eat dinner before you come. This is a 2 hour movie that starts at 7:15, so we won't be back to the church until around 10pm. I know this is late on a school night! Church family, you are invited to caravan! (Directed and produced by the Kendrick brothers, "Fireproof" "Courageous") http://warroomthemovie.com/

ABY Middle School Retreat - POSTPONED

The ABY Jr. High Retreat has been postponed. They hadn't gotten the responses they needed to fill vital roles at the Retreat. The rescheduled date is April 15-16, 2016, so you can mark that on your calendar. Also, the Sr. High Retreat is Nov. 13-15, so it's not actually the same weekend as the Boys Chrysalis (as we originally thought it was going to be) which is Nov. 6-8.

Boy Chrysalis – November 6-8

Hoosier Hills Chrysalis BOYS FLIGHT will be November 6th - 8th, 2015. Boys age 15-24 should plan now to attend this great weekend retreat.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! ABY Senior High Retreat – November 13-15



FBC News & Activities

<u>Ladies Bible Study @ Tulip Church of God</u> – Tuesday, September 29 from 6:30-8:00pm We will be studying Kay Arthur's: *LORD, I Want to Know You, A devotional study on the Names of God* God longs to be known and always acts in conformity with His nature. So by learning His Names, we will also learn how to honor His Name (Exodus 20:7), praise Him better (Psalm 8:1), and depend on Him fully (Proverbs 18:10). Then we will find the peace and power we need in any and every situation. To sign up, contact Becky Smith @ smithrebecca1@yahoo.com or text 812-785-1862. Please sign up by September 13th in order to get books ordered on time. Cost for the book will be about \$15

FBC Chicken & Noodle Booth at 2015 Apple Festival

We will take over the Northeast Shelter at the Apple Festival again this year where we will serve our famous Chicken & Noodle Dinners. Sign-up sheets for donating food items, drinks, and supplies and for volunteering as a booth worker, runner, or cook will be circulated each Sunday in September. Noodle making night is scheduled for Thursday, October 1st. Please consider how you will help make this another successful year!

Condolences

The members and friends of First Baptist Church extend our deepest sympathies to the families of Margaret Peilemeier (98) and Lorene Brewer (95) both of whom passed away during the month of August. Margaret and Lorene were longtime residents of Bloomfield and members of First Baptist. Our prayers for peace and comfort go with you.



World Mission Offering — September 2015

...forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, I press on toward the goal...

Philippians 3:13–14 (ASV)

God is doing new and *surprising* things in once-Communist Hungary!

<u>Forgetting what is behind:</u> Hungary is still recovering from four decades of repressive Communist rule, during which schools were controlled by the government.

And stretching forward to what is ahead: Churches now have the opportunity to run schools, where they can teach the Bible, nurture students in their faith and open new doors by providing courses in conversational English.

As part of this new approach to education, International Ministries partner Hungarian Baptist Aid has been given the opportunity to manage 49 schools throughout this eastern European country—serving 17,000 students in grades K–12. And the impact has been *staggering!*

Students and teachers alike are **blossoming** in grace-filled environments as they study the Bible and see firsthand what a difference Jesus can make in their lives.

After-school clubs are **reaching** students with the gospel message, practical Bible teaching and the joy of the Lord.

Students are **stretching** their conversational English skills, thanks to American Baptists who are responding to the immediate and ongoing need for English-speaking teachers.

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STRETCH FORWARD with International Ministries through the World Mission Offering!

The amazing transformation that we see in Baptist-run schools in Hungary is just a snapshot of what is happening through IM's partners and nearly 1,800 missionaries and global workers in more than 70 countries around the world.

Now more than ever, there is an urgency to *stretch forward* all around the world. And you are encouraged to be part of the new and surprising things God is doing through International Ministries with your support of the World Mission Offering.

Gifts directed to IM's current global servants are crucial. But there is also a great and continuing need for IM to coordinate with partners worldwide to prepare, place and support new global staff and volunteers who can bring God's love, hope and healing to new areas of the world-and this important work is only possible thanks to support for the whole of IM.

Two-thirds of the world still does not know the fullness of God's love through Jesus Christ. That's why, this September, we will focus on the wide-ranging impact of the World Mission Offering, using the theme **Stretch Forward** found in Philippians 3:13–14.

This special offering will be received this month (September 2015) during worship.

I believe that, as we Stretch Forward together, God will lead us to provide increased support for worldwide missions. Our 2015 WMO goal is \$1500.00.

Whether God is calling you to GO as a global volunteer or worker or to GIVE of your financial resources, let us join together in touching as many lives as possible in more than 70 countries around the globe.

Give generously and expectantly to the World Mission Offering as, together, we help people everywhere **come** to Christ, **grow** in their relationships to God and **change** their worlds through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you!

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

DAYCARE NEWS

I asked a few of the children what they know about fall...

3 year olds

Emily – "You make stuff, we make crafts, we go outside and play with toys and Mommy and Daddy go outside with me."

Ellie – "You go home. I wear glasses when the sun was in my eyes."

Abram – "Sometimes I fall down and hurt my toes".

Keaton H. – "A fall on trees, pumpkins and now I'm done."

Nathan – "When it's fall time my Daddy scrapes up leaves for us to jump in. In the fall time my Daddy gets really tired."

Wyatt – "Um...let me think...I go shooting with my Daddy and then I got lost. I went in the pond and I shooted deer and I shoot frogs."

Bryce – "Watch the leaves fall. I got a haircut yesterday with my Mom. You fall down and hurt your knee."

Jonah – "Let me think...the trees get orange, they bring pumpkins, and the festival is full of pumpkins. Well, let me think...the grass gets green...no, I mean orange!"

4 year olds

Lane – "Put on a jacket and put on jeans and you put on your sweatpants too. You put on your cozy pants, you put on your zipper jacket, and you can catch leaves."

Keaton W – "The leaves fall down and they turn red and orange. We jump in the leaves."

Deklan – "It snows, swim, snow angels too."

Avalyn – "Get candy and go outside and play. Me and Daddy watch cartoons at our house."

Braylon – "The leaves fall, when they change colors they fall, you guys really need to clean these walls. You wear a sweatshirt."

Adalyn – "The leaves are going to change color each sunny day but not cold days and not in the snow. When it's winter leaves fall off the trees and we get to play in the snow."

Emmi – "Leaves fall off of the trees. The leaves turn colors; yellow, brown, red and orange. We make scarecrows. We found apples in the book."

5 year olds

Gannon – "I was a presaucer for Halloween! He has handcuffs and a radio. It turns to Halloween my brother was soder. I better go eat my snack my belly is starving."

Miscellaneous Mini Musings:

A 2-year-old was in my office and I had given him a cheese nip cracker. He put it in his mouth and I said "We forgot to pray." He took it out of his mouth, put it back in the bag, said "UH OH!" and began praying.

After getting a treat of mini-marshmallows at home, a 3-year-old started singing... "My TONGUE wants MARSHMALLOWS!!!"

A 3-year-old saw her Mom in a bikini for the first time and said "Oh Mom! Your bathing suit is broken!"

A 3-year-old walked in the door one morning ran up to her caregiver and yelled "I'm back!!"

A 6 year old saw a man with a small guitar she got excited and said "oh, a bon joan, cool."

A Note from Pastor Nathan

I want to thank you all for the questions and suggestions that prompted the "You Asked for It" sermon series. It has been a challenge and blessing for me to prepare and preach these sermons and I pray they have been a blessing to you. Most of them are already archived on fbcbloom.org under "Featured Media" if you missed one or want to go back and re-listen to a particular week. (Thank you to Paul Schmidt for this ministry!)

A few weeks ago I preached about the discipline of "Saying No." We have to say "no" to something in order to say "yes" to something else. The people around us, Christians included, may not always understand or appreciate our "no's."

There is an episode of *The Andy Griffith Show* called "The Sermon for Today." ("Today" was 1963 but it still speaks in 2015.) A guest preacher named Dr. Breen comes from bustling New York City to sleepy Mayberry one Sunday and preaches about rest and relaxation. This reminds the folks of the good old days when they used to have relaxing, Sunday-evening band concerts under the stars. So they spend the entire afternoon frantically trying to mend uniforms, repair the bandstand, and rehearse the music. After failing to revive their "relaxing" concerts in one day, several of them end up on Andy's porch, exhausted and discouraged.

That's when Dr. Breen stops by again, having preached an evening service in nearby Mount Pilot. He commends the folks in Mayberry for apparently taking his message to heart by relaxing on the porch. But viewers know the truth: Andy and his friends worked so hard all day trying to say "yes" to relaxation that they actually ended up saying "no" to it!

We have to say "no" to good things like "relaxing" band concerts in order to say "yes" to what God calls us to. One of those things is Sabbath rest (Mk. 2:27-28). As Christians we are *not* required to observe a particular day of rest (Rom. 14:5; Gal. 4:10), but we *are* called by our Lord to come find rest in Him (Mt. 11:28-30; Ps. 46:10). In order to say "yes" to His invitation for rest, we must say "no" to other things – even good things, even church things, even things people who love us might just not understand.

Life places all sorts of automatic demands on us, things we must say "yes" to. Sometimes the responsibilities of life are dizzying and overwhelming. This heightens the need for us to discern the things we actually can say "no" to, in order to create healthy margins for Sabbath rest and other areas of obedience the Lord has for us.

I realize that for a busy person, especially for a person busy with church activities, this whole subject matter can be annoying. All of this idealism about saying "no," but let's look at reality. If I don't say "yes," who's going to do it? Nathan means well but he just doesn't get it. You're right; I don't. And I have, to my own detriment, run through all sorts of stop signs the Lord has graciously tried to give me. And it has never worked out well.

So, I want to encourage you in this matter of saying "no." Pray about the decisions you must make with your use of time and resources. Pray that the Lord will give you the courage and wisdom to say "yes" to His calling even when it means saying "no" to something someone might criticize you for declining. The Lord is honored by our obedience, and obedience is ultimately always the way to freedom.

Please keep these "You Asked for It" conversations going. I may not have adequately answered your question, or you may not have liked my answer. I am happy to talk further with you about these things. That's how we can learn from one another. It is a great and humbling privilege to serve with you all here at FBC.

Grace and peace, Nathan First Baptist Church 500 Lincoln Drive Bloomfield, IN 47424

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		6:30 Trustees			6:00 FF@FB	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
8:30 Fellowship Breakfast 6:00 Miles Pike	14	13	10	"	10	13
20 6:00 Campfire	21	22	23	24	25	26
Prayer/Vision Mtg				6:30 Deacons		
27	28	29	30			

Deacon of the Month Bob Weeks Trustee of the Month
Paul Stewart

Usher of the Month Charles Porter **Greeter** Cheri Graf

Reoccurring Weekly Activities @ FBC

Sundays: 6:00 p.m. Campfire - Sanctuary & FH

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

6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts – FH

6:30 p.m. Faithful Workouts – CLC

Tuesdays: 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

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

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - FH

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

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