

The First Baptist Connection
September 2016
News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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Birthdays

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

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

Lyons Rehab Center

Nancy Canty

Anniversaries

1st Brad & Anne Ellis

FBC News & Activities

Church Clean-Up Day – September 17

Please set aside 17 September on your calendars! Plan to attend our Church Cleanup Day on that Saturday. We will all meet at the church at 9 am and split up into work groups to help take care of this wonderful facility that God has blessed us with and made us stewards of. We haven't done this in several years and various parts of our church facility are showing it. It will be a great time of fellowship with those in your work group, and lunch will be provided. There is a wide variety of tasks that need to be accomplished so everyone has the capability to participate regardless of age or skill level. Come get to know those with whom you worship on Sundays and get some cleaning done at the same time.

ABC/IN-KY Response to Kokomo Tornadoes

On Wednesday, August 24, multiple tornadoes hit the city of Kokomo, doing extensive damage to homes and businesses. Funds from One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) will be coming to Indiana to assist in the relief efforts which will be coordinated by Calvary BC in Kokomo. If you wish to direct gifts for this effort to OGHS, please send the funds to the region office: ABC Indiana-Kentucky, 1350 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis, IN. Mark your gifts "Indiana tornadoes". We will see that funds are distributed as soon as possible for relief efforts.

2016 Apple Festival

FBC is once again providing a cornerstone for the 2016 Apple Festival by serving our famous Chicken and Noodle Dinners from the Northeast Shelter.

Sign-up sheets will be circulated beginning this Sunday in the Sunday School Classes. Please consider signing up to provide food items (prior to Oct 6th), help make the Noodles (Oct 6th, 6pm), and/or work at the booth, in the kitchen, or as a runner during the festival (Oct 7 & 8)! Eric & Jennifer Moody are coordinating again this year if you have any questions (e.j.moody@frontier.com).

Open Arms Golf Scramble – September 10

Our 15th Annual "Fore" Kids Golf Scramble will be taking place on September 10th at Country Oaks Golf Course in Montgomery. To sign up your team go to www.openarmschristian.com or email Karen@openarmschristian.com.

Coming in October - Family Fridays!

God is good and answered your prayers for new direction. The Children's Ministry is designating the 2nd Friday of each month as Family Friday at First Baptist. This is a time for families to eat supper together and participate in activities, games and devotions. The evenings are designed to worship God together as a family in action. The time will be geared to families with preschoolers to 6th grade. Older children are welcome and there will be plenty of helping to do. Younger children can hang on a hip or be entertained by "others". We need the "others" that have helped faithfully with First Fridays to pitch in with being there for children who do not have a parent or grandparent to bring. This is a very important chance to share your love and faith in God. There are plenty opportunities to serve young families by helping with the Family Friday evenings. Please continue to pray and jump in to help with both feet as this year unfolds.

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Concert in the Park – September 24

On Saturday, September 24, Full Life Development (FLD) will host "Concert in the Park" with music by Cochren and Company from 5-7 p.m. There will be food available for purchase, with proceeds supporting FLD's ministry on the Thai-Burma border (www.FullLifeDevelopment.org). This event is sponsored by FLD's Board of Directors and partner churches.

First Baptist Music Programs

As we move from summer to fall, the First Baptist music programs are getting back into action. We have a number of music ministries and we invite all to share their gifts and talents in these programs. The opportunities include the Adult Choir, the Handbell Choir, the Worship Team, and for the children, the Kingdom Kids Choir. The Handbell Choir needs one additional regular ringer and Kingdom Kids needs additional participants. For more information on the ensembles please contact Younkyung Kim, Brenda Flanagin, or Steve Clark.

In addition to the ensembles, we offer the opportunity for other special music, typically on the second worship service of each month. If you want to share in singing, signing, instrumental Christian music that complements worship we invite you to participate. You may sign up on the sheet in on the bulletin board in the Choir room, or you can contact Steve Clark.

Do you have a favorite hymn you'd like to include in worship? Do you have a song that you'd like to have the Worship Team do? If so contact Pastor Nathan or Bill Hudson for the hymns and contact Brenda Flanagin for your Worship Team selections.

Open Arms Job Opening

Open Arms Family & Educational Services is seeking applications for a Case Manager to work with foster care youth ages 0-18. Applicant must be able to perform duties in meeting the clinical needs of the abused, neglected and troubled youth. Applicant must have four-year degree in Human Services or related field. All qualified applicants must have good work ethics and be a team player. Some evenings and weekends required. If interested, please send resume to Marcie Dierdorf, P.O. Box 271, Switz City, IN 47465

A Note from Pastor Nathan

On Sunday morning, October 2nd, we will hold a healing service. After a scripture reading, some worship songs, and a few words of instruction, you will have an opportunity to come forward and receive prayer for any area of healing needed in your life. These requests will be anonymous unless you want your need announced. Even if you do not come forward, you will have the privilege of praying silently from your seat for those who do. After the time of healing, we will share the Lord's Supper together. The service will be simple but it will also be an opportunity for us to experience a fresh, meaningful encounter with the Holy Spirit together.

When we think of healing, we almost always think first of physical healing – from a broken bone, or from cancer, etc. And I do believe that the Lord will respond to our healing service by bringing physical healing to some who come. But there are lots of varieties of healing that the Lord may complete, or begin, at this service.

We are complex beings, with physical, spiritual, emotional, mental, financial, material and relational needs. God is interested in the comprehensive healing of His people and of His creation. You and I who belong to Christ can and do expect complete healing one day. And it will endure forever!

Sometimes, as a sign of the cross, God allows us to walk through suffering and hardship. When this happens, His grace is sufficient, and His power is perfect for our weakness. God takes no pleasure our pain, but He has not yet entirely removed it. God has integrity in this, because He came to suffer with us on the cross, He remains close to the brokenhearted, and He will be with us always.

But at other times, as a sign of His kingdom, God brings healing to our places of brokenness. God's healing in our lives now serves as a hint of the glorious healing which is to come. When this occurs, we rejoice with thanksgiving! God delights in showing His power and love to His people and to a hurting world.

I encourage you to pray that the Lord would show you any healing He wants to bring in your life. You may be all-too-well aware of it already. Naming our need for healing involves painful recall of things we might rather forget. But confessing our need for healing frees us up to receive it.

You may need to examine your heart before the Lord. There are times when our areas of brokenness arise directly from our own sins. Not always, but sometimes. So there may be need for confession and repentance.

But even when I have been wounded by another person, I have often made the subtle but devastating shift from victim to judge. In my heart I have tried to get even with those who hurt me. As long as I hold a vengeful or judgmental spirit toward them, I probably won't receive healing in those wounds. The Holy Spirit needs to remove layers of callousness from my heart. Maybe He does from yours as well.

As we approach this healing service, I sense a great need for relational healing, between church members, with family members, co-workers, friends, or people from the past. Words have been said. Things have been done. Resentments are being held. Hard-heartedness in any of our relationships is a threat to all of our relationships.

Jesus asked one person He was about to heal, "Do you want to get well?" That seems like a silly question. Of course we want to get well. But sometimes the process of receiving God's healing requires a response from us. Are we honest enough before the Lord to name our places of pain, to confess any role we've had in the process, and to ask Him to set us free? Are we willing to be instruments of His healing, no matter what that means?

Pray that the Lord would prepare our hearts for this special service. Thank Him for the healing He will bring.

Grace and peace,
Nathan

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Bright Beginnings Daycare & Preschool: 384-0400

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 6:30 Deacons | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 6:30 Trustees | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 6:30 Church Council | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | |
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| Deacon of the Month <i>Randy Flanagin</i> | Trustee of the Month <i>Bert Terrell</i> | Usher of the Month <i>Cheri Graf</i> | Greeter <i>Rex & Lois Kirchoff</i> |
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| <u>Reoccurring Weekly Activities @ FBC</u> | | | |
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| 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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