

The First Baptist Connection

September 2017

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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Birthdays

2 nd Jerry Boyer	9 th Tom Stoner
3 rd Sandy Clark	Tyler Lunberry
Brittany Nicholson	12 th Ginger Stewart
4 th Sue Sanford	Tucker Weeks
Judy Stahl	13 th Paul Schmidt
Brady Hudson	20 th Mike Henry
Ella Rollison	21 st 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	

Prayer Concerns

On-Going Prayer Concerns

Bright Beginnings Daycare and Preschool
Jerry & Jean Boyer
David & Lydia Hunter
Tammy Kirkman
Tyler & Georgene Lunberry
Charles & Mary Jane Parker
Kay Pierce

Hearthstone (Bloomington)

Charlotte Humerickhouse

Lyons Rehab Center

Nancy Canty

Garden Villa (Bloomington)

Steve Buccola

Anniversaries

1st Brad & Anne Ellis



Apple Festival - 2017

It's just about time to "Make the Noodles!" The 2017 Apple Festival is October 6th and 7th, and FBC will be serving our famous Chicken and Noodle Dinners from the Northeast Shelter. The Apple Festival Binder with sign-up sheets will circulate through the Sunday School Classes. Please consider signing up to provide food items (prior to Oct 5th), help make the Noodles (Oct 5th, starting at 6pm), and/or work at the booth, in the kitchen, or as a runner during the festival (Oct 6th & 7th). Call/text Eric (812-227-0700) or Jennifer (812-381-4035) or email e.j.moody@frontier.com if you have any questions.

Hurricane Harvey Relief

If you would like to donate to the recovery efforts from Hurricane Harvey, you may make a check out to First Baptist Church with "OGHS - Hurricane Harvey" in the memo line. One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is an ecumenical partnership which directs funds to a variety of crisis recovery efforts. We (FBC) will send any Hurricane Harvey donations to OGHS through our American Baptist region office.

A Note from Pastor Nathan

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?

Psalm 8:3-4, NIV '84

Eclipses are good for us. Liz and I had the opportunity to view the recent solar eclipse through a pair of safety glasses given out by the library. The sight of the moon moving in front of the sun was awe-inspiring. In theory, I understand *how* this works, but it still is absolutely amazing to me. It reminds me that God's universe is very big and that I am very small. We do well to remember our smallness.

Don't get me wrong. You are tremendously significant. You are created by God, in the image of God. God cares about your life and all of the details of your life. You are loved by God, always. Jesus came to save you because God loves you. God wants to make you new, healed, and whole. God wants you to be part of His new creation. God wants you to live forever in His kingdom. He has kingdom work for you to participate in, today.

So you are very important to God. But so are the other 7.5 billion human beings on the face of the earth. And we humans, who are uniquely created in God's image, and who are therefore far more valuable to God than sparrows, are still simply creatures within a mind-bogglingly vast creation.

Meditating on God's creation helps to put ourselves in perspective. We tend to think we are bigger, more important, more capable, and of more consequence than we really are. *"For by the grace given me, I say to every one of you: do not think of yourselves more highly than you ought,"* Paul writes (Rom. 12:3, NIV '84).

Thinking too highly of myself feeds both arrogance and anxiety. On the one hand is boasting and bragging. But on the other hand is defeat and despair. When I think too highly of myself, I overestimate my "oughts" – what I ought to be able to know or do. The person who overestimates him- or herself will constantly be torn up on the inside. There will be ongoing tension between all I think I ought to be able to accomplish and the reality of my limitations, obstacles, and weakness.

Marveling at the vastness and complexity of God's creation helps me embrace my weakness. Paul, who once had all sorts of stuff to boast about, learned to boast about his weakness (Phil. 3; 2 Cor. 12). Only a person who is truly realistic about his or her limitations can be fully available to the power of Christ working in his or her life. Apart from Him, we can do nothing. And that's okay. Abiding in Him, we bear much fruit. And that is to our Father's glory. When we are weak, He is strong.

One more thing about marveling at the scope of God's creation: how amazing is it, that, given all God has made, He still loves you and me with an unfailing love? God made all of that – the moon passing in front of the sun, and the lightning bugs, and everything else – and yet He still cares deeply, personally, for you and me. Wow!

Grace and peace,
Nathan

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Communion	4	5 6:30 Trustees	6	7 6:30 Deacons	8	9
10 9:00 Kingdom Kids	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 9:00 Kingdom Kids	25	26	27	28 6:30 Church Council	29	30

Deacon of the Month <i>Jason Nicholson</i>	Trustee of the Month <i>Don Hendrix</i>	Usher of the Month <i>Bob Templeton</i>	Greeter <i>Rex & Lois Kirchoff</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
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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