

THE FIRST BAPTIST CONNECTION

September 2019

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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BIRTHDAYS

2 nd Jerry Boyer	12 th Ginger Stewart
3 rd Sandy Clark	Tucker Weeks
Brittany Nicholson	Steve Graf
4 th Sue Sanford	13 th Paul Schmidt
Judy Stahl	20 th Mike Henry
Brady Hudson	21 st Alan Kirkman
Ella Rollison	23 rd Eleanor Kingsley
5 th Kimberly Porter	29 th Gabe Ayers
6 th Don Hendrix	Taylor Johnson
7 th Katlyn Moody	30 th Ron McBride
	Hope Shirley

PRAYER CONCERNS

On-Going Prayer Concerns

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

Hearthstone (Bloomington)

Charlotte Humerickhouse

ANNIVERSARIES

1 st	Brad & Anne Ellis
21 st	Jeff & Adrienne Hughes



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

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Congratulations Bob & Tonya – September 15

Our Church Family is invited to a luncheon to celebrate the marriage of Bob and Tonya Templeton. We will gather on Sunday, September 15, at 1:00 p.m. at the North Shelter House in the Bloomfield Park. The shelter house is air conditioned and has restrooms. Each family is asked to bring their table service, a main dish, a side dish and lawn chairs. Cupcakes and drinks will be provided. Please save the date and plan on joining us. Any questions? Contact Cheri Campbell Graf 812-384-8980.

150th Anniversary Celebration!! – September 22

You are invited to a celebration luncheon immediately following the worship service on Sunday, September 22. Tableware and drinks will be provided. The Social Committee will provide fried chicken and pulled pork. We ask that our church family bring a side dish or dessert to complete the meal!

2019 Apple Festival

Our noodle making machine will be revived in October so we can provide Chicken and Noodle Dinners at the FBC Booth (AKA the cornerstone of the Apple Festival)! Mark your calendars for October 3rd starting at 6pm for our annual Noodle Making event. Sign-up sheets are circulating for donations of the food and drink items and for volunteer workers. Volunteers are needed on Friday, October 4th and Saturday October 5th to Set-up and Tear down the booth, work in the Kitchen, work at the Booth, and serve as a Runner between the church and the booth. Please contact Eric or Jennifer Moody to sign up or if you have any questions.



A Note from Pastor Nathan

*Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortal men, who cannot save.
When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;
on that very day their plans come to nothing.
Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord his God,
the Maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything in them—
the Lord, who remains faithful forever.
Psalm 146:3-6 (NIV 1984)*

This passage came to my mind last week when Andrew Luck, the remarkably talented quarterback for the Indianapolis Colts, surprisingly and suddenly retired in the midst of another long-lasting struggle with injury. He officially made his announcement after a preseason game, but news of his decision had leaked during the game, and fans booed him as he walked off the field for the final time. I'm not sure how many fans booed him, but I have a guess as to *why*.

I would imagine that, perhaps quite unintentionally, fans began to put superhuman hopes in a regular human being. And, those hopes were particularly tied to *what he can do for us*. He can win us a Super Bowl! We can feel good about ourselves and wear championship gear and brag to our friends who root for other teams. That sort of thing. *He was supposed to satisfy us. He was supposed to save us.* And he let us down! Boo!

This dynamic is apparently not a new problem. Thousands of years before football was invented, the Psalmist warned his contemporaries: "Do not put your trust in princes! Don't trust in mortal men! They can't actually save you!"

You might not have a thing for princes or quarterbacks. Maybe your hopes are grounded in a politician or celebrity or television personality, or in some other person much closer to home. A person doesn't need to be prominent to be the object of my false hopes. In David's day, people thought highly of horses and chariots – those things can save us, right?

God satisfies our desires with good things. Every good gift comes from God. But there is a fine line between enjoying the good gifts that God has given us, and treating those gifts as gods themselves. The thing about following Jesus as Lord is, He is Lord. There really isn't any room for competing gods alongside Him. Other thrones must come down.

I hesitate to write about this because I know I am not immune from this problem! In an affluent culture such as ours, we have so many would-be gods out there, things other than God to put our hopes in. And like most of the fans who booed Andrew Luck, we are often unaware that the person or thing has become a god. We just know that we are hurt, angry.

Maybe those emotions are gifts to us. When I am angry with someone, when I am disappointed in something, is it possible I have placed that person or thing on a pedestal? Have I begun to expect that person or thing to do for me what only God can do? Not all of my anger or disappointment reveals an idolatry problem. But some of it might. "Search me, O God, and know my heart! See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!"

In a world of people who boo, wouldn't it be great if we were the people of compassion? We could be the people who, instead of booing (and of course there are plenty of ways to boo in our hearts without using words!), were filled with compassion for other frail human beings around us. We could be the people who, instead of condemning those who boo, could have compassion on them, knowing the propensity for booing in our own hearts. The remedy most needed in a world full of people who boo and who are booed is *grace*. We can be a people of grace. *Lord, help us!*

Grace and peace,
Nathan

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 6:30 Trustees	4 9:00 Bible Study	5 6:30 Deacons	6 6:30 Softball game	7
8 Communion 8:30 Fellowship Breakfast 9:00 Kingdom Kids	9	10 6:30 Trustees	11 9:00 Bible Study	12 6:30 Church Council	13 6:00 Family Friday	14
15 1:00 Templeton party @ the north shelter house.	16	17	18 9:00 Bible Study	19	20	21
22 FBC 150 th Anniversary!	23	24	25 9:00 Bible Study	26	27	28
29	30					

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(3rd Thurs.eachmonth)-FH

Deacon of the Month

Jennifer Moody

Trustee of the Month

John Bailey

Usher of the Month

Bob Templeton

Greeters of the Month

Laverne & Miriam Rollison

Sound System

1st Paul Schmidt
8th Braden Hudson
15th TBD
22th Eric Moody
29th Eric Moody

Prayers

1st
8th
15th
22th
29th

Nursery Care

1st
8th
15th
22th
29th

Children's Worship

8th Betty Miller
15th
22th Sandy Clark
29th