

**The First Baptist Connection**

# October 2014

**News and Updates for our Family in Christ**

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### Sound System

5 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Schmidt
12 <sup>th</sup>	Braden Hudson
19 <sup>th</sup>	Tyler Nickless
26 <sup>th</sup>	Eric Moody

### Prayers

5 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Stewart
12 <sup>th</sup>	Chelsea Lee
19 <sup>th</sup>	John Bailey
26 <sup>th</sup>	Braden Hudson

### Children's Worship

*(2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays only)*

12 <sup>th</sup>	Betty Miller & Delene Weeks
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## *Birthdays*

3 <sup>rd</sup> Norm Sullivan	14 <sup>th</sup> Jean Burcham
4 <sup>th</sup> Bob Templeton	Paul Stewart III
6 <sup>th</sup> Joe Burcham	18 <sup>th</sup> Rodney Roark
8 <sup>th</sup> Bob Holt	Kent Rollison
9 <sup>th</sup> Betty Baker	Cheyenne
Kyle Doane	Brewer-Camp
Rex Kirchoff	19 <sup>th</sup> Nancy Brinson
10 <sup>th</sup> Jean Boyer	22 <sup>nd</sup> Jackie Vandeventer
11 <sup>th</sup> Steve Ham	24 <sup>th</sup> Brenda Nichols
Delene Weeks	29 <sup>th</sup> Zachary Hudson
12 <sup>th</sup> Alan Brown	Brixton Groomer
Malea Toon	31 <sup>st</sup> Robyn Allgood

## *Prayer Concerns*

### On-Going Prayer Concerns

Bright Beginnings Daycare and Preschool  
Steve Buccola  
Janice Holt  
Tyler & Georgene Lunberry  
Mary Jane Parker  
Kay & Don Pierce  
Peace seeking in Iraq & Afghanistan

### Homebound

Roberta Neill

### Parkview Village - Odon

Betty Baker

### Missionaries

American Baptists around the world

## *Anniversaries*

7 <sup>th</sup> Warren & Paula Bartlett
9 <sup>th</sup> James & Heather Malone
11 <sup>th</sup> Steve & Sandy Clark
Bob & Janice Holt
12 <sup>th</sup> Charles & Mary Jane Parker
18 <sup>th</sup> Jeff & Teresa Coffin
20 <sup>th</sup> Randy & Brenda Flanagin

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### AUGUST 2014 Offering Totals:

General Fund..... \$21,739.11  
Food Pantry..... \$975.00  
Deacons Fund..... \$293.00

### Year to Date (as of August 2014)

Actual Receipts..... \$384,413.28  
Actual Expenses ..... \$387,750.44  
(includes Bright Beginnings)  
Mortgage Donation Surplus..... \$58,311.72  
Remodel Expense..... \$42,718.28

Join us for:

 **The  
Jesus  
Tour**

2nd Fridays

@ Bloomfield First Baptist

(500 Lincoln Drive)

October 10—*"I Am a Disciple"*

**TOUR BEGINS @ 6:30 PM! Pick up @ 8:30 PM!**

*(Registration @ 6:10 PM)*

**Children ages 3- 6th Grade welcome!**

*(3 years olds must have an adult stay with them.)*

*Dinner, Music,*

*Jesus Bible Stories and Lots of Fun!*

# News & Activities



## Come To The FBC Booth and SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!

Bloomfield First Baptist Church will be offering our booth at the Apple Festival as a station for writing anonymous letters of encouragement to US military personnel around the world. Everyone is welcome to come and write a short note to thank these men and women for their service to our country.

## Bloomfield 'Fill the Pool' Upcoming Events

### Apple Festival Booth

We will be selling pavers for the pool renovation.

**DATE:** Saturday, October 3 & 4

**TIME:** Apple Festival Hours

**LOCATION:** Apple Festival



## Youth Happenings!

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

### ABY Fall Retreat

Youth, plan now for our annual Fall Retreat. We join with hundreds of other American Baptist Youth from around the state to worship, reflect, play, learn, and experience God in new ways! We will be traveling to Camby, IN to the retreat center Camp Camby from November 7-9. We'll meet at the church parking lot at 5:15pm Friday evening and return around 2:30pm on Sunday. Students will need bedding for bunk beds in dormitory style housing, and outfits for two days. The church generously pays the way for the youth to attend this retreat, so the only money your student needs is for two meals, Friday dinner and Sunday lunch at fast food restaurants. The registration deadline is Sunday, October 5.



# Thanksgiving Challenge 2014

COUNT 1000 GIFTS IN 2012  
SNAP A PHOTO OR RECORD 3 GIFTS/DAY  
ONETHOUSANDGIFTS.COM/GET-THE-APP/

**OCTOBER**



COUNT 1000 GIFTS

SHARE THE GIFTS: #1000GIFTS  
FACEBOOK.COM/ONETHOUSANDGIFTS  
COUNT 1000 GIFTS IN 2012  
AND ENTER TO WIN NIKON D90  
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GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES,  
FOR THIS IS GOD'S WILL FOR YOU  
IN CHRIST JESUS. 1 THESSALONIANS 5:18

3 GIFTS ORANGE	1.	17.	3 GIFTS UGLY-BEAUTIFUL
3 GIFTS FALLING	2.	18.	A GIFT SHARED, SAVED, SURRENDERED
A GIFT CAUGHT, LET GO, MID-WAY	3.	19.	3 GIFTS UNEXPECTED
3 GIFTS REAPED	4.	20.	3 GIFTS UNCONVENTIONAL
3 GIFTS RETURNED	5.	21.	3 GIFTS UNDERVALUED
3 GIFTS REDEEMED	6.	22.	A GIFT SILENT, STILL, STRONG
A GIFT BAKED, STIRRED, EATEN	7.	23.	3 GIFTS BEGUN
3 GIFTS PRAYED FOR	8.	24.	3 GIFTS ACCOMPLISHED
3 GIFTS PRAISED FOR	9.	25.	3 GIFTS ENJOYING
3 HARD EUCHARISTEO	10.	26.	3 GIFTS EXTRAVAGANT
3 GIFTS OF CHANGE	11.	27.	A GIFT HUMBLING, HONORING, HAPPY
A GIFT SMALL, SMALLER, SMALLEST	12.	28.	3 GIFTS IN CHRIST
3 GIFTS READ	13.	29.	3 GIFTS ON TIME
3 GIFTS SAID	14.	30.	3 GIFTS OVERJOYED!
3 GIFTS RE-READ	15.	31.	3 GIFTS HALLOWED
3 GIFTS BURNING	16.		

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## BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

### PRESCHOOL NEWS

We have had a really great start to the new school year. We have been having fun with making new friends. We hosted an Open House on Tuesday and Wednesday of August 26th and 27th, with a great turn out. The children and parents were able to meet their new teachers and visit their classroom and familiarize themselves with the room. Classes started on September 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup>. During that first week we talked a lot about the story of Creation from the Bible and how special we all are. We have also been singing, dancing, and creating many new crafts to go along with our lessons. So far, we have introduced the letters Aa, Bb, and Cc. We have also done some counting, discussing our colors and shapes, and playing on the playground a much as we have the opportunity due to the weather.

Blessings,  
Mrs. Farmer and Ms. Katie

# BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

## DAYCARE NEWS

Fall is here and we are starting to see the changes. How beautiful to look around and see what God has done.

Our School Children have all learned the Lord's Prayer and are praying it before the bus comes each morning as well as having their devotion. What a blessing it is to be a part of teaching God's word and Love to these children.

As you all may know Ms. Julia (who was with us for 8 years) has moved to Brazil, IN. We will miss her very much. She brought so much to our ministry. She has another job working with children, however she is not allowed to talk about God or even give hugs to the Children. I thank God that I have a job where we can not only share His love through words but can show it through hugs. How sad to go through your whole day and not have a hug or a pat on the back. Please pray for God to be allowed back in our Schools.

We will have our annual Fall Harvest Party on October 2<sup>nd</sup>; there will be food, games, arts and crafts, and much more.

Be on the lookout for the Order Forms for the Pumpkin Rolls coming soon. You don't want to miss out.

When a nurse used a tongue depressor to look in the mouth of one of our 2-year-olds, the child asked "Where the popsicle go?" The nurse said "Honey, we don't have the popsicle." The child replied "You ate it all?"

A 5 year old was waiting to go to pre-school. I looked at his knees and said we needed to go wash because his knees were dirty. He looked at me and said "Well that's the way my God made me."

The same child was listening to Pastor Nathan read the story of the sacrificial lamb. When Pastor Nathan showed the picture of the fire the child said "He got fired!"

**Our daycare can always use the following items. You just never know how we might turn something into a piece of art:**

Glue sticks	Felt	Bubbles	Dress up clothes
Glue	Pipe cleaners	Chalk	Tide
Washable markers	Paper plates	Crayons	Scrap paper
Feathers	Scraps of material	Rubber band bracelet kits	Sand
Pom poms	Empty toilet rolls	Beads	Rice
Cotton balls	Empty paper towel rolls	Duct tape	Empty containers
Buttons	Egg cartons	Colored pencils	Shovels
Ribbon	Tongue suppressors	Smocks (old t-shirts)	
Tissue paper	Play dough		

Thank you for your prayers and support of this very important Ministry,  
Tammy and staff

# A Note from Pastor Nathan

*“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.”*

Matthew 5:23-24

Our FBC membership description highlights four particular passages of scripture: Matthew 5:23-24; Matthew 18:15-20; Galatians 6:1-5; and Hebrews 3:12-14. Over the next few newsletters we’re going to reflect on these verses, one passage at a time.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus says a lot of things like this: “You have heard it said..., but I say to you...” With these statements, Jesus goes above and beyond our normal conceptions of right and wrong. Prior to the passage quoted above, Jesus has just explained that murder is not simply an action we can commit, but also an attitude of anger we can harbor in our hearts.

The action of murder is difficult to hide. It becomes obvious that we are guilty. But hatred in my heart is easier for me to hide; and in some cases I myself am the one who is least aware of it. This is why we are called to examine ourselves (Psalm 4:4) and call upon God to examine us (Psalm 139:23-24).

It is therefore no surprise that in the context of worship, as with the “gift-at-the-altar” reference above, the Lord would bring to mind an offense we have committed against another person. They have “something against us.” The command is to go and pursue reconciliation – to go and seek to set things right.

Hatred harbored in hearts causes problems. It causes problems for an individual, in a household, at work, on a team, in the classroom, or within a church family. When I meet with couples for pre-marital counseling, one of the passages we study is this: “Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry” (Ephesians 4:26). If a couple makes the habit of going to bed with unresolved anger, the marriage will suffer. This is also the case for a church. We do not want to harbor hatred toward one another. We want to seek reconciliation.

Sometimes people are difficult to live with! Sometimes we don’t like admitting the attitudes of our hearts! We don’t like confessing that we were wrong! But we know that God calls us to “go and be reconciled.” How is this possible?

The good news is that the very One who forgave His enemies while they were busy killing Him has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us (see Romans 5:5). He fills us with His love, that we might love one another.

Holy Spirit, help us to live into what we say in our FBC Covenant: “slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation.” May that be true of us, as we reflect the image of our merciful and forgiving God!

Grace and peace,  
Nathan

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October  
2014

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
					<b>Apple Festival</b>	
5	6	7	8	9	10 6:30 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday @ First Baptist	11
12	13 6:30 Trustees	14	15	16	17 7:00p Movie Night Heaven is for Real	18
19	20	21	22	23 6:30 Deacons	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

<b>Deacon of the Month</b> Tasha Hudson	<b>Trustee of the Month</b> Bert Terrell	<b>Usher of the Month</b>	<b>Greeters</b> Laverne & Miriam Rollison
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**Reoccurring Weekly Activities @ FBC**

- Sundays:** 6:00 p.m. Campfire - Sanctuary & FH
- Mondays:** 10:30 a.m. Enhanced Fitness - FH  
6:15 p.m. Zumba – CLC  
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts – FH
- Tuesdays:** 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  
6:15 p.m. Zumba – CLC  
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - FH  
6:30 p.m. Gideons (3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. each month) – FH

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