

The First Baptist Connection

November 2014

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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Sound System

2 nd	Paul Schmidt
9 th	Braden Hudson
16 th	Tyler Nickless
23 rd	Eric Moody
30 th	Eric Moody

Prayers

2 nd	Donna Miller
9 th	Jean Resler
16 th	Nancy Sullivan
23 rd	Andrew Weeks
30 th	Jeff Coffin

Children's Worship

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

12 th	Betty Miller
19 th	Sarah Riggins & Tasha Hudson
26 th	Sandy Clark, Janet Schmidt & Andrew Templeton

November 2014

Birthdays

4 th Nolan Hughes	18 th Christina Coffin
6 th Sarah Riggins	Cole Thompson
7 th Nathan Brooks	20 th Kaya Campbell
9 th Randy Flanagin	21 st Andrew Weeks
10 th Mary Jane Parker	23 rd James Malone
12 th Mylee Manuel	Mike Stoner
13 th Marilyn Dallaire	27 th Lyndsey Coffin
16 th Brad Ellis	29 th Anne Ellis
Charles Porter	30 th Sara Ross
17 th Liz Brooks	

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

16th Don & Virginia Hendrix

FINANCIAL REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2014 Offering Totals:

General Fund..... \$5,274.04
Food Pantry..... \$620.00
Deacons Fund..... \$20.00
Brad Pridemore Scholarship Fund \$150.00

Year to Date (as of September 2014)

Actual Receipts..... \$450,291.43
Actual Expenses \$415,624.22
(includes Bright Beginnings)
Mortgage Donation (from 2013) \$58,311.72
Remodel Expense..... \$42,925.52

Join us for:


**The
Jesus
Tour**

2nd Fridays

@ Bloomfield First Baptist

(500 Lincoln Drive)

November 14—"Only One Came Back"

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.)

*Come for the fall harvest dinner and
then be a part of the Jesus story!*



Youth Happenings!

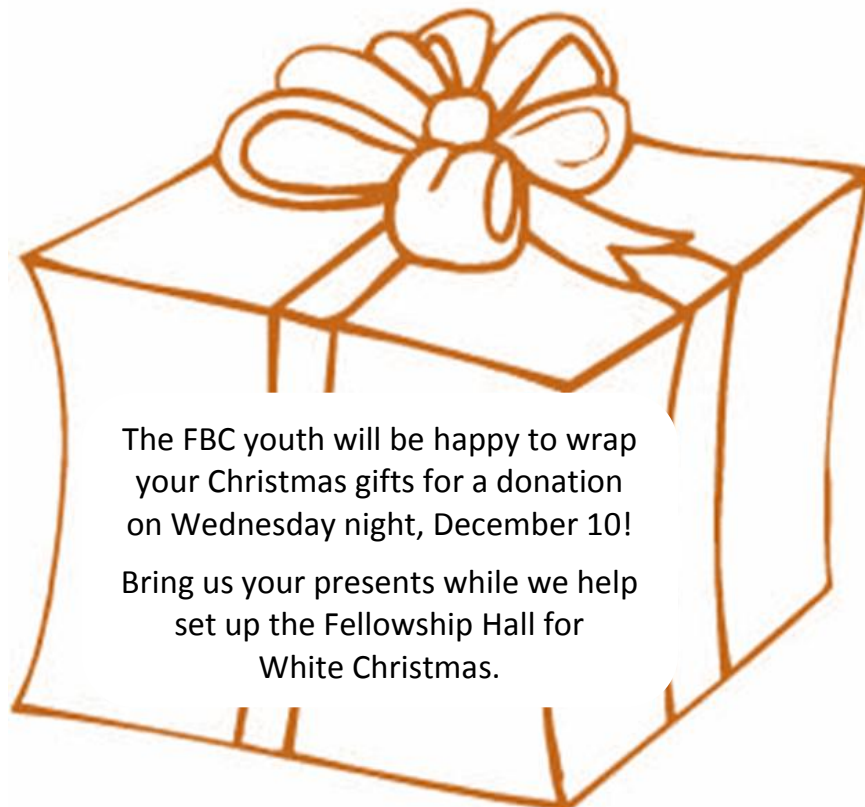
FRUITFUL LIVES ADORING THE MERCIFUL EVERLASTING SAVIOR
"HIS WORD IS IN MY HEART LIKE A FIRE." JEREMIAH 20:9

ABY Fall Retreat – November 7-9

We will 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 travel to Camby, IN to the retreat center Camp Camby. We'll meet at the church parking lot at 5pm Friday evening and return around 2:30pm on Sunday. Students 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.



Need a little help wrapping your presents?



News & Activities

Come Over ... and Help Us! (Acts 16:9b) World Mission Offering

Dear Church Family,

Almost 2,000 years ago, the Apostle Paul saw a vision of a man saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." Today, that same call is being echoed all over the world—from Myanmar and Brazil to South Africa and Macau. People are crying out for the hope and light of the gospel in a world darkened by sin.

At Bloomfield First Baptist, we are committed to Jesus' Great Commission to "make disciples of all the nations..." (Matthew 28:19) One of the practical ways we can do this is by supporting our annual World Mission Offering.

During worship in the month of November, we will learn about the World Mission Offering using the theme **Rise to the Challenge** and the Macedonian Vision found in Acts 16. Together, we'll have our hearts touched by the spiritual needs around the world. Together, we'll see how International Ministries is working to place and sustain missionaries around the world. Together, we'll be inspired to apply the biblical principles of Acts 16 to our daily lives.

And together, we'll celebrate how our World Mission Offering gifts make possible the ministries of 114 long-term IM missionaries and more than 1,800 short-term missionaries and volunteers working with more than 200 partner organizations in more than 70 countries.

We believe that when we **Rise to the Challenge**, God will lead us to provide increased support for worldwide mission. Our 2014 World Mission Offering goal is \$1500. Please join us as we gain a deeper understanding of how others (and we ourselves!) will be blessed through our World Mission Offering giving.



In His Service,
Deacon Committee

Upcoming Sunday Evening Services

November 2: The Resurrection (Matthew 27-28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 19-21)

November 9: *Love Feast*

November 16: New Beginnings (Acts 1-10, 12)

November 23: Paul's Missions (Acts 13-14, 16-20, Romans 1, 3-6, 8, 12, 15,
1 Corinthians 1,3,5-6, 10, 12-13, 15-16, Galatians 1, 3, 5-6, 1 Thessalonians 1-5)

November 30: *Song Fest @ First Christian Church*

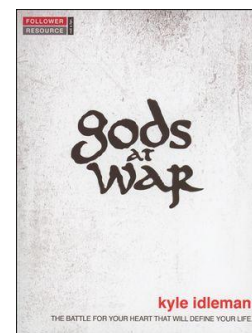
December 7: Paul's Final Days (Acts 20-23, 27-28, Ephesians 1-6, 2 Timothy 1-4)

December 14: *Cantata*

December 21: *Caroling*

December 28: The End of Time (Revelation 1-5, 19-22)

Coming in January: Gods at War: Defeating the Idols that Battle for Your Heart



SOUP ON SATURDAY – November 22

Have you been thinking about participating in a local mission project? Here is your chance! FBC is scheduled to work the SOS on Saturday, November 22 at the United Methodist Church from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please give me a call if you are interested in helping or taking the lead.

Blessings,
Cheri Campbell 394-8980.

Thanksgiving Challenge 2014

COUNT 1000 GIFTS IN 2012
SNAP A PHOTO OR RECORD 3 GIFTS/DAY
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NOVEMBER



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AND ENTER TO WIN NIKON D90
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FOR EVERYTHING CREATED BY GOD IS GOOD, AND NOTHING IS TO BE REJECTED IF IT IS RECEIVED WITH THANKSGIVING. 1 TIMOTHY 4:4

<p>3 GIFTS EATEN</p> <p>3 GIFTS WORN</p> <p>3 GIFTS THAT START WITH N</p> <p>A GIFT GATHERED, GIVEN, GOOD</p> <p>3 GIFTS ACORN-SMALL</p> <p>3 GIFTS GOVERNMENT</p> <p>3 GIFTS FROM YOUR WINDOW</p> <p>A GIFT SWEET, SALTY, SIPPED</p> <p>3 GIFTS HARVEST</p> <p>3 GIFTS FOUND IN BIBLE READING</p> <p>3 GIFTS OF REMEMBRANCE</p> <p>3 GIFTS AT NOON</p> <p>3 GIFTS BEHIND A DOOR</p> <p>3 GIFTS SILENT</p> <p>3 GIFTS GOLDEN</p>	<p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p> <p>4.</p> <p>5.</p> <p>6.</p> <p>7.</p> <p>8.</p> <p>9.</p> <p>10.</p> <p>11.</p> <p>12.</p> <p>13.</p> <p>14.</p> <p>15.</p>	<p>16.</p> <p>17.</p> <p>18.</p> <p>19.</p> <p>20.</p> <p>21.</p> <p>22.</p> <p>23.</p> <p>24.</p> <p>25.</p> <p>26.</p> <p>27.</p> <p>28.</p> <p>29.</p> <p>30.</p>	<p>3 GIFTS HARD EUCHARISTEO</p> <p>3 GIFTS OF LAUGHTER</p> <p>A GIFT MADE, SHARED, PASSED ON</p> <p>3 GIFTS AUTUMN</p> <p>3 GIFTS OF TRADITIONS</p> <p>3 GIFTS FAMILY</p> <p>A GIFT GRATEFUL</p> <p>3 GIFTS ONLY IN CHRIST</p> <p>3 GIFTS HUMBLE</p> <p>3 GIFTS UGLY-BEAUTIFUL</p> <p>3 GIFTS PREPARING</p> <p>A GIFT HANDMADE, HELD, HAPPY</p> <p>3 GIFTS IN COMMUNITY</p> <p>3 GIFTS RED</p> <p>3 GIFTS ASTONISHING!</p>
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BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Preschool has been having a great time getting to know our friends. We have continued learning a new letter each week along with sharing and discussing stories from the Bible for each letter. We have heard the stories of Daniel and the lions, Elijah's Prayers, Feeding of 5,000, David and Goliath, and Heaven: God's Promise for me. The children have also been learning and discussing colors and shapes and how we find these wonderful things God has made for us all around us. We have played many games, sang and danced to lots of new songs, and created many crafts to go along with our letter of the week! We were even able to take a field trip to the Rollison's property where we walked through the apple orchard, fed fish at the pond, and visited the animals in the barn. On our way in the bus we took a scenic route and drove through the country, across the covered bridge. We were able to see many beautiful trees and their leaves changing in the fall season. We have also been able to celebrate with a Fall Harvest Party where we played games, created crafts, and ate some yummy snacks. Fun was had by all!

Blessings,
Mrs. Farmer and Ms. Katie

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DAYCARE NEWS

Thank you to all who participated in our Pumpkin Roll fundraiser. Ms. Shirley will contact you for pick up when they arrive. Life Touch will be here on Tuesday, November 11 to take portraits for all daycare children and staff.

We will be collecting food items for the Food Pantry. If you would like to donate, please put the items in the box by the entrance door. We will also be collecting toys for Toys for Tots. There will be a box for the toys by the entrance door as well. Thank you in advance for your support of these very important missions.

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

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

A Note from Pastor Nathan

"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. ¹⁶But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector. ¹⁸I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

Matthew 18:15-20 (NIV '84)

In these newsletters we are reviewing four passages mentioned in our church membership description. The above teaching of Jesus pairs with the one we looked at in October. In Matthew 5:23-24 Jesus instructed us to pursue reconciliation when we have done something to offend a brother or sister. In today's passage Jesus shows us how to pursue reconciliation when another person has sinned against us.

The first thing we learn is that followers of Jesus Christ are called to pursue reconciliation *regardless of whose "fault" something may be*. We so often put off conversations because "he started it" or "she needs to make the first move." Matthew 5:23 and 18:15 show me that *I* need to make the first move, no matter who started it.

The second thing we notice is that the process outlined above rarely happens in our world. Usually, if Person A is upset with Person B, Person A will go tell Persons C, D, and E how terrible Person B is. This widens the gulf between Persons A and B, and often creates new relationship breakdowns between Persons B and C or D or E.

Jesus teaches Person A to go directly to Person B (more about this next month). Then, only if necessary, Person A brings Person C (and maybe D) along to talk with Person B *in Person B's presence, not behind his/her back*. Then, only if necessary, Person A brings the matter to the church. If the person is still unrelenting, Jesus' next clause seems to let us off the hook, until we remember how Jesus treated pagans and tax collectors.

What would the church look like if we obeyed this teaching? What would it be like if we, consistently and graciously, sought one another out, one-on-one, to work out our conflicts? What would it be like if we broke the cycle of gossip and slander? What would it be like if we handled these incidents promptly, rather than allowing our anger and bitterness to simmer? Do we believe the Holy Spirit can help us to do this? Are we willing to follow the Spirit's guidance in this process?

And what is this business about binding and loosing on earth and in heaven (v. 18)? Much could be said about that verse, but we would do well to look at the very next parable (Matthew 18:21-35). A king forgives one servant. That servant refuses to forgive another servant. When the king learns that the first servant was ruthless to the second servant, the king throws the first servant to the jailers. "Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?" (Matthew 18:33).

That question right there is the Lord's word to us. He has shown us abundant, undeserved mercy. That therefore determines the attitude with which we pursue reconciliation with one another. When a brother or sister sins against me, I go to them as a fellow sinner, who has also needed and will continue to need mercy.


Lord, help us by your Spirit to live into this teaching. Give us the courage, humility, and grace to confront one another directly, promptly, and with love. Make us to be different, so that the world will look at us and see You.

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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2 	3	4	5	6 6:30 Church Council	7	8
9 6:30 Love Feast	10	11	12	13 6:30 Congregational Meeting	14 6:30 2 nd Friday @ 1 st Baptist	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 6:30 Songfest @ 1 st Christian						

Deacon of the Month Jeff Coffin	Trustee of the Month Braden Hudson	Usher of the Month	Greeters Jeff & Teresa Coffin
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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.	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
	6:15 p.m.	Zumba - CLC
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts - FH
	6:30 p.m.	Gideons (3 rd Thurs. each month) - FH

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Prayers	
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Children's Worship (2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th Sundays)	
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