

The First Baptist Connection

November 2015

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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Birthdays

1 st	Maggie Doane	17 th	Liz Brooks
	Brady Miller		Matthew Clapp
4 th	Nolan Hughes	18 th	Christina Coffin
6 th	Tena Doane		Cole Thompson
7 th	Nathan Brooks	20 th	Kaya Campbell
8 th	Trent Lunberry	21 st	Andrew Weeks
9 th	Randy Flanagin	23 rd	James Malone
10 th	Mary Jane Parker		Mike Stoner
12 th	Mylee Manuel	27 th	Lyndsey Coffin
13 th	Marilyn Dallaire	29 th	Anne Ellis
	Adam Dean	30 th	Sara Ross
16 th	Brad Ellis		
	Charles Porter		

Prayer Concerns

On-Going Prayer Concerns

Bright Beginnings Daycare and Preschool
Steve Buccola
Charlie Farmer
Tyler & Georgene Lunberry
Mary Jane Parker
Kay & Don Pierce
Peace seeking in Iraq & Afghanistan
American Baptist missionaries

Lyons Health & Living Center

Betty Baker
Roberta Neill

Anniversaries

16th Don & Virginia Hendrix

1st Fridays

@

1st Baptist



Obeying **GOD**

Registration @ 6:00 PM

Dinner @ 6:15 PM

Pick-up @ 8:30 PM

500 Lincoln Dr.

812-384-8459

Call the church by 12:00 PM Thursday to schedule transportation!

AGES 4-12 (3 YR. OLDS WELCOME WITH AN ADULT)

Friday, November 6
Ruth Makes a Good Choice

"This is love for God: to obey his commands."

—1 John 5:3a, NIV '84



Youth Happenings!

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

Boy Chrysalis – November 6-8

Hoosier Hills Chrysalis BOYS FLIGHT will be November 6th - 8th, 2015. Boys age 15-24 should plan now to attend this great weekend retreat.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! ABY Senior High Retreat – November 13-15

FBC News & Activities

Love Feast – November 8

It's that time again for our annual Love Feast. As Christians it is a time to celebrate the blessings Christ has given us. We invite you to come fellowship with us on November 8 @ 6:00pm in the Christian Life Center. Please circle the date on your calendar!

The Social Committee will furnish the turkey and drinks. Sign-up sheets for the main dishes will be coming through the Sunday school classrooms. If you haven't signed up for one of the main dishes, please bring a vegetable or dessert. They are needed and appreciated.

Congregational Meeting – November 12

Our next Quarterly Congregational Meeting will be Thursday, November 12 @ 6:30pm.

Pictorial Directory Deadline – November 15

If you would like to be included in the 2016 pictorial church directory, please submit your photos to Brenda in the church office by November 15. You may email your photo to brenda.nichols@fbc bloom.org

Operation Christmas Child

Tis the season to pack your Operation Christmas Child shoebox. Actually, you have a couple of options to participate in this mission project. If you would rather contribute shipping costs instead of packing a box, \$7.00 is needed to send each box. Also, if your time is limited, you can pack your box on line. Go to the Samaritan's Purse website for instructions and any other questions about packing your box. It is suggested you include a personal note and a picture. The most important thing you are asked to do is PRAY for the child who will be receiving your shoebox. Samaritan's Purse includes a Bible lesson workbook in each box that introduces the child to Jesus. White River Baptist Church, 174 N. SR 57, Bloomfield is the only collection site in Greene County. Collection week is November 16 through November 23. Call White River Church at 812-384-8127 for drop off dates and times. Be a blessing to others this Christmas Season by participating in this mission opportunity.



BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

DAYCARE NEWS

The Fall Festival Party was a huge success as usual. We have really enjoyed the changes that fall brings. The Children are learning about being thankful for all that God has given us and does for us. Here are some of their responses when asked what they are thankful for:

Stephanie-10 years old-I am thankful for the world, the Churches, homes, food supplies to help us survive and for warm clothing.

Zachary-8 years old- I am thankful for everything God gives us, our great families and for a great life and country. I am thankful for the people in the Army that guard our country, the good people he gave us to be friends with. I am thankful for the world he gave us, the great people and great stories he gave us and for good people who join the Army to guard our Country. I am thankful for the great people who come here who are very good and very nice to everyone. I am thankful for great Churches and all the places we go to that are good and caring. The good Churches help us to learn more about God.

Benjamin-6 years old-He made new friends and I'm glad he made us and our Moms and Dads so they can help us do stuff, and I love this daycare and I love going here and I like to make crafts.

Jovan-8 years old-I am thankful for family, food that I have, the roof over my head, having enough heat in the house so that I don't freeze to death. I am thankful for the cold things that I have so that I don't over heat, for never having to go to the hospital for surgery or anything, for never having crashed off my bike cause that really scares me. I am thankful for my bike, for having 2 papaws and 4 mamaws and 8 cousins, and a Mom and Dad and a brother and oh yeah a sister named Amelia. (Jovan looked at me as I was laughing and said "and I am thankful for being funny and for having a brain." As he was walking out he said "evidently I was being real funny in there.")

Jarred-9 years old-I am thankful for food and drinks that he gives us, for letting us live on this earth so we can live here and when we die go live up there. I am thankful for the prayers because he made the prayers so we can read them and he gives us the Bible so we can read more about him. When we die we can go up in Heaven with God instead of going down there. He gives us food in Churches we get his blood and body so we can feel more like him so whenever one goes to Heaven we will listen to God and he will see which one will see him forever and we will learn more about him.

Cohen-6 years old-Helping my Mom when she is hurt bad, eating food, helping my family, playing with things that I never knew, helping other kids, playing with my brother and sister, helping my brother and sister. I think that's it.

Adalyn-9 years old-I am thankful for a Mom and a Dad and a sister, also glad he gives us food and drinks and I am happy that he made animals and people. It's kind of hard for me to get ideas cause I have a lot of things to be thankful for. I am thankful for him making the sun, moon, earth and universe and plants cause if plants weren't made we wouldn't be able to breathe cause they breathe in what we breathe out and they breathe out what we breathe in.

Reagan-8 years old-I am thankful for food, the clothes, this wonderful place that we live on, our parents, the daycare, your friends, the animals, holidays, and everything.

Angela-5 years old-He made us and He made us apple trees and He made acorns and bunnies and the grass and the clouds and sunflowers and bees and made us the beach and we are supposed to love God for what he gives us. He made houses, stores, libraries and books and that's why I really love God.

Adam-5 years old- You are supposed to like each other, be nice and say bye bye to your friends when they are gone, care for each other, be nice to friends care for them and care for the animals.

Emmi-5 years old-for food, trees, the ground, the City. Grandma and PopPop are in Maryland, I am thankful that God made my Grandma and PopPop, Benny, my Mom, and Dad and my brother too.

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Nathan-3 years old-toys, for Mommy and Daddy.

Braylon-4 years old-getting me a new toy for Christmas, helping me find it every day so I don't lose it. My dad too.

Ellie-3 years old- getting money and my Dad.

Emily- 3 years old- Daddy and Mommy and Kylene.

Jonah-4 years old- I want to thank God for my frogs, I like my dogs cause he gave me them, I love him for my hermit crabs, I love him for my fish, I don't have any more animals. That's all I have, I just told you a hundred times.

Ariel-4 years old- He's in my heart and he loves me and that's all I have.

Keaton W.-4 years old-Halloween, my Mom and Dad, Uncle Laro, Granddad.

Bryce-4 years old-For my Mommy and my dog.

Adalyn-4 years old-For food, my Mom cause she lets me do her dishes.

Abram-3 years old-God loves me, he loves Mommy. A car you can drive. Elijah plays with his creations. For God and that's all.

Lane-4 years old-For my toys, for my doggies, for my Mommy and Daddy, thank you for my baby brother. That's it.

Wyatt-3 years old-Giving my toys back tomorrow, if I get mad at him I won't get my toys back. He gives me a hug and a kiss. I think that's it.

Leo-3 years old-All my toys, and Santa, my Mama, my big brother, my little brother and my sister and Ms. Tammy and Jason my Daddy.

Deklan-4 years old-I thank God that he gives us food, my brother, I'm thankful for my Mommy and Daddy, my sissy and I'm done.

Ayden-5 years old-My sister, and I thank you God for my birthday, did God make Santa, and thank you for making scary games not real, and I thank you for homes so good I'm done.

Keaton H.-3 years old-God created trees, created apples, thank you God for the apples and the frogs, caterpillars, and moo the cow, semi's caterpillars again and crabs.

We will be collecting food for the food pantry.

Please continue to pray for us as we continue to learn about and teach God's word.



A Note from Pastor Nathan

I am including in this newsletter the prayer handout that was made available in our bulletins during the “Vision Check” sermon series. This piece of paper (two-sided, pages 9-10) is offered as a tool you can use in your own prayer time. The front side is designed to help us pray for one another as a church family; the back side is intended to help us pray for our neighbors.

On the top of the front side are three lines, representing your pew and the two rows closest to you. Consider who typically sits near you on Sunday mornings. Write down their names or anything else that might be helpful to your praying. If this seems overwhelming to you, you might start by simply praying for one person who sits nearby. Your praying, for one person or for many, will be a blessing.

The harder part comes on the bottom of that page. In 1 Corinthians 13:4-5, we find a description of love. We often struggle to love one another like that! Let the Lord use these verses to expose your heart – who do you have a difficult time loving? With whom are you impatient, rude, or easily angered? Who makes you jealous? Whose “record of wrongs” have you been keeping most stubbornly? As we pray for these folks, the Lord will not only change our attitudes toward them, but He will also show us the broken desires in our own hearts.

Please do give this some serious time for prayer. Be patient and persevere in prayer! We have an enemy who delights in wrecking relationships among Christians. He must not – and will not – prevail. The person(s) you are praying for might remain a challenge to love. But the Lord is able to free us from our slavery to anger and resentment. Imagine what could happen within our church as relationships begin to soften and be healed through prayer! I am in this struggle with you, and I believe the Lord is able to bring us victory!

On the back side of the sheet, you will find a grid where you can draw your neighborhood (or office, or classroom, etc.). Your neighborhood might not look much like these boxes so you might want to get a blank piece of paper and start from scratch. The point here is similar to the pew diagram on the front side. Write down as much as you can about your neighbors – and if it’s not very much, that’s okay! Pray for what you do know, and pray for opportunities to learn more. Our relationships with our neighbors will grow along with our prayers for our neighbors, and vice versa. Opportunities to “bring Christ to others and others to Christ” will flow from this ministry of loving our neighbors through prayer.

Prayer in and of itself is a very precious ministry. Please do not be discouraged if you feel like, “All I can do is pray.” Remember 2 Corinthians 8:12, “For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have” (NIV ‘84). The Lord knows our limits better than we do. Some of these relationships may never move beyond prayer. But that is okay! The Lord will be glorified by your faithful praying.

There will be other situations where the Holy Spirit will make clear to us that there are opportunities for ministry and conversation. At this point, we need 2 Corinthians 9:8, “And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” When God calls us to obedience beyond our comfort zones, we can be confident He will back it up with the provision of the Holy Spirit. The one who has called us is faithful, and He will do it! Lord, help us to obey!

So join with me in this adventure of prayer. And as we see the Lord bring fruit, let’s share those stories with one another! Hang in there, and thank you for praying!

Grace and peace,
Nathan

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Bright Beginnings Daycare & Preschool: 384-0400

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 6:30 Trustees	4	5	6 6:30 FF@FB	7
8 6:00 Love Feast	9	10	11	12 6:30 Congregational Meeting	13 7:00 Concert	14
15	16	17	18	19 7:00 Concert	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 6:30 Deacons	27	28
29 6:30 Songfest @ Bloomfield UMC	30					

Deacon of the Month <i>Jeff Coffin</i>	Trustee of the Month <i>Eric Moody</i>	Usher of the Month <i>Charles Porter</i>	Greeter <i>Brad & Anne Ellis</i>
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<u>Reoccurring Weekly Activities @ FBC</u>		
Sundays:	6:00 p.m.	REVIVE - Sanctuary
Mondays:	10:30 a.m.	Enhanced Fitness - FH
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts – FH
	6:30 p.m.	Faithful Workouts – CLC
Tuesdays:	6:00 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
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts - FH
	6:30 p.m.	Gideons (3 rd Thurs. each month) – FH

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Loving One Another through Prayer

Consider where you normally sit in the sanctuary. Use the "pews" below to list names and info for people who sit near you, to help you pray for them.

Consider 1 Cor. 13:4-5 and pray for those in our church who are hard for you to love. Surrender to the Lord any scorecard of wrongs you've been keeping against them.

Names/Initials:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Loving Our Neighbors through Prayer

Consider your neighborhood (or office or classroom). Use the map below to list names and info for your neighbors (the people next to you) to help you pray for them.

Read Matthew 22:37-40. For further ideas on how to bless your neighbors, you might want to read, "The Art of Neighboring," by Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon (Baker Books, 2012), or visit www.artofneighboring.com.