

The First Baptist Connection

November 2017

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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Birthdays

Prayer Concerns

1 st	Maggie Doane	17 th	Liz Brooks
4 th	Nolan Hughes	18 th	Christina Coffin
7 th	Nathan Brooks		Cole Thompson
8 th	Trent Lunberry	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
	Adam Dean	29 th	Anne Ellis
16 th	Brad Ellis		
	Charles Porter		

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

Anniversaries

16th Don & Virginia Hendrix



FBC News & Activities

Openings for Church Clerk and Treasurer

We are looking for individuals willing and interested in filling the duties of Church Clerk and Church Treasurer next year. If you are interested or have any questions about the duties of either of these positions please contact Bob Weeks or Nathan Brooks.

Soup On Saturday – November 11

FBC will be serving SOS, November 11, at the First United Methodist Church. We need soups, sandwiches, veggies, fruit, and desserts. We also need volunteers to serve the meal. Cheri Campbell Graf will be coordinating donations. Please contact her at 812-384-8980 or 812-227-0117 by November 3 if you can provide needed items since she will be on vacation until November 9. Bring all donations to the Methodist Church by 10:15. Thank you in advance for helping and praying for this ministry to serve our community.

Love Feast – November 12

You are invited to join us for a time of fellowship on November 12 @ 6:00pm in the Christian Life Center. Please circle the date on your calendar! The Social Committee will furnish the turkey and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert. They are needed and much appreciated.

Hanging of the Greens – November 26

Our annual Hanging of the Greens will take place on Sunday, November 26th immediately following the worship service. The social committee will provide pizza for lunch for anyone willing to stay after and help decorate.

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox collection week is November 13-20. You may visit samaritanspurse.org to find guidelines about how to pack a shoebox. White River Baptist Church (on SR 57 south of the railroad tracks, west of Bloomfield) is our nearest drop-off location. Shoeboxes are distributed along with Christian literature to children in need around the world. If you have questions, or if you'd like to become the ringleader of this project for our church, please contact Nathan.

Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week Greene County Drop Off Location Hours

Monday, November 13 th	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Tuesday, November 14 th	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Wednesday, November 15 th	3:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Thursday, November 16 th	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Friday, November 17 th	9:00 AM – Noon 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Saturday, November 18 th	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Sunday, November 19 th	1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Monday, November 20 th	8:00 AM – NOON

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

We are very Thankful, for a safe place for us to be while our Mommy's and Daddy's work and for the people here who love us and take care of us. Here are a few more things we are Thankful for;

4 year old Bradley is thankful for motorcycles, bikes, Mommy and Daddy, a house, a corvette, a basketball court and a kitchen.

3 year old Daytona is thankful for her baby.

4 year old Brooklyn is thankful for praying, Noah in the Bible and giving God hugs.

3 year old Katlind is thankful for Jesus.

2 year old Josie is thankful for Jesus, her sisters, Nannie, Mommy and Daddy.

2 year old Mia is thankful for God, people, books, crabs, frogs, candles (she was looking around my office)

3 year old Eli is thankful for Jesus, a present, a sticker, a buddy and a giraffe.

2 year old Lysander is thankful for his birthday that's coming up and going shopping.

3 year old Bria is thankful for a bunny rabbit, a princess jewelry box, Jesus, Mommy, Daddy, Boone and Daisy.

5 year old Turner is thankful for God watching us.

3 year old Brynn is thankful for getting lovin from God, giraffes and that we don't hit.

5 year old Reba is thankful for God giving her house, paint, colors, Mommy and Daddy and her sister.

4 year old Ava is thankful for food, her sister, her doggies, Mom and Dad.

5 year old Amelia is thankful to God for trusting everybody, for God and Jesus, her friends and her family.

4 year old Julian is thankful to God for "making me myself" for making his family, for everybody in the world.

3 year old Austin is thankful for food, big giraffes and big lions that roar.

4 year Jackson is thankful for God giving us food, for his Dad, Mom and his teachers, and for us having bodies so we can live.

3 year Kylene is thankful for people and doggies.

2 year old Maxwell is thankful for a monkey, a pumpkin that lights up, a yellow flower and a green flower.

5 year old Olivia is thankful for turkey.

10 year old Taylor is thankful for water, food, Church and Thanksgiving.

7 year old Johni Lynn is thankful for God making us, making the earth, dogs and family.

9 year old Ethan is thankful for people, food, pumpkins, Ms. Tammy, animals and family.

8 year old Samauryion is thankful that God can stop the bad people from doing bad things and the good people to keep doing good things. He thanks God for giving Ms. Tammy more giraffes.

7 year old Emmi is thankful for her Mommy and Daddy, her Brother, food, Grandma and Pop-Pop, going to the pumpkin patch, Uncle Joe, Aunt Tina and the playground that Uncle Joe built for her.

7 year old Dixie is thankful to God for letting her get baptized, for her family and her birthday.

7 year old Ayden is thankful for God and Jesus, his family, everybody but Satan, animals, food, Farmers and for people that are being saved. He is also thankful for sea creatures, daycares, and that God takes care of people that are hurt.

6 year old Lane is thankful for our lives, family, food, that we have a good week-end and for sunny days.

6 year old Keaton is thankful for family, for Jesus dying for us and saving us and staying with us.

6 year old Jeremy is thankful that he loves Jesus.

5 year old Nathan is thankful for the world, his Mom, Dad, Emmi, Grandma, Pop-Pop, Papaw, Uncle Joe, Aunt Tina, Brittney, Keith and Katie.

8 year old Sophia is thankful for her Mom and Dad, for a house, being warm, her Grandparents, food, water, a bed, no worries, friends and animals.

5 year old Ellie is thankful for food, pumpkins, lady bugs, her family and Ms. Tammy.

Thank you for your prayers for us, the children and their families.

Blessings,

Tammy Kirkman

A Note from Pastor Nathan

Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms... With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

Ephesians 6:11-12, 18 (NIV '84)

And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

2 Corinthians 2:10-11 (NIV '84)

Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. Hebrews 12:14-15 (NIV '84)

You may have noticed that sometimes Christians disagree. Conflict itself is not a problem. Conflict handled well leads to resolution. Often the conflict contributes to a better outcome than what might have come about had the conflict never arisen. We are not called to avoid conflict.

But we are also not unaware of the devil's schemes. Our enemy prowls around like a roaring lion. But sometimes lions are loud and draw attention to themselves. So our enemy also works at times like a weed – a root of bitterness – quietly growing while we're not looking. An untended garden eventually becomes a mess.

The tendency in disagreement is to believe the other person is really the problem. Our struggle seems to be against him, against her. We begin to think that our problems would go away if that person went away. *If only he/she would come to his/her senses and agree with me. Then life would be better. My problem is that person.*

Scripture warns us against this dangerous thinking. The person with whom I have a disagreement is always a person created in the image of God, a person loved by God, a person for whom Christ died. Within the church, the other person is my brother or sister in Christ, also living by faith, also saved by grace. We are both part of the Kingdom of God. We are on the same team.

In the heat of the moment – or season – of conflict, we often forget this. We feel like enemies. Jesus knew this would happen. So, He calls us to pray for our enemies. If I continually pray for the person who rubs me the wrong way, it will be difficult to continue to harbor bitterness. Scripture calls us to search our hearts, to forgive one another, to be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry. All of this contributes to healthier conflict, and healthier resolution of conflict.

"I've heard all of this before," you may say. So have I. But I still need to hear it, because I still live with human beings. You, my fellow human beings, can be so annoying when you disagree with me! I can be so annoying to you when I disagree with you! Annoyance, unaddressed, grows into a bitter weed, threatening to cause division and dissension within Christ's body, the church. The attitudes of each of our hearts – yours and mine – toward one another are community issues. Therefore, we all have interest in working toward healing.

"Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power," our Ephesians passage begins. "Keep on praying for all the saints." We need to fight against the actual enemy, and not one another. We need to prayerfully fight with God's power, not our own. For we do have an enemy, but it's not you or me. Our actual enemy loves it when we get that confused. Our struggle is not against flesh and blood...so keep praying!

Grace and peace,
Nathan

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Bright Beginnings Preschool: 812-384-2647

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 6:30 Deacons	3	4
5	6	7 6:30 Trustees	8 6:30 Congregational Meeting	9	10	11
12 9:00 Kingdom Kids 6:00 Love Feast	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 THANKSGIVING	24	25
26 9:00 Kingdom Kids 12:00 Hanging of the Greens	27	28	29	30		

Deacon of the Month <i>Jennifer Moody</i>	Trustee of the Month <i>Steve Ham</i>	Usher of the Month <i>Janet Brown</i>	Greeter <i>Steve & Cheri Graf</i>
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Reoccurring Weekly Activities @ FBC

Sundays: 8:00 a.m. Handbell Practice	Wednesdays: 6:15 p.m. FLAMES - CLC
Mondays: 10:00 a.m. Enhanced Fitness - FH 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts – FH 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	Thursdays: 6:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Enhanced Fitness - FH 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - FH 6:30 p.m. Gideons (3 rd Thurs. each month) – FH
Tuesdays: 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts - FH 6:30 p.m. Cottage Prayer Group	

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