

THE FIRST BAPTIST CONNECTION
NOVEMBER 2020

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS SUNDAY (Nov 1)!!!

DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR ON SATURDAY!!!!

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Updated guidance for those gathering in-person at FBC:

- Please wear a face covering for worship as a gift of love to those around you. Exceptions include:
 - Children under age 5 in worship services.
 - Worship service leaders and Sunday school teachers only while leading/teaching.
 - All children's SS classes while in SS classrooms.
 - Outdoor gatherings.
- Please observe social distancing when possible and move conversations outdoors.
 - Sanctuary seating is every-other-row. Please allow six feet between families/households.
 - No food or drink is available in the narthex.
- Please do not attend if you or someone in your immediate household has symptoms of COVID-19 or has recently tested positive.
- An offering box is available in the narthex but is not being passed during the service.
- The nursery rooms are only open for changing diapers and nursing.

We encourage anyone who is unable to attend in-person to participate online:

- Links for live worship services are posted weekly at [Facebook.com/groups/fbcbloom](https://www.facebook.com/groups/fbcbloom).
- Recorded worship services are available to the public at [YouTube.com/fbcbloomfield](https://www.youtube.com/fbcbloomfield).

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BIRTHDAYS

4 th	Nolan Hughes	13 th	Marilyn Dallaire	17 th	Liz Brooks	23 rd	James Malone
7 th	Nathan Brooks		Adam Dean	18 th	Cole Thompson		Mike Stoner
9 th	Randy Flanagan	16 th	Brad Ellis	21 st	Andrew Weeks	27 th	Haley Brown
12 th	Mylee Manuel		Charles Porter				

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ANNIVERSARIES

16th Don & Virginia Hendrix

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*Congregational Meeting – November 12*

The next Congregational meeting will be Nov. 12 at 6:30 PM. We will be voting on the 2021 budget and the 2021 church officers. Hardcopies of the proposed budget will be on the counter in front of the library. Electronic copies of the budget will also be available. Please email [SDClark177@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:SDClark177@SBCGLOBAL.NET) if you prefer an electronic copy.

We plan to have the option of FBC members attending in person or via livestreaming on Facebook. If participating through livestreaming, participants will be able to vote via text. Details will be provided for this option. If attending in person, we will be meeting in the Sanctuary, safely distanced and with face coverings.

In addition to the two voting items, we will be updating the congregation with ongoing developments in the church. We encourage all to participate.

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## Council Vacancy

The Church Council is seeking candidates to fill the Church Clerk role. If have some time, would like to help guide Church Council business, and perform as Clerk, please contact the Moderator (Steve Clark) or the Vice Moderator (John Bailey).

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## Pumpkin Roll Fundraiser

Bright Beginnings Daycare is selling Audrey's Pumpkin Rolls for our fall fundraiser. There are 13 flavors of pumpkin rolls available for \$16 each. New this year is a 6-pack of mini cinnamon rolls for \$8. The rolls are 10" long, 3"-4" in diameter and weight 2-2.5 pounds. They freeze very well. Order forms are on the library counter in the narthex. If you cannot get a hard copy of the order form, feel free to call the office and place your order with Brenda. ***Orders and payments are due by Monday, November 16, 2020.*** The pick-up date is Thursday, December 17, 2020.

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## Operation Christmas Child

I will be coordinating our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Program again this year. Shoeboxes and informational brochures in the Narthex. Everyone who packs a box will be responsible for transporting their box (boxes) to FBC in Linton. Any questions.....contact Cheri Campbell Graf 812-384-8980.

**Drop-off dates and times at First Baptist Church in Linton during National Collection Week:**

Monday, November 16th  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Thursday, November 19th  
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Saturday, November 21st  
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Tuesday, November 17th**  
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Friday, November 20th**  
9:00 am – Noon &  
1:00 pm – 4:00pm

**Sunday, November 22nd**  
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Wednesday, November 18th  
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Monday, November 23rd  
8:00 am – noon

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### ***One Great Hour of Sharing - Coronavirus***

To help American Baptist Home Mission Society assist those affected by COVID-19 across the United States and Puerto Rico through One Great Hour of Sharing, you may make checks out to First Baptist Church with "OGHS-COVID Recovery" on the memo line. One hundred percent of donations go to relief efforts; no dollars are retained for administrative costs.

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### ***Blessing Box Needs***

Our Blessing Box ministry is in need of hygiene and cleaning items. We also try to stock diapers and wipes. Locally, the Dollar General and CVS have \$1 aisles for toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, dishwashing soap, laundry detergent etc. If it is more convenient for you, donations may also be made by check or through on-line giving at [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly) Thank you for your prayers and support. Any questions call Cheri Graf 812-384-8980.

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### ***Summer Mission Trip***

It's not too early to start thinking about the Mission Serve Mission Trip for next summer. Since we didn't get to go this summer, now is the time to start planning for 2021. Next year's dates are June 19-26 in Jeffersonville, Indiana and July 17-24 for Cincinnati, Ohio. So mark your calendars if you or your young people are interested in joining us. You must have completed 6th Grade to be eligible to join us. We will be having fundraisers to pay for the young people who will be going as soon as we are given a release to do them. Depending on the responses will determine which location we will be going to. Please contact Debra or Bill Hudson at 812-384-4779 or 812-384-2805 if you are interested in joining us.

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# A Note from Pastor Nathan

*"In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed."*

Daniel 7:13-14 (NIV, 1984)

An election is upon us. Our ballots feature a spectrum of offices from President of the United States to Greene County Commissioner. I have the advantage of writing before Election Day, so I do not know the outcomes. We may experience a wide range of emotions: disappointment, anger, relief, excitement, joy, anxiety or uncertainty.

You may feel as though our country is heading in a downward direction. Then again, you might not. What criteria do we choose? Some things are better, other things are worse. The bald eagle has made a great recovery but passenger rail service has flopped. Future historians will be better equipped to assess our current national situation than we are today. Nevertheless, it is understandable if you feel discouraged about the state of our nation.

During Wednesday Morning Bible Study, we are diving into the Book of Daniel. Chapters 2 and 7 offer symbolic portraits of the nations of the world, with each chapter giving four specific examples that are representative of all. Earthly nations generally decline in quality and strength while increasing in internal divisions and hostility toward God and His people.

The nations, described in terms of precious and strong metals, are going to be undone by an unimpressive stone. This stone, not cut by human hands, will grow into a mountain filling the whole earth – a kingdom lasting forever.

The nations, vividly portrayed as ferocious beasts, will be given over to "one like a son of man," merely human in his appearance, to whom the Ancient of Days gives all authority, forever, in a kingdom that does not end.

The movement of God's Kingdom is often not outwardly impressive like the kingdoms of this world, and yet this Kingdom is the one that prevails through the Son of Man. The nations and their leaders may look invincible, and might carry out all sorts of atrocities, but the Ancient of Days has a book, and He will open it. The Judge will render verdicts.

Daniel reveals that earthly kings and kingdoms tend to build their power on the basis of lies and self-aggrandizement. Throwing truth to the ground and exalting themselves, these kings cast anyone who opposes them into lion's dens and fiery furnaces. Worldly political leaders quite often behave in these ways, whether overtly or subtly.

But they're all on a watch. Time will soon be up. Even the most impressive kings and kingdoms, at the height of their power, are subject to being rapidly shattered. This is good news if we dread any current political authority, whether foreign or domestic. The unrepentant "bad guys" will assuredly get what's coming to them.

That being said, God would prefer that every one of them repent. He keeps pursuing even the worst of earthly kings by placing dreams, visions, signs, wonders, and His own faithful servants in their lives. Just look at Nebuchadnezzar! God keeps coming after this self-obsessed, spiritually dense, wicked man. After multiple partial-awakenings and a singularly humbling experience, even Nebuchadnezzar seems to come around. I hope his conversion was genuine.

All of this calls us into a hopeful and confident posture of prayer. When we are discouraged about our nation or the world, we remember that the Kingdom of God prevails. When we are disappointed with political leaders, we are assured that each one will answer to the King of kings. We are invited to pray even for the leaders and nations who do the most troubling things *because God is pursuing them, like us, with His love, so that they and we might repent and live.*

Grace and peace,

Nathan

| <b>Bloomfield First Baptist Church</b><br><b>500 Lincoln Drive</b><br><b>Bloomfield, IN 47424</b> |        |                        | <b>November</b><br><b>2020</b>              | <b>Pastor's Cell: 812-381-8459</b><br><b>Church Office: 812-384-8459</b><br><b>Bright Beginnings Daycare: 812-384-0400</b><br><b>Bright Beginnings Preschool: 812-384-2647</b> |        |          |
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| Sunday                                                                                            | Monday | Tuesday                | Wednesday                                   | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                       | Friday | Saturday |
| 1 Communion<br><br>DAYLIGHT<br>SAVING<br>TIME ENDS                                                | 2      | 3<br><br>6:30 Trustees | 4<br><br>9:00 Bible Study                   | 5<br><br>6:30 Deacons                                                                                                                                                          | 6      | 7        |
| 8                                                                                                 | 9      | 10                     | 11 VETERAN'S<br>DAY<br><br>9:00 Bible Study | 12<br><br>6:30<br>Congregational<br>Meeting                                                                                                                                    | 13     | 14       |
| 15                                                                                                | 16     | 17                     | 18<br><br>9:00 Bible Study                  | 19                                                                                                                                                                             | 20     | 21       |
| 22                                                                                                | 23     | 24                     | 25<br><br>9:00 Bible Study                  | 26<br><br>THANKSGIVING                                                                                                                                                         | 27     | 28       |
| 29 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of<br>Advent                                                            | 30     |                        |                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                |        |          |
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| <b>Sound System</b> | <b>Prayers</b> | <b>Nursery Care</b> | <b>Children's Worship</b><br><i>(2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays only)</i> |
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| <p align="center"><b><u>Reoccurring Weekly Activities @ FBC</u></b></p> <p><b>Mondays:</b></p> <p><b>Tuesdays:</b></p> <p><b>Thursdays:</b></p> |
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| <p align="center"><b><u>Deacon of the Month</u></b><br/> <i>Randy Flanagin</i></p> <p align="center"><b><u>Trustee of the Month</u></b><br/> <i>Steve Ham</i></p> <p align="center"><b><u>Usher of the Month</u></b></p> <p align="center"><b><u>Greeters of the Month</u></b></p> |
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