

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Nathan Brooks, Pastor

December 13, 2015 ~ 10:45 a.m.



Welcome, Registration & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Joy

Candle Lighter: Nathan, Liz & Tiffany Brooks

Scripture Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-17

*Hymns *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"* #250
 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" #251

Invocation and Lord's Prayer Deacon Steve Clark

Offering

*Doxology #815

Morning Prayer

Special Music *"All is Well"* Carolyn Burgess

Scripture Hebrews 2:14-18; 7:23-27

Singing *"What Child is This?"* #281
 (V2 / chorus)

Message *"Such Mean Estate?"* Nathan Brooks

*Closing Hymn *"Once in Royal David's City"* #286

*Benediction

*Postlude

** You are invited to stand if able*

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\*\* *The kneeling rails at the front of the sanctuary are open throughout the service for prayer. \*\**

\*\*\* *Hearing aid devices are available at the Greeter's table. Just turn it on and adjust the volume. \*\*\**

## This Week's Calendar

**Today**            8:00 a.m. .... Handbell Practice  
*December 13*    9:00 a.m. .... Kingdom Kids  
                      9:30 a.m. .... Sunday School  
                      10:30 a.m. .... Prayer in Nathan's office  
                      10:40 a.m. .... Morning Announcements  
                      10:45 a.m. .... Morning Worship  
                      6:00 p.m. .... Cantata

**Tuesday**        6:00 p.m. .... Choir Practice  
*December 15*    6:00 p.m. .... Cottage Prayer Group

**Wednesday**    6:00 p.m. .... FLAMES  
*December 16*



### ***Next Week's Scripture:***

Matthew 2:1-20



### ***Birthdays this week:***

December 13    Betty Dean  
December 15    Lydia Hunter  
December 16    Caleb Schmidt  
December 17    Steve Clark  
                      Tony Resler  
December 18    Virginia Hendrix  
December 19    Shawn Hughes



*If you are interested in becoming a member of First Baptist Church or if you have questions about what membership means, please feel free to contact Pastor Nathan or one of the Deacons. We would be happy to talk and pray with you.*

## Next Week's Volunteers – December 20

Sound System..... Mark Kirkman  
Prayer ..... Paula Bartlett  
Children's Worship..... Sandy Clark

### December Volunteers

Greeters ..... Shelia McBride & Sandy Clark  
Usher of the Month ..... Jeff Coffin  
Deacon of the Month ..... Steve Clark  
Trustee of the Month..... Braden Hudson

***If you are unable to work on your scheduled week,  
PLEASE find someone to take your place!***



*FBC sermons are available online. Visit our church website, [fbc bloom.org](http://fbc bloom.org), and click on "Featured Media." Or scan this QR code with your smart phone to go directly to the Featured Media page. From there you may select Sermons, Newsletters or Bulletins.*



### A Look at Last Week

#### Attendance

Sunday School ..... 78  
Morning Worship Service ..... 112

#### Last Week's Giving

General Fund..... \$7,989.70  
Food Pantry..... \$1,100.00  
White Christmas..... \$125.00  
Memorial fund ..... \$100.00



# **First Baptist Church Vision Statement**

*The First Baptist Church is the body of Christ, nurturing all parts of the body within, bringing Christ to others and others to Christ.*



## **Church Covenant**

We, the members of First Baptist Church Bloomfield, having been led by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, most sincerely and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ. We pledge, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit:

To attend the services of FBC Bloomfield regularly for spiritual nourishment, growth and encouragement:

To walk together and watch over one another in Christian love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in times of sickness and difficulty; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation;

To contribute cheerfully and regularly, according to our ability, to the support of FBC Bloomfield and its various activities; to support the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world;

To strive in our family lives to make Jesus Christ the center of our homes;

To cultivate a life of devotion and consecration to God;

To aid and assist prayerfully, loyally and affectionately, the ministers and others who seek to strengthen the witness of FBC Bloomfield;

To conduct ourselves in accordance with the principles of our Lord, in all our social and business relationships;

We enter into this covenant under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, prayerfully asking for Divine guidance and help in this our earnest endeavor.



*We invite you to sign the attendance register as it is passed your way and, if you are visiting with us for the first time, we have information for you regarding life at First Baptist.*

## **Prayer Concerns**

Friends and loved ones who need Christ  
Persecuted Christians around the world  
American Baptist Missionaries around the world  
For Peace on Earth— Psalm 46:9  
US Military personnel around the world  
Baby Aidan (*Nancy Beall*)  
David & Beth Anne Adams (*Sue Sanford*)  
Gary Bender (*Friend of Mike & Mindy Small*)  
Steve Buccola and family  
Dorothy Covey (*Sandy Clark's mother*)  
Nancy Covey  
Becky Dayhoff  
Mason Ellis (*Brad & Anne's grandson*)  
Charlie Farmer & Pam Schultz  
Charlotte Gabbard (*Joan Vaughn's cousin*)  
Ginger (*Friend of Nancy Beall*)  
Jayklin Graf (*Steve & Cheri's granddaughter*)  
Chris and Laura Harris (*Friends of Brandt Hudson*)  
Mike Henry  
Krista Hudson (*Bob Holt's daughter*)  
John Lamson  
Brenda Massette (*Friend of Cheri Campbell*)  
Mike & Carla Neff (*Nancy Covey*)  
Steve Petit (*Debra Hudson's cousin*)  
Deni Pigg (*Becky Dayhoff's cousin*)  
Cecilia Pittman (*Sue Sanford's niece*)  
Clarence Rudolph (*Nancy Covey's brother*)  
Tina Whitney (*Nancy Covey*)

## Christmas Cantata – TONIGHT!

Join us tonight at 6:00pm for our annual Christmas Cantata. The program will be in three parts, starting with instrumental pieces featuring our pianist Younkyung Kim and fellow IU Jacobs School of Music students. This part of the program will include works by Haydn and Christmas favorites from Tchaikovsky. This will be followed by several Christmas songs from our delightful Kingdom Kids Choir. The Adult Choir will complete the program by presenting the cantata, "Emmanuel-Celebrating Heaven's Child." The cantata will include solos from Jason Nicholson and Sharon Terrell, with narration by Pastor Brooks and Sandy Clark. There will be a reception immediately following in the Fellowship Hall. We pray this program will be a blessing to all who attend as we celebrate Christ's birth.



## Soup on Saturday – December 19

The Soup on Saturday Christmas Dinner is on December 19 at the Bloomfield United Methodist Church. Each church needs two workers to help serve from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you can help with this Mission Project, contact Cheri Campbell Graf @ 812-384-8980.

## Caroling – December 20



Join us at 5pm NEXT SUNDAY evening to go caroling with your church family as we bring the Good News of Christmas to those around us. After caroling we will gather back in the fellowship hall for refreshments.

## Pictorial Church Directory

You will find copies of proposed pictorial directory on the library counter and in the adult Sunday school classrooms. Please review your information to make sure it is correct.



## Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia please fill out an order form (located on the library counter) and leave it, along with your payment, on the secretary's desk. The poinsettias are \$8.25 each and may be taken home following the Christmas Eve service.



## Nursery Ministry

One way to minister to people is to give them space to worship. Parents often need the few moments in church to be able to focus on God. One agreement we make as a church family is to be supportive of parents in raising their children to know God. Do you feel called to minister to parents and children by being in the nursery one Sunday a month? If so, there is a sign-up sheet on the library counter. Please see Sandy Clark 384-3257, Member of the Children's Ministry, for questions or additional information.

## Exercise Classes in December

There are several opportunities before Christmas arrives for you to try one of the exercises classes hosted by Darlene Jolly. Darlene teaches Yoga @ 9:30 and Enhance Fitness @ 10:30 on Mondays and Thursdays in our Fellowship Hall. The dates for December are the 14<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. Both of these classes focus on stretching, balance and strengthening the body. They are geared toward the over 50 age group, but anyone is welcome to join. You are invited to call Darley @ 812-798-7102 if you have any questions.

## On-going Food Pantry Needs:

Tomato juice

Boxed cereal

Spaghetti sauce

Ramen noodles

Canned corn

Canned green beans

Beef ravioli

Spaghetti-o's

Mac & Cheese

Jiffy mix