

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Nathan Brooks, Pastor

April 15, 2018 ~ 10:45 a.m.

Welcome/Invocation/Lord's Prayer Jason Nicholson

Praise Singing "Everlasting God"
"Holy Spirit"
"Grace Flows Down" Worship Team

Offering

Doxology* #815

Morning Prayer

Anthem "I Will Serve Thee" Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Reading Revelation 5:9-10; 7:9-10; 14:6

Message "Batting Second, Playing First" Nathan Brooks

Closing Hymn* "Jesus Loves the Little Children" #447

Benediction*

Postlude*

** You are invited to stand if able*

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

**** If you have any pictures from FBC events and ministries, please send them to Carolyn Burgess to be included in the morning slideshow. ****

This Week's Calendar

Today 9:30 a.m..... Sunday School
April 15 10:30 a.m..... Prayer in Nathan's office
 10:45 a.m..... Morning Worship

Monday 6:30 p.m..... Choir Practice
April 16

Tuesday 6:00 p.m.....Cottage Prayer Group
April 17

Wednesday 9:00am.....Bible Study
April 18

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**Next Week's Scripture**

Psalm 24:1-2  
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Birthdays this week

April 16 Carolyn Burgess
April 19 Laverne Rollison
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*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.*  
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Bright Beginnings Job Opening

The Bright Beginnings Board is seeking a new Daycare Director. This person will need to have, or be willing to earn either a CDA (Child Development Associate), a degree in Early Childhood Education or an Administrator's Training Certificate. The person must also be a Christian as this is a Christian daycare. If the person hired does not currently have one of these, they will have three years to get a CDA completed. Resumes may be forwarded to the church office.

Next Week's Volunteers – April 22

Prayer	John Bailey
Sound System.....	Eric Moody
Children's Worship.....	Janet Schmidt
Nursery.....	Open/Unstaffed

April Volunteers

Deacon of the Month	Jason Nicholson
Trustee of the Month.....	Bert Terrell
Usher of the Month	Janet Brown
Greeters	John & Mary Bailey

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

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A Look at Last Week

Attendance

Sunday School	67
Morning Worship Service.....	102

Last Week's Giving

General Fund.....	\$8,256.98
Pridemore Scholarship Fund	\$1,000.00
Food Pantry	\$20.00

Year to Date Giving

Income	\$83,225.71
Budget Requirement.....	\$68,967.92
Net Income.....	\$14,257.79

Food Pantry Activity for March 2018

Families	61
Individuals.....	158
Children under age 18	14
People over age 59	17
Number of bags distributed	420

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.

Baptism – tonight @ 6:00pm

This evening @ 6:00 p.m. we will celebrate the baptism of Cortnie Helms and Butch Bovenschen along with the congregation of Word of Life Fellowship and Pastor Eugene Helms. Everyone is invited to come join the celebration, here in the FBC sanctuary.

“Neighboring” Luncheon – April 22

Immediately following the morning worship service on April 22, we will have a pot luck meal in order to discuss our initiative on Neighboring and the questions that have been in the bulletin for the past recent Sundays. This meal will be a great way to get ideas from the congregation on our efforts. A cake will also be provided in recognition of Tammy Kirkman’s many years of service as Bright Beginnings director.

We are asking each family to bring a main dish and a side for the pot luck; a desert will work as well. The social committee is providing drinks. Visitors and those who have been worshipping with us recently are highly encouraged to attend as we welcome your perspective.

FBC Deacons

CGCMA Community Songfest – April 29

The next CGCMA community Song Fest will be here at FBC on April 29 at 6:30 p.m. If you have a musical gift you’d like to share on that evening, please let Nathan know.

Healing Service – May 6

On Sunday, May 6, we will have a healing service during our normal worship time together. This service will be devoted entirely to worship and prayer for healing. Please begin praying for this gathering now, and consider what the Lord might lay on your heart to receive prayer for. The healing service is important for the entire congregation. Even if you do not physically come forward to receive prayer, you have an important role in praying from your seat for those who do. These experiences have been special encounters with the Holy Spirit in the past and we encourage you to join us on May 6.

Baby Dedication – May 13

On Sunday, May 13, Mother’s Day, we will have a Baby Dedication. If you have a child or grandchild you would like to present to the Lord, please let Nathan know no later than May 6.

Ladies Bible Study to Begin May 29

Ladies, it's time to sign up for summer Bible study! This summer, we will be working through a study by Liz Brooks called Seizing Hope. It will run Tuesday evenings at 6:30 from May 29-July17. It is comprised of both teaching sessions and homework reflections over a seven week period. Please let Liz know by May 6th if you would like to participate so that a book can be ordered for you. The price is TBD (in the range of \$15) and will be due at the start of the study.

Sunday Morning Refreshments

Thank you to everyone who has graciously brought snacks for the Sunday morning fellowship time. I would like to invite others to sign up. The sheet is on the table by the coffee area. Thanks in advance for your generosity. If you have any questions, please see Kathy Ham.

Bright Beginnings Flower Fundraiser

We are once again selling potted annuals, hanging baskets, tubs and combo pots. Order forms are on the library counter. Money and forms are due to Ms. Shirley by April 16. You may leave your orders on the church secretary's desk. Flowers will be here on May 8 just in time for Mother's Day! Please make checks out to Bright Beginnings Daycare. If you have any questions you may call Ms. Shirley at 812-384-0400 x12. Thank you for supporting this daycare ministry.

Let's Go F.I.S.H.-ing!

You are invited to participate in F.I.S.H. (Fellowship in Someone's Home) this summer! Each FISH group consists of about 8-12 people from FBC who get together once per month throughout the summer (June, July, August). FISH groups typically share a meal together and rotate who hosts each month. The goal is to build relationships, have fun, and pray for one another. Please sign up by Sunday, May 13. Groups will be assigned and you will hear from your June host about setting a date. Sign-up sheets are available on the church library counter and in the adult Sunday school classrooms. If you cannot host or bring food, please sign up anyway. This is a great opportunity to get to know one another better. If you have questions, please ask Pastor Nathan or Jeff Coffin.