

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Nathan Brooks, Pastor

December 16, 2018 ~ 10:45 a.m.



Welcome/Invocation/Lord's Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candle: JOY

Candle Lighters: Kevin & Kala Flinn
Scripture Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-17

Hymns	<i>"Angels from the Realms of Glory"</i>	#259
	<i>"How Great Our Joy"</i>	#269

Offering

Doxology*	#815
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Morning Prayer

Anthem	<i>"Mary, Did You Know?"</i>	Sanctuary Choir
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Scripture Reading	Matthew 2:1-12
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Message	<i>"Exceedingly Great Joy"</i>	Nathan Brooks
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Closing Hymn*	<i>"Joy to the World"</i>	#270
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Benediction*

Postlude*

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\* 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 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.*

## This Week's Calendar

**Today** 9:30 a.m..... Sunday School  
*December 16* 10:30 a.m..... Prayer in Nathan's office  
10:45 a.m..... Morning Worship  
4:00 p.m..... Caroling

**Monday** 6:30 p.m..... Choir Practice  
*December 17*

**Wednesday** 9:00 a.m..... Bible Study  
*December 19*

**Thursday** 11:00 a.m..... Cottage Prayer Group  
*December 20*

**Friday** 5-7:00pm..... Parsonage Open House  
*December 21*

**Next MONDAY** 7:00 p.m..... Christmas Eve Service  
*December 24*

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Next Week's Scripture

Isaiah 61:1-3
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**Birthdays this Week**

December 16 Caleb Schmidt  
December 17 Steve Clark  
Tony Resler  
December 19 Shawn Hughes  
December 20 Paul Stewart  
December 22 Brandt Hudson  
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FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The food pantry is in need of spaghetti, spaghetti sauce and ramen noodles.

Next Week's Volunteers – December 23

Prayer	TBD
Sound System.....	Eric Moody
Children's Worship.....	Kim Schulte
Nursery.....	Stephanie Henry

December Volunteers

Deacon of the Month	Debra Hudson (384-4779)
Trustee of the Month.....	Eric Moody
Usher of the Month	Bob Templeton
Greeters	Karla Pruett

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

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*FBC sermons are available online. Visit our church website, [fbcbloom.org](http://fbcbloom.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.....            | 74  |
| Morning Worship Service ..... | 141 |
| Christmas Cantata.....        | 162 |

### Last Week's Giving

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|------------------------------------------------|------------|
| General Fund.....                              | \$3,884.45 |
| White Christmas .....                          | \$200.00   |
| Food Pantry in Memory of Warren Bartlett ..... | \$140.00   |

### Year to Date Giving

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|----------------------------|--------------|
| Income .....               | \$232,769.11 |
| Budget Requirements .....  | \$234,461.44 |
| Net Income vs. Budget..... | \$-1,692.33  |



# 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.



*Welcome to worship! If you are a first-time guest, we have a small gift for you; please just ask. We invite all worshipers to sign the black book to help us better minister to you. If you'd like a prayer request announced, please use an orange card*

*from your pew and place it in the offering plate. Guests, your presence is a gift to us; please feel no pressure to participate in the offering.*

### **New prayer requests from last week, December**

Jean Boyer

Owen Batterton

Charles & Mary Jane Parker

The family of Matthew Hall (*son of former FBC Pastor Steve Hall*)

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*If you have a request for the prayer chain, please call  
Kathy Ham (863-7702); Eleanor Kingsley (384-8329)  
or the current Deacon of the Month.*

## Open House at the Parsonage – December 21



The Brooks family would like to invite you to stop by the parsonage on December 21, between 5:00-7:00pm, for our annual Christmas open house. We love you, First Baptist!

## Leadership Retreat – January 12

We will have a church leadership retreat on Saturday, January 12, beginning at 9:00 a.m. here at the church. If you anticipate serving on the Deacons, Council, Trustees, or Bright Beginnings Board, please mark the date on your calendar. ALL FBC committees are encouraged to send a representative to this retreat. (Snow date is January 19.)

## Hoops for Him Begins January 26



The 2019 Hoops for Him Basketball Program will be held at the Bloomfield First Baptist Christian Life Center beginning January 26 and ending March 16, 2019. Any boy or girl age 4 through 6th Grade is invited to participate.

Session 1 for Preschool and Kindergarten age kids will be 9:00-10:00am, Session 2 for Grades 1-3 will be 10:00-11:30am, and Session 3 for Grades 4-6 will be 11:30am-1:00pm each Saturday. The season will conclude with an Awards Ceremony on March 16th. Online Registrations will be available through our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/HoopsforHim/>.

Volunteers are needed every Saturday to lead each session, coach the kids, work the concession stand, and provide devotions. Please prayerfully consider how you can help make our 9th consecutive season successful. The volunteer sign-up sheet will be circulated at church or you may contact Eric Moody (email [eric.moody@navy.mil](mailto:eric.moody@navy.mil) or text 812-227-0700) if you are willing to assist.

## Christmas Poinsettias



This year's poinsettias have been purchased and donated anonymously to the church. They are in honor and memory of all of our loved ones. If you would like to take one home, you may do so following the Christmas Eve service.

## Church Directory Updates



Copies of the non-pictorial directory will be placed in each adult Sunday School classroom and on the library counter. Please take a moment to check your information and makes changes as necessary.

*Please use the RED pen will be provided as it makes it easier for the church secretary to find the changes.*

## 2018 Annual Report



It is also that time of year when the church secretary starts to hound people for year-end reports. 😊 So...if you are the chairperson of a committee or team and would like to submit a report for the big "FBC Annual Report" please

email it to the church office. If you would like to see what your committee submitted for last year's report I will be happy to email that to you. The office email is [brenda.nichols@fbcbloom.org](mailto:brenda.nichols@fbcbloom.org)

## A Note of Thanks

Thank you for all of your cards, prayers and word of encouragement. They are all much appreciated.

-Scott Allen