

**The First Baptist Connection**

# February 2018

**News and Updates for our Family in Christ**

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## *Birthdays*

9<sup>th</sup> Casey Porter  
Jason Nicholson  
11<sup>th</sup> Kay Pierce  
12<sup>th</sup> Nancy Sullivan  
13<sup>th</sup> Janet Schmidt  
20<sup>th</sup> Mike Canty  
21<sup>st</sup> Sharon Terrell  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sherry Weeks  
25<sup>th</sup> Gary Sullivan  
Wesley Porter  
27<sup>th</sup> Paula Bartlett  
Betty Miller  
28<sup>th</sup> Marc Meade

## *Prayer Concerns*

### On-Going Prayer Concerns

Bright Beginnings Daycare and Preschool  
Jerry & Jean Boyer  
David & Lydia Hunter  
Tammy Kirkman  
Tyler & Georgene Lunberry  
Charles & Mary Jane Parker  
Charlie Stahl

### Hearthstone (Bloomington)

Charlotte Humerickhouse

## *Anniversaries*

14<sup>th</sup> Earl & Joann White  
16<sup>th</sup> Steve & Kathy Ham

# *FBC News & Activities*

### **Celebration Luncheon**

Everyone is invited to join us for a soup and sandwich lunch after church on Sunday, February 25, to celebrate the adoption of Ted by John and Robin Lamson and Taylor by Braden and Tasha Hudson. We will be contacting members of our church family to help prepare the food. If you have not been asked to bring anything, just come and celebrate this special time with the Lamson's and the Hudson's. Save the date!

### **Congregational Meeting – Feb 8**

Please note that our February Congregational Meeting is on Thursday, not Wednesday. Come join us to find out what is going on with our finances, network architecture, and each of our church ministries. We will also discuss the Child Protection Policy that our insurance company has accepted, outcome of our Church Council and Deacon retreat, and a possible new venue for having our quarterly church congregational meetings for the rest of the year.

## **CGCMA Lenten Schedule 2018**

### **Breakfasts – Saturdays, 8:00 AM**

February 17 @ Holy Name Catholic: 700 Lincoln Drive

February 24 @ First Baptist Church: 500 Lincoln Drive

March 3 @ First Christian: 120 West Spring Street

March 10 @ First Presbyterian: 401 Shyla Lane

March 17 @ Word of Life Fellowship: 4713 E SR 54

March 24 @ Mineral UMC:

### **Good Friday, March 30**

First Presbyterian, 401 Shyla Ln., 6:00 PM

### **Easter Sunrise, April 1**

Bloomfield United Methodist, 60 W. Main St.

7:00 AM Service, Breakfast Following



# BLITZ

BOLD LIVING IN THE ZONE

**SUNDAYS AT 5:15 PM**  
**FEBRUARY 11 - MARCH 11**  
*AGES 3 (WITH A PARENT) - GRADE 6*

- ⇒ REGISTRATION @ 5:15 PM
- ⇒ DINNER @ 5:30 PM
- ⇒ PROGRAM @ 6:00 PM
- ⇒ PICK-UP @ 7:30 PM

**VIDEOS**

**GAMES**

**SMALL GROUPS**



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# A Note from Pastor Nathan

*This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.*

1 John 5:14-15 (NIV, 1984)

A few nights ago Tiffany and I were getting ready to run some errands while Liz was making dinner. The garage door was already up. As I was buckling Tiffany into her car seat we heard a train whistle. She asked, “Daddy, can we go see the train?”

You might have heard that I like trains. I’m the kind of person who will change my route in order *to* get railroaded. Tiffany and I had gone on similar adventures before, sometimes at my initiative, sometimes at hers. So of course, I said, “yes.”

It only took a few minutes to catch up to the train (quite safely, I assure you) and then watch it pass by. As we returned to town, I realized how much I delighted in the whole experience. Tiffany wanted and asked to do the very thing I already wanted to do. At her initiative, we got to enjoy something together that she couldn’t have done on her own, something that we probably wouldn’t have done if she hadn’t asked.

This got me thinking about how much God must love it when we ask for something that He already wants to do:

*Lord, I want to be closer to you.*

*Lord, open my heart to receive what you’re saying to me.*

*Lord, help me to forgive So-and-so who hurt me deeply.*

*Lord, give me wisdom for this difficult situation.*

*Lord, give me some new ideas about how I can love my neighbors.*

There are thousands more prayers we might pray, but you get the idea. When we pray according to God’s will, we invite God to move in directions God wants to move in, and to do things in our lives that we could not do apart from Him. How delighted God must be when we pray for His will to be done, when we humble ourselves and ask Him to make it happen, when we get to participate together with Him in the very things He wants to do. In many cases, it would seem as though God is simply waiting for us to ask.

One of the great mysteries of God is that He chooses to participate with us interactively instead of doing everything independently. God must enjoy working *with* us and *in* us. He often yields, waiting to do things He wants to do until we also desire to do those things with Him. At our initiative, we get to enjoy things together with God that we couldn’t have done on our own, and that God might not have done if we hadn’t asked.

I wonder what delightful thing we might invite God to do next. I think He’s waiting with joyful anticipation.

Grace and peace,

Nathan

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 2018**

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**Bright Beginnings Preschool: 812-384-2647**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:30 Deacons	2	3 9:00 Hoops for Him
4 Communion	5	6 6:30 Trustees	7	8 6:30 Congregational Meeting	9	10 9:00 Hoops for Him
11 9:00 Kingdom Kids 5:30 BLITZ	12	13	14 Ash Wednesday <i>Sanctuary open for prayer; reflection guide provided.</i>	15	16	17 8:00 Lenten Breakfast @ Holy Name 9:00 Hoops for Him
18 5:30 BLITZ	19	20	21	22 6:30 Church Council	23	24 8:00 Lenten Breakfast @ FBC 9:00 Hoops for Him
25 9am Kingdom Kids 5:30 BLITZ	26	27	28			

<b>Deacon of the Month</b> <i>Jeff Coffin</i>	<b>Trustee of the Month</b> <i>Greg Flinn</i>	<b>Usher of the Month</b> <i>Kathy Ham</i>	<b>Greeter</b> <i>Paul &amp; Ginger Stewart</i>
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<b>Reoccurring Weekly Activities @ FBC</b>			
<b>Mondays:</b> 10:00 a.m. Enhanced Fitness - FH		<b>Wednesdays:</b> 6:15 p.m. FLAMES - CLC	
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts – FH		<b>Thursdays:</b> 6:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast	
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice		10:00 a.m. Enhanced Fitness - FH	
<b>Tuesdays:</b> 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts - FH		6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - FH	
6:30 p.m. Cottage Prayer Group		6:30 p.m. Gideons (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs. each month) – FH	

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