The First Baptist Connection

March 2018

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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Nursery Care

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18th Marlen Flynn & Mary Kent

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BIRTHDAYS

1st Miriam Rollison Charlie Stahl

- 6th Carla Porter
- 7th David Dean
- 10th Warren Bartlett
- 11th Brennan Hughes
- 14th Taylor Rollison Ava Manuel
- 18th Andrew Templeton Aiden Malone
- 26th Doug Frye
- 31st Joan Vaughn

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

6th Alan & Tammy Kirkman

14th Steve & Cheri Graf

20th Tony & Lori Resler

24th Rex & Lois Kirchoff

FBC News & Activities

Concert at Tulip

The Greenville (IL) University Choir will be performing in concert, "From Darkness to Light," at Tulip Church of God on Thursday, March 15, at 7:00 p.m. A love offering will be received. Cammi Rockey is a member of this group.

Do You Like To Decorate?

We are in need of people to decorate the sanctuary, rotating on a monthly basis. Would you be interested in trying this ministry for a month? If so, please see Betty Miller or Pastor Nathan.

CGCMA Lenten Schedule 2018

Breakfasts - Saturdays, 8:00 AM

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



A Note from Pastor Nathan

This month I am again devoting this newsletter space to our focus, "love your neighbor." The questions below have already been appearing in the bulletin. I put them here as a friendly reminder – and invitation – to pray about these things and talk about them with your family or with other friends from FBC.

This may feel a lot like homework, and I suppose that's exactly what it is. But if "loving our neighbors" was so important to Jesus, then we need to be prayerfully intentional and not just leave this matter to chance.

We don't "love our neighbors" in isolation. We do so as a team effort, alongside one another and in support of one another. I might not know your "neighbor" – whether at work or school or in your physical neighborhood – but I might benefit from hearing your stories. What has the Lord said in response to the questions below? What ideas have you tried, and found effective, in lovingly engaging your neighbor? The sharing of fresh ideas and "success" stories has the effect of encouragement. I might be encouraged by your journey, and you might be encouraged by mine.

That's exactly what we are going to do on Sunday, April 22. After worship, we will have a potluck luncheon downstairs. As (and after) we eat, we will talk about what the Holy Spirit is saying in response to these questions. My prayer is that this process would help to build excitement about what God is doing among us.

Don't wait until April 22, though. I'd love to hear from any of you now. How is "love your neighbor" happening in your life? Who has the Lord laid on your heart? What further questions or ideas do you have? Let's start the conversation and keep it going.

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Grace and peace,		

Nathan

Questions

Who are our neighbors?

What do we know about our neighbors? What do we need to learn in order to love our neighbors as ourselves?

How can we pray for our neighbors?

How can we increase our comfort level with our neighbors, and their comfort level with us?

How can we develop relationships with neighbors on a deeper/personal/spiritual level?

How could we take initiative in blessing our neighbors (rather than waiting for them to come to us)?

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:30 Deacons	2	3 8:00 Lenten Breakfast @ First Christian 9:00 Hoops for Him
4 Communion	5	6 6:30 Trustees	7	8	9	9:00 Hoops for Him 10 8:00 Lenten Breakfast @ First Presbyterian 9:00 Hoops for Him
9:00 Kingdom Kids 5:30 BLITZ	12	13		15	16	17 8:00 Lenten Breakfast @ Word of Life 9:00 Hoops for Him
18	19	20	21	6:30 Church Council	23	24 8:00 Lenten Breakfast @ Mineral UMC 9:00 Hoops for Him
9:00 Kingdom Kids	26	27	28			

Deacon of the Month Debra Hudson

Trustee of the Month Eric Moody

Usher of the Month John Bailey

Greeter Warren & Paula Bartlett

Reoccurring Weekly Activities @ FBC

Mondays: 10:00 a.m. Enhanced Fitness - FH

Wednesdays: 6:15 p.m. FLAMES - CLC

6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts - FH Thursdays: 6:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

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Choir Practice

10:00 a.m. Enhanced Fitness - FH

Tuesdays: 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 (3rd Thurs. each month) - FH

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