

The First Baptist Connection

April 2018

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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Nursery Care

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| 1 st | |
| 8 th | |
| 15 th | Marlen Flynn & Mary Kent |
| 22 nd | |
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Sound System

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| 1 st | Paul Schmidt |
| 8 th | Braden Hudson |
| 15 th | TBD |
| 22 nd | Eric Moody |
| 29 th | Eric Moody |

Prayers

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| 1 st | Norm Sullivan |
| 8 th | Jeff Coffin |
| 15 th | Paul Stewart |
| 22 nd | John Bailey |
| 29 th | Brenda Flanagan |

Children's Worship

(2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays only)

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| 8 th | Betty Miller |
| 15 th | Janet Schmidt |
| 22 nd | Kim Schulte |

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BIRTHDAYS

1st Barb Stoner
3rd Kelsey Moody
Jeffrie Porter
4th Cheri Campbell-Graf
Gabriel Brown
9th Brad Hughes
11th Shannon Dean
Ethan Dean
16th Carolyn Burgess
19th Laverne Rollison
23rd Kay Allen
26th David Hunter
28th Lori Resler

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

13th Paul & Janet Schmidt
18th Jerry & Jean Boyer
19th Doug & Barb Frye
Bert & Sharon Terrell

FBC News & Activities

Bright Beginnings Flower Fundraiser

We are once again selling potted annuals and hanging baskets and 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.

Poverty Simulation – April 11

Martin County Community Foundation is sponsoring a Poverty Simulation on Wednesday, April 11, in Loogootee, from 11:30 to 1:30. A Poverty Simulation involves 50-85 individuals who are assembled into "family units" and must for their family for 15-minute "weeks" on limited resources. The goal is to increase empathy and understanding of those facing poverty. If you are interested in going, please RSVP to Nathan by Thursday, March 29. I'll connect with those who can go about carpool location and time.

A Note from Pastor Nathan

“Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus...”

Philippians 2:4-5 (NIV, '84)

Children's books can teach us a lot. Liz and I have occasion to read quite a few children's books with Tiffany.

Dr. Seuss has written a book called, *The Sneetches and Other Stories*. One such story is about two Zax: a North-going Zax and a South-going Zax. Each Zax has been traveling in his respective direction all of his life. One day, the two Zax happen to collide on a particular spot of ground. They begin to argue. Each wants to be on his way, but neither Zax can move, not even briefly, to step around the other. As the South-going Zax says, “Never budge in the least, not an inch to the west, not an each to the east!”

As a result of this commitment to non-budging, the Zax remain there, face-to-face, for years. A city rises up nearby. A highway system is built over them and around them. But the Zax never move.

The way of the Zax is common in our world (Phil. 2:21)! It is easy to think of examples of people who remind us of the Zax. But it can be uncomfortable to consider just how much “Zax” there might be in you and in me.

We are called to submit to one another out of reverence for Christ (Eph. 4:21). We are called to be servants like our Lord Jesus (John 13:14-17). We are called to look out for the interests of others, not just our own.

What do we do with the gap between our Zax-inclinations and our Christ-like calling? Pray! *“Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting”* (Psalm 139:23-24, NIV '84).

Holy Spirit, help us to walk in the way of Christ and not in the way of the Zax.

Grace and peace,

Nathan

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 EASTER Communion 7am Sunrise Service @ Bloomfield United Methodist Church | 2 | 3 6:30 Trustees | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 9:00 Kingdom Kids | 9 | 10 | 11 9:00 Bible Study | 12 6:30 Deacons | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 9:00 Bible Study | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 9:00 Kingdom Kids | 23 | 24 | 25 9:00 Bible Study | 26 6:30 Pre-School Graduation | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 7:30 Worship Committee | | | | | |

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| Deacon of the Month <i>Jason Nicholson</i> | Trustee of the Month <i>Bert Terrell</i> | Usher of the Month <i>Janet Brown</i> | Greeters <i>John & Mary Bailey</i> |
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| <u>Reoccurring Weekly Activities @ FBC</u> | | | |
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| 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 | |
| 6:30 p.m. 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 (3 rd Thurs. each month) – FH | |

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