

**The First Baptist Connection**

**May 2018**

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

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## BIRTHDAYS

7<sup>th</sup> Gracie Hudson  
Cannon Roark  
8<sup>th</sup> Marlen Flynn  
9<sup>th</sup> Mandy Rollison  
13<sup>th</sup> Monica Hudson  
16<sup>th</sup> Samantha Groomer  
26<sup>th</sup> Jason Brown  
29<sup>th</sup> Derek Rollison  
30<sup>th</sup> Betty Sullivan

## PRAYER CONCERNS

On-Going Prayer Concerns  
Bright Beginnings Daycare and Preschool  
Jerry & Jean Boyer  
David & Lydia Hunter  
Tyler & Georgene Lunberry  
Charles & Mary Jane Parker  
Charlie Stahl  
Betty Sullivan  
Hearthstone (Bloomington)  
Charlotte Humerickhouse

## ANNIVERSARIES

11<sup>th</sup> David & Shannon Dean  
12<sup>th</sup> Paul & Ginger Stewart  
21<sup>st</sup> Laverne & Miriam Rollison  
24<sup>th</sup> Braden & Tasha Hudson

# FBC News & Activities

### **Bright Beginnings Now Hiring**

Quality Help Wanted: Full, Part, and Summer Time  
First Baptist Church of Bloomfield  
Bright Beginnings Ministry

Love Children? Bright Beginnings is seeking high-energy, dependable, mature, and friendly people who have a great love for working with children.

We are currently hiring Caregivers for our daycare ministry. Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED and be at least 18 years of age. Applications are available in the church office.

We are currently hiring an Assistant Director for our preschool ministry. This position is 30 hours (5 days) per week. If interested, please submit a résumé with a minimum of three references by May 1 to the First Baptist Church office at 500 Lincoln Drive, Bloomfield, IN 47424.

We are in the preliminary stages of seeking a new Director for our daycare ministry. More information, including a job description and instructions for application, will be forthcoming.

# A Note from Pastor Nathan

*He gently leads those that have young.*

Isaiah 40:11

There are two prayer boxes in the CLC, one in the entryway for our preschool and daycare ministries, and another in the waiting area for our food pantry. I check weekly for requests, most of which are anonymous.

Sometimes they are funny. A little girl asked that I pray for her brother and sister because of their rudeness.

Sometimes they are heavy. Last week I found a prayer card that simply said this: *Parenting is the hardest job.*

Parenting is hard. There are a great number of ongoing challenges and unanticipated circumstances. Nobody has had perfect parents from which to learn, and no one has had perfect children to raise. There is no manual.

In a few weeks, I will preach on the subject of condemnation. We live in a highly critical society. There is an alarming eagerness to pass judgment on people and things. Anyone armed with a mouth, keyboard, or camera can broadcast this harshness. Even when we are right about what (or who) is wrong, we are often very wrong in the expression of our rightness.

In some cases, we experience the greatest condemnation from a parent. Maybe the parent didn't intend it or realize it. But sometimes, the harshest voice in the life of a child is a dissatisfied parent, lacking in grace. Sometimes those condemning words or glances reverberate down through the years to haunt a grown-up child.

In other cases, we experience the greatest condemnation once becoming parents. Just as people love to rip in to athletes or politicians for bad decisions or poor performances, so also we are quick to judge parents for one thing or another. Many of these judgments are not regarding matters of right and wrong, but of preference or style. If we can find an audience to agree with our assessment of someone else's parenting, we're in business.

People are quick to judge parents because people are often insecure about our own parenting. Nobody's kid turned out perfect. Nobody did a perfect job of parenting. So we are looking for validation. "I did it well, didn't I?" "My way was the right way, wasn't it?" "Look at So-and-so's kid. If only So-and-so would have parented my way. If only So-and-so were as smart as I am." "Clearly, my way of parenting was superior to theirs." "Why are they so selfish? Why don't they do things the way I think they should do them?"

I could go on, but you get the idea. If parenting is the hardest job, and if many people are carrying the baggage of our own parents' condemnations, how might we approach the upcoming holidays? What if Mother's Day and Father's Day are sources of pain for more people than we realize? What if people have lingering doubts about whether we can ever be good enough *for* Mom and Dad or good enough *as* a mom or dad?

I think this calls us first of all to compassion. The Lord has compassion on those with young. Who am I to be harsh? If the Lord has mercy on hurting parents and children, then Holy Spirit fill me also with compassion.

And secondly, we are called to pray. Pray for strength and grace for the parents that we know, to get through the coming day, the next week, the looming challenge. Pray for healing. Pray for healing between parents and children. Pray for healing in the hearts of those who may never experience healing in our human parent-child relationships but who desperately need to know in our hearts that we are beloved forever by our God.

Thirdly, consider the value of a well-placed word of encouragement. What parent or child can you bless today?

Grace and peace,

Nathan

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30 Trustees	2 10:00 BBB	3 6:30 Deacons	4	5
6 Healing Service	7	8	9	10 6:30 Congregational Meeting	11	12
13 Mother's Day Baby Dedication 9:00 Kingdom Kids	14	15 6:30 Pastoral Relations	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 6:30 Church Council	25	26
27 9:00 Kingdom Kids	28	29	30	31		

<b>Deacon of the Month</b> <i>James Malone</i>	<b>Trustee of the Month</b> <i>Greg Flinn</i>	<b>Usher of the Month</b> <i>Paul Schmidt</i>	<b>Greeters</b> <i>Jeff &amp; Adrienne Hughes</i>
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**Reoccurring Weekly Activities @ FBC**

<b>Mondays:</b> 10:00 a.m. Enhanced Fitness - FH 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts – FH	<b>Wednesdays:</b> 6:15 p.m. FLAMES - CLC
<b>Tuesdays:</b> 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts - FH 6:30 p.m. Cottage Prayer Group	<b>Thursdays:</b> 6:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Enhanced Fitness - FH 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - FH 6:30 p.m. Gideons (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs. each month) – FH

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<b>Nursery Care</b>	
6 <sup>th</sup>	
13 <sup>th</sup>	
20 <sup>th</sup>	Marlen Flynn & Mary Kent
27 <sup>th</sup>	

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