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# August 2018

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#### **BIRTHDAYS**

4th Mary Puntney

7<sup>th</sup> Bert Terrell

8<sup>th</sup> Sandy Mead

10<sup>th</sup> Barb Frye

14th Kylee Moody

25th Braden Hudson

# 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**

4<sup>th</sup> Ron & Shelia McBride Chris & Erin Wilson 14<sup>th</sup> Derek & Mandy Rollison 27<sup>th</sup> John & Mary Bailey





### One Great Hour of Sharing: Ephesians 3:14-21 – Month of August 2018

The Deacons will be collecting this offering during the entire month of August. This offering began sixty-nine years ago in response to the devastation of World War II. Today, One Great Hour of Sharing serves people in over 80 countries around the world. This offering makes sure that we can respond to needs as soon as they happen and that tens of thousands of people receive support for ongoing relief, rehabilitation, and development. This offering provides our church family another opportunity to further our neighboring outreach ministry. May God Bless you as you are blessing others.



## Miles for Moms Color Run – August 3

Pregnancy Choices will be hosting a Miles for Moms Color Run, 3 Laps \* 3 Trimesters on Friday, August 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at Humphreys Park in Linton. This color run is an untimed event for all ages. Wear a white t-shirt. You will be passing through several color stations with volunteers blasting the runners with dyed cornstarch. Registration begins at 6:00 p.m. with an entry fee of \$20. You may also register on line and pay securely by visiting www.gcpchoices.com/milesformoms. Support Pregnancy Choices by attending this fun event by participating with your friends and family. For more information contact Pregnancy Choices at 812-847-4611.









On Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, starting at 1:00 PM, White River Baptist Church, in conjunction with the Central Greene County Ministerial Association, will be hosting our annual community time of prayer for our schools. Soon our schools will be back at full swing. Each year we gather at White River Valley High School and Bloomfield High School to pray for students, faculty, staff, and administration. This is a community event, and thus we urge all

of our Greene County Churches to join us. As we do each year, we will begin at WRV, near the flag pole at 1:00. When we are done, we travel over to BHS as we continue to pray. Although time will not allow us to travel to Linton, Shakamak, and Eastern Greene, we do intend to pray for them as well as any private, home school, and college students. Afterwards, we will meet at the Bloomfield DQ for some fellowship time. Please make sure to invite your church and friends to join us in this much-needed prayer.



#### **Indian Creek Cabin Dedication – August 5**

On Sunday afternoon, August 5, a cabin at Indian Creek will be renamed the Bloomfield Cabin in recognition of an anonymous donation and of our church's longtime commitment to the camping ministries of the American Baptist Churches of Indiana and Kentucky. Following our Sunday morning service here at FBC, we will travel by church bus and/or carpool to Golden Corral in Bedford and then will convene at Indian Creek for a short service of worship and dedication. (We anticipate eating at the restaurant at approximately 1pm and beginning the service at camp at about 2pm.) Come join us if you are able! If you have questions, please ask Nathan.



#### **Soul Fest Rock Concert – August 11**

Mark your calendars for Bloomfield First Baptist first ever annual Soul Fest. The praise team is putting on a rock concert Saturday August 11th at 6:30 pm. You'll hear familiar songs, new songs, and a few parodies. Please join us for an evening of music followed by ice cream and snacks. Please invite all. This would be a great opportunity to grow in our neighboring efforts.

# A Note from Pastor Nathan

If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being likeminded, having the same love, being one in spirit and in purpose.

Philippians 2:1-2 (NIV 1984)

One in spirit and in purpose. As I write this, another week of Vacation Bible School has come to an end. I want to thank you for your role, whether it was praying or donating food or working in the kitchen or making crafts or directing the games or leading the singing or teaching in the classroom or supervising a particular group of kids or whatever else you did. You have made an impact on these children and the Lord is glorified!

It is really fun to watch the church come together for VBS. Early on, people volunteer for various roles, and then we trust one another to get the job done. We cooperate so well and support one another in the roles we've been given. We share the grand vision of blessing these children, and each of us does his or her part while allowing others to do their parts. The sum of the parts is a beautiful thing.

Notice how the way we do VBS is so different from the way our world works. When people work together on projects, we often see problems with bickering and complaining and nitpicking and micromanaging. Human beings don't naturally trust one another to do things. Sometimes we even see this lack of trust in our churches!

Don't get me wrong; no person or group is beyond correction. I need correction and so do you. Not all words of correction are spot-on, so we need to be discerning in our speaking and in our heeding. But there is a place for making suggestions and offering constructive criticism.

The way that you or I respond to such feedback can actually enhance trust. When an individual or team listens well and responds well to correction, that person or group gains trust, even the trust of its critics. This actually results in more freedom for the persons and groups who've been tasked with various responsibilities.

What I see is potential. The demeanor of FBC during the week of VBS has the potential to become our defining demeanor in all of the endeavors we pursue. The spirit of unity and cooperation and trust and yielding to one another in love is wonderful. I think it is also contagious.

I say all of this to encourage you. Ours is a wonderful church, and sometimes we are especially wonderful, by the grace of God. VBS is just one example. The Holy Spirit calls and empowers us to grow and learn. Jesus prunes us so that we can be even more fruitful.

So I invite you to pray with me. Sometimes we set really good examples for ourselves. What is it about VBS that inspires such unity among us? *Jesus, help that unity to infect all that we do, to the glory of God!* 

Grace and peace,

Nathan

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 NO MORNING BIBLE STUDY	2 6:30 Deacons	3	4
5 Communion Indian Creek Cabin Dedication	6	7 6:30 Trustees	8 9:00 Bible Study	9	10	6:30 Soul Fest Concert & Ice cream Social
Noon: Congregational Meeting / Pitch-In Luncheon	13	14	15 NO MORNING BIBLE STUDY	16	17	18
19	20	21	9:00 Bible Study	6:30 Church Council	24	25
26	27 6:30 Preschool Open House	28 6:30 Preschool Open House	9:00 Bible Study	30	31	

**Deacon of the Month** *John Cummings* 

Trustee of the Month
Greg Flinn

Usher of the Month

Jeff Coffin

**Greeters**Jeff & Teresa Coffin

#### 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

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

#### **Sound System**

5<sup>th</sup> Paul Schmidt

12<sup>th</sup> Braden Hudson

19<sup>th</sup> TBD

26th Eric Moody

#### **Prayers**

5<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup>

#### **Nursery Care**

5<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>

19<sup>th</sup> Marlen Flynn

26<sup>th</sup>

#### Children's Worship

(2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays only)

12th Betty Miller

19th Janet Schmidt

26th Kim Schulte