THE FIRST BAPTIST CONNECTION

October 2018

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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BIRTHDAYS

1 st Jeff Hughes	14 th Jean Burcham
3 rd Norm Sullivan	18 th Rodney Roark
Trey Shirley	19 th Nancy Brinson
4 th Bob Templeton	22 nd Jackie Vandeventer
6 th Joe Burcham	24 th Brenda Nichols
8 th Bob Holt	25 th Wyatt Shirley
9 th Rex Kirchoff	29 th Zachary Hudson
10 th Jean Boyer	Brixton Groomer
11 th Steve Ham	30 th Daytona Geyer
Delene Weeks	
12 th Alan Brown	
Noah Lombardi	

PRAYER CONCERNS

On-Going Prayer Concerns

Bright Beginnings Daycare and Preschool
Jerry & Jean Boyer
David & Lydia Hunter
Tyler & Georgene Lunberry
Charles & Mary Jane Parker
Betty Sullivan

Hearthstone (Bloomington)

Charlotte Humerickhouse

ANNIVERSARIES

7th Warren & Paula Bartlett 9th James & Heather Malone

11th Steve & Sandy Clark

12th Charles & Mary Jane Parker

18th Jeff & Teresa Coffin

20th Randy & Brenda Flanagin



FLC Gospel Sing and Quilt Auction - October 5 & 6

The Family Life Center will host a Gospel Sing on Friday, October 5th at 6:30 pm at Shawnee Theater. You will be blessed to hear Eugene Helms Family performing a pre event sing along. The White River Quartet will lead the concert with a wonderful blend of 4 part harmony. Mark Vice will bring his talent to the stage. Austin Harper's Bluegrass Gospel Band will close out the evening with amazing picking and vocals. A love offering will benefit the FLC Senior Assistance Fund to help with utilities and prescription costs.

The Family Life Center will host its Annual Quilt Auction on Saturday, October 6th at 1:00pm at Shawnee Theater. All quilts and comforters are made and donated by friends of Family Life Center. Quilts and comforters may be donated any time until September 30th. Proceeds benefit our Family Assistance Fund to help with utility bills this winter.

For more information about these events, please contact the Family Life Center at 812-384-1639.



Poverty Simulation Event – October 12

A free poverty simulation event will take place at the Community Events Center at the Greene County Fairgrounds on Friday, October 12. The simulation will run from 9:30-11:30, followed by lunch, and then a Bridges out of Poverty program from 12:30-2:30. The event is designed to help participants understand what it may be like to live in a typical low-income family trying to survive from month to month. You may RSVP to Portia Hockman, at 812-699-4429 or phockman@pacecaa.org or by letting Nathan know. The event is limited to the first 85 participants to register.

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Miles Pike in Concert at FBC - Sunday, October 21

Join us Sunday evening, October 21, at 6:00 for a concert unlike any other. Miles has a give octave range and sings all parts, from the lowest bass to the highest soprano notes. Come enjoy his music and be encouraged by his humorous words and heartfelt message. Refreshments will be served after the concert.



World Mission Offering Silent Auction - November

On October 28, Marc Kirchoff will be visiting our church to help promote the World Mission Offering. We will be receiving the offering during November. We will also be conducting a silent auction at our Annual Love Feast (Thanksgiving Church Supper) to raise awareness, excitement, and interest in the offering. Everyone is encouraged to support the auction by offering services, handmade items, etc. There will be more details at a later date, but in the meantime, be creative. We appreciate everyone's effort to raise funds for this important mission.



Care and Support Workshop – November 8

The workshop "Care and Support During Life's Critical Moments" is being presented in Evansville on Thursday, November 8, from 10-5 ET. This workshop provides instruction on helping persons facing illness, death, and grief. We'd travel together from the church. If you are interested in attending, please let Nathan know by September 30.

A Note from Pastor Nathan

Celebration of Generosity, 2019

A year ago, we participated in a "Celebration of Generosity" with an October of sermons focused on giving. Each of us had the opportunity to pray about what the Lord was prompting us to give to this church in 2018. Many of us chose to fill out a blue response card, giving half to the Lord and keeping the other half as a reminder of our commitments. Nobody recorded or counted those response cards, so the subsequent obedience was entirely a matter of faithfulness between givers and the Lord.

Our giving as a church has increased this year. We have consistently stayed above budget and are on pace to exceed last year's giving by somewhere in the neighborhood of \$5,000-\$7,000. The specific numbers are not as important as the overall direction. A church that raises more than it needs during a particular calendar year is a church that has an opportunity to be a blessing to others at the end of that calendar year. When this generosity-exceeds-expenses pattern takes hold annually in a church, the potential for further kingdom impact is exciting!

We have not gotten here by accident and we will not continue by sheer inertia. Last year, we intentionally prayed together about what the Lord was calling each of us to give. I would imagine the increased giving was not limited to our church but extended to the various ministries, missionaries, and neighbors in our lives. When the people of God intentionally focus our prayers around something together, God moves.

There won't be a special "giving" sermon series this October, but we will talk about generosity during worship services throughout the month, and we will again have the opportunity to fill out commitment cards between now and Thanksgiving. The Lord's invitation to us is to pray, that we might be ready to respond obediently to whatever the Spirit prompts us to give.

You might find it helpful to do some personal reading of various Bible passages dealing with the theme of generosity. Below I have listed several passages that might provide a helpful starting point.

I am thrilled to be part of a church that takes prayer seriously and obeys joyfully! We serve an abundant God.

Grace and peace,

Nathan

Suggested reading:

Exodus 16:1-17:7 Matthew 6:19-34 Luke 12:13-21 2 Corinthians 8:1-9:15

James 1:17-18

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 6:30 Trustees	3 9:00 Bible Study	5:00 Deacons 6:00 Noodle time!!	Apple I	estival
7 Communion 1:00 Apple Festival Parade	8	9	9:00 Bible Study	11	12	13
8:30 Fellowship Breakfast 9:00 Kingdom Kids	15	16	9:00 Bible Study	18	19	20
6:00 Miles Pike Concert	22	23	9:00 Bible Study	6:30 Ch. Council	26	27
9:00 Kingdom Kids	29	30	9:00 Bible Study			

Deacon of the Month	Trustee of the Month	Usher of the Month	Greeter
Casey Rice	Bert Terrell	Jason Nicholson	Jason Nicholson

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 11:00 a.m. Cottage Prayer Group

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - FH

6:30 p.m. Gideons (3rd Thurs. each month) – FH

Sound System

7th Paul Schmidt

14th Braden Hudson

21st TBD

28th Eric Moody

Prayers

7th John Bailey

14th Sharon Terrell

21st Steve Clark

28th Bob Weeks

Nursery Care

7th

14th

21st Michelle & Ivy Foxworthy

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Children's Worship

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

14th Betty Miller

21st Janet Schmidt

28th Kim Schulte