

THE FIRST BAPTIST CONNECTION

November 2018

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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BIRTHDAYS

4 th Nolan Hughes	17 th Liz Brooks
7 th Nathan Brooks	18 th Cole Thompson
9 th Randy Flanagin	21 st Andrew Weeks
10 th Mary Jane Parker	23 rd James Malone
12 th Mylee Manuel	Mike Stoner
13 th Marilyn Dallaire	29 th Anne Ellis
Adam Dean	
16 th Brad Ellis	
Charles Porter	

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

16th Don & Virginia Hendrix

A Note from Pastor Nathan

This month begins with a day of prayer for the persecuted church, which we will observe on November 4. In my reading about persecuted Christians in *Voice of the Martyrs* magazine, I am frequently challenged by how boldly our brothers and sisters are taking risks to love their neighbors and tell their neighbors about Jesus. Jesus said the most important things in life are to love God with all we've got and to love our neighbors as ourselves. This month, the Spirit has placed a few questions on my heart for us to pray about together.

1. Is there a neighbor whom God has prepared me to bless in a specific way? Who is that neighbor, and what is the opportunity? Do the upcoming holidays present a particular opportunity to love that neighbor?
2. Is there a neighbor with whom my relationship has grown to the point where it is time to talk more freely and deeply about Jesus with them? What are the natural connection points between the Gospel and my neighbor's life? Does my neighbor know how much God loves him/her?
3. Is there a neighbor with whom my relationship could grow deeper by asking to pray for him/her? Do I have follow-up opportunities for conversation based on the praying I've already been doing for my neighbor?
4. Is there a neighbor for whom I can start praying more intentionally, even if opportunities for conversation and relationship haven't really developed yet? This could be a neighbor I don't really "know" but who I keep coming across and who the Lord keeps laying on my heart.

Remember, "neighbor" can be quite a broad term, but then again we don't want to miss our actual neighbors.

I was challenged by an article I read this morning about Christians in Iran who listen to the Holy Spirit's guidance as they seek to share Christ with others. Let's invite the Holy Spirit into our relationship with our neighbors, guiding our conversations about them (prayer) and conversations with them (witness).

I've shared with you before my equal and opposite tendencies to either (1) force a conversation when the time is not yet ready, or (2) miss an opportunity because of fear or busyness or other excuses. God is not trying to trick us. He has provided opportunities to love our neighbors through actions and words. Let's pray that the Spirit would open our eyes and embolden our hearts to love in whatever avenues He makes available to us.

Grace and peace,

Nathan

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:30 Deacons	2	3
4 Communion	5	6 6:30 Trustees	7 9:00 Bible Study	8 6:30 Congregational Meeting	9	12
11 8:30 Fellowship Breakfast 9:00 Kingdom Kids	12	13	14 9:00 Bible Study	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 9:00 Bible Study	22 Thanksgiving 23 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED		24
25 9:00 Kingdom Kids 12:00 Hanging of the Greens	26	27	28	29	30 6:30 Movie Night "The Star"	

Deacon of the Month <i>Jennifer Moody</i>	Trustee of the Month <i>Steve Ham</i>	Usher of the Month <i>Cheri Graf</i>	Greeters <i>Norm & Nancy Sullivan</i>
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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 (3 rd Thurs. each month) – FH

Sound System	
4 th	Paul Schmidt
11 th	Braden Hudson
18 th	TBD
25 th	Eric Moody

Prayers	
4 th	Ginger Stewart
11 th	Mary Bailey
18 th	Donna Miller
25 th	Jeff Coffin

Nursery Care	
4 th	Sandy Clark
11 th	Karla Pruett/Calvin Myers
18 th	Michelle & Ivy Foxworthy
25 th	

Children's Worship <i>(2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays only)</i>	
11 th	Betty Miller
18 th	Janet Schmidt
25 th	Kim Schulte