THE FIRST BAPTIST CONNECTION

November 2018

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BIRTHDAYS

4thNolan Hughes17thLiz Brooks7thNathan Brooks18thCole Thompson9thRandy Flanagin21stAndrew Weeks10thMary Jane Parker23rdJames Malone12thMylee ManuelMike Stoner13thMarilyn Dallaire29thAnne Ellis

Adam Dean 16th 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



Changes to Church Office Hours

To better utilize our church secretary's time in providing administrative support to us, the church council has decided to modify the church secretary's normal weekly schedule. Starting the week of 5 November the church office will be open Tuesday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm, which spreads her Monday hours to the rest of the week. The office workload is much heavier during the latter part of each week and this will allow Brenda more time to get that workload completed. We will watch the impact of this change closely for the next couple of months to determine any additional action(s) required.



White Christmas Food Baskets

If you, or someone you know, could use a food basket this Christmas, please contact the church office and speak to Brenda. Any family in our service area (zip codes: 47424, 47457, 47439, 47449, 47453 and 47522) regardless of employment or income level, is eligible Registration for the boxes ends on November 9, 2018. Distribution will be Saturday, December 15 from 9-11am in the Fellowship Hall.



Young People Away Addresses

Cail Brown (Vincennes University) 1101 North First St., Room 312-A Vincennes, IN 47591

Madison Toon 3178 Droll Ave. Evansville, IN 47712 Kylee Moody 1901 Boston Ave. Terre Haute, IN 47805

Delene Weeks 606 NE 68th St. Apt. 112 Gladstone, MO 64118 Kelsey Moody Taylor University Bergwall Hall 236 West Reade Av

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World Mission Offering Silent Auction - November

We will be receiving the World Mission Offering during the month of November. We will also hold a silent auction at our Annual Love Feast on November 4 to raise awareness, excitement, and interest in the offering. Everyone is encouraged to support the auction by offering services, handmade items, etc. We appreciate your efforts to raise funds for this important mission. Forms for items or services to be auctioned are on the library counter.



Love Feast - November 4

You are invited to join us for a time of fellowship on November 4 @ 6:00pm in the Christian Life Center. The Social Committee will provide meat and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert. They are needed and appreciated.

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,
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Nathan

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

Deacon of the Month Trustee of the Month Usher of the Month Greeters Jennifer Moody Steve Ham Cheri Graf Norm & Nancy Sullivan

Reoccurring Weekly Activities @ FBC

Mondays: 10:00 a.m. Enhanced Fitness - FH Wednesdays: FLAMES - CLC 6:15 p.m.

> 6:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts – FH Thursdays: 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

Paul Schmidt

11th Braden Hudson

18th TBD

4th

25th Eric Moody

Prayers

Ginger Stewart 4th

11th Mary Bailey

18th Donna Miller

25th Jeff Coffin

Nursery Care

4th Sandy Clark

11th Karla Pruett/Calvin Myers

18th Michelle & Ivy Foxworthy

25th

Children's Worship

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

11th Betty Miller

Janet Schmidt

25th Kim Schulte