THE FIRST BAPTIST CONNECTION

January 2019

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BIRTHDAYS

5th **Avery Malone** 22nd Erin Sullivan $\mathbf{6}^{\text{th}}$ 23rd Joanna White Remington Roark 9th **Pauline Auxier** 24th Younkyung Kim 25th Evvie Nicholson Teresa Coffin Debra Hudson 26th Jennifer Moody 10th Tasha Hudson **Charles Parker** 12th Janet Brown 28th Charlotte 16th Earl White Humerickhouse 19th Laynie Chambers

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 <u>Hearthstone (Bloomington)</u> Charlotte Humerickhouse

ANNIVERSARIES

25th David & Lydia Hunter

Leadership Retreat – January 12

We will have a church leadership retreat on Saturday, January 12, beginning at 9:00 a.m. here at the church. If you anticipate serving on the Deacons, Council, Trustees, or Bright Beginnings Board, please mark the date on your calendar. (Snow date is January 19.)

Hoops For Him

The 2019 Hoops for Him Basketball Program will be held at the Bloomfield First Baptist Christian Life Center beginning January 26 and ending March 16, 2019. Any boy or girl age 4 through 6th Grade is invited to participate. Session 1 for Preschool and Kindergarten age kids will be 9:00-10:00am, Session 2 for Grades 1-3 will be 10:00-11:30am, and Session 3 for Grades 4-6 will be 11:30am-1:00pm each Saturday. The season will conclude with an Awards Ceremony on March 16th. Online Registrations are available through our Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/HoopsforHim/).

Volunteers are needed every Saturday to lead each session, coach the kids, work the concession stand, and provide devotions. Please prayerfully consider how you can help make our 9th consecutive season successful. The volunteer sign-up sheet will be circulated at church or you may contact Eric Moody (email <u>eric.moody@navy.mil</u> or text 812-227-0700) if you are willing to assist.



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A Note from Pastor Nathan

Happy New Year!

In this installment of the newsletter, I offer some suggested items for prayer in the coming year, 2019...

From our "Christmas State of Mind" sermon series...

Lord, what do you want me to let go of, that I might be freed up for more of what you have in store for me?

Lord, refine me and cleanse me; make me holy and wholly yours, an instrument for your kingdom.

Lord, I want to abide in your presence daily. Help me to be attentive to your presence. Help me to "be still" and know you are God. I want to be a living sacrifice for you.

Lord, show me where you want me to join in your "tree planting" work. In what part of the harvest field have you placed me? What opportunities are you calling me to enter into, by faith? Give me eyes to see and a heart to obey. I want to be an overflow of your love.

Jesus, be King, really and truly, in my life. Lead me and guide me into all truth.

Other areas of prayer...

Lord, help me to be faithful in loving my neighbors. Help us to be faithful as a church.

Lord, help us as a church to honor you not only in what we do but also in how we go about doing it. Help us to listen to one another well, to handle conflict in healthy ways, and to make Spirit-led decisions.

Lord, have mercy on the many people among us who are grieving and hurting. Make your presence known to each one, and help us to be instruments of genuine love, hope, and encouragement.

Thank you for the community in which we live. Make us as your people to be salt and light, the aroma of Christ, in this place.

Lord, for loved ones who do not know you, or who have drifted far from you, we pray for renewal. Draw each one to Yourself, and help us to persevere in prayer.

Holy Spirit, make us as a church a people who are perceptive to your guidance and willing to follow it, no matter what.

Thank you, Lord, for your abundant goodness to us.

Pray through any of these that resonates with your heart, and anything else the Spirit brings to mind. Thank you for joining in the ministry of prayer. What a privilege we have to go before the throne of grace.

I am thankful for you!

Grace and peace, Nathan

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Communion	7	8 6:30 Trustees	9 9:00 Bible Study	10	11	12 9:00 Leadership Retreat
13 8:30 Fellowship Breakfast 9:00 Kingdom Kids	14	15	16 9:00 Bible Study	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 9:00 Bible Study	24	25	26 9:00 Hoops for Him
27 9:00 Kingdom Kids	28	29	30 9:00 Bible Study	31		

Deacon of the Month	Trustee of the Month	Usher of the Month	Greeters
James Malone	John Bailey	Charles Porter	John & Mary Bailey

Reoccurring Weekly Activities @ FBC									
,	Enhanced Fitness - FH Cub Scouts – FH	Wednesdays:		FLAMES - CLC Men's Breakfast Enhanced Fitness – FH					
		Thursdays:	10:00 a.m.						
Tuesdays: 6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts - FH		6:30 p.m.	Cottage Prayer Group Boy Scouts - FH Gideons (3 rd Thurs. each month) – FH					
Sound System6thPaul Schmidt13thBraden Hudson20thTBD27thEric Moody	Prayers 6 th 13 th 20 th 27 th	6th Sandy C 13th Karla Pru	uett/Calvin Mye & lvy Foxworth						