THE FIRST BAPTIST CONNECTION *April 2019*

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Barb Stoner
- 3rd Kelsey Moody Jeffrie Porter
- 4th Cheri Graf
- Gabe Brown
- 9th Brad Hughes
- 11th Shannon Dean Ethan Dean
- 15th Adrienne Hughes
- 16th Carolyn Burgess
- 19th Laverne Rollison
- 23rd Kay Allen
- 26th David Hunter
- 28th Lori Resler

PRAYER CONCERNS

On-Going Prayer Concerns Bright Beginnings Daycare and Preschool David & Lydia Hunter Tyler & Georgene Lunberry Charles & Mary Jane Parker Betty Sullivan

Hearthstone (Bloomington)

Charlotte Humerickhouse Jean Resler

ANNIVERSARIES

- 13th Paul & Janet Schmidt
- 19th Doug & Barb Frye Bert & Sharon Terrell

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2019 Lenten Activities Schedule

Lenten Breakfasts, Saturdays, 8:00 AM

April 6 – First Presbyterian, 401 Shyla Lane April 13 – First Baptist Church, 500 Lincoln Drive

Good Friday, April 19

First Baptist Church – 7:00 PM

<u>Easter Sunrise, April 21</u>

Bloomfield United Methodist Church, 7:00 AM, Breakfast Following

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Schedule of FBC Anniversary Celebrations in 2019

Sunday, June 30 – Celebrating 40 Years of Ministry from Lincoln Drive Facility
Sundays, September 1, 8, and 15 – Preliminary 150th Celebration Events
Sunday, September 22 – 150th Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, September 29 – Day of Prayer for the Next 150 Years

Please join us and invite others to participate in these celebrations of God's great faithfulness!

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Photos Needed

In preparation for our 150th church anniversary: If you have any pictures from any event in the First Baptist Bloomfield history, and you are willing to share, please get it to Judy Stahl. We are especially interested in wedding pictures with the couple AND the pastor who married them.

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COMING SOON!

Here are a few upcoming dates you may want to pencil in: Sunday, May 5: Healing Service Sunday, May 19: Senior Recognition Sunday, June 30: 40 years at Lincoln Drive Sunday July 7 – Thursday, July 11: Vacation Bible School Sunday, September 22: FBC 150th Anniversary Celebration

A Note from Pastor Nathan

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1:3-9 (*NIV* 1984)

April means Easter and Easter means celebration. Something unprecedented has happened – God has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead!

Living hope is an interesting term. Isn't "hope" exciting enough as it is? Why emphasize that *this hope is alive*?

Maybe this is just another name for Jesus – the Living Hope! He says, "I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever!" Certainly, Jesus *is* our Living Hope.

And yet this term introduces a series of circumstances – present and future – which are ours because of what the Living One has done for us. So this living hope is also an experience. It is a hope that lives! Because He lives!

It is also, significantly, *a hope which cannot die!* Living things are great, until they die. But even death cannot kill the living hope we have in Jesus. Like the One who arranged for this hope to live, this hope never dies.

This hope doesn't die even though life is filled with all kinds of grief and all kinds of trials. Life on this earth is a hard life – some lives are especially hard. Apart from Jesus, these lives would all end in death.

But Jesus offers living hope to people living in a world with all kinds of griefs and trials. Jesus offers living hope to those facing cancer. He extends living hope to those who've lost homes or jobs. He provides living hope to those who have been overwhelmed by natural disasters. He gives living hope to those who've suffered fractured relationships. He pours living hope into the hearts of those who are enduring deep grief and pain. He speaks living hope to those who just don't know how they're going to face tomorrow. He offers living hope to all of us!

People all around us are looking for a hope that won't let them down. In Jesus, we have discovered that hope! What an opportunity you and I have to be encouraged ourselves, and to extend this joy to the people around us, living in a world that can often be downright overwhelming.

Easter means we live as recipients and messengers of living hope! What an exciting and timely calling!

Grace and peace,

Nathan

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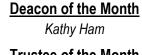
Pastor's Cell: 812-381-4189 Church Office: 812-384-8459 FAX No: 812-384-8982

Bright Beginnings Daycare: 812-384-0400

Bright Beginnings Preschool: 812-384-2647 Monday Friday Sunday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Saturday 1 2 3 4 5 6 9:00 Bible Study 8:00 Lenten 6:30 Deacons Breakfast @ 1st 6:30 Trustees Presbyterian 7 Communion 9 10 11 12 13 8 11:00 Cottage Prayer 9:00 Bible Study 8:00 Lenten Breakfast @ 1st Group Baptist 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 9:00 Bible Study 11:00 Cottage Prayer 9:00 Kingdom Kids Group 7:00 Good Friday Service 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 7:00 Easter Sunrise 9:00 Bible Study 11:00 Cottage Prayer Service @ Bloomfield Group United Methodist 6:30 Ch Council 28 29 30

Reoccurring Weekly Activities @ FBC

Sundays:	6:00 p.m.	FLAMES - CLC	
Mondays:	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts - FH	
Tuesdays:	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts - FH	
Thursdays:	6:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	
	11:00 a.m.	Cottage Prayer Group	
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts - FH	
	6:30 p.m.	Gideons (3rd Thurs. each month) - FH	



Trustee of the Month Steve Ham

Usher of the Month Janet Brown

<u>Greeters of the Month</u> Bert & Sharon Terrell

Sound System	Prayers	Nursery Care	Children's Worship (2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th Sundays only)
7thPaul Schmidt14thBraden Hudson21stTBD28thEric Moody	7thJohn Bailey14thMary Bailey21stPaula Bartlett28thDonna Miller	7thSandy Clark14thNeed Volunteers!!21stMichelle & Ivy Foxworthy28thStephanie Henry	14 th Betty Miller 21 st Janet Schmidt 28 th Kim Schulte