

THE FIRST BAPTIST CONNECTION

April 2019

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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BIRTHDAYS

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

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

Deacon of the Month

Kathy Ham

Trustee of the Month

Steve Ham

Usher of the Month

Janet Brown

Greeters of the Month

Bert & Sharon Terrell

Sound System

7th Paul Schmidt
14th Braden Hudson
21st TBD
28th Eric Moody

Prayers

7th John Bailey
14th Mary Bailey
21st Paula Bartlett
28th Donna Miller

Nursery Care

7th Sandy Clark
14th ***Need Volunteers!!***
21st Michelle & Ivy Foxworthy
28th Stephanie Henry

Children's Worship

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

14th Betty Miller
21st Janet Schmidt
28th Kim Schulte