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June 2019

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BIRTHDAYS

Shelia McBride 15th Mary Bailey 2nd 18th Max Terrell Maran Nicholson 3rd Brenda Flanagin **Sydney Terrell Becky Dayhoff** 20th Tammy Kirkman 6th Julie Hudson 25th Nancy Covey 8th Gabrielle Weeks 27th Steve Allen Tonya Hudson 28th Emma Resler Karlie Thompson 30th George Dallaire 12th Savanna Roark 14th Heather Malone **Austin Rollison**

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

ANNIVERSARIES

1 st	Norm & Nancy Sullivan	11 th	Charles & Kimberly Porter	
3 rd	Joe & Jean Burcham	12 th	Eric & Jennifer Moody	
	George & Marilyn Dallaire	19 th	Gary & Carolyn Sullivan	
9 th	Bill & Debra Hudson	21 st	Bob & Sherry Weeks	
10 th	Don & Betty Sullivan	24 th	Nathan & Liz Brooks	





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!



Let's Go Camping!

Church camp season starts in June! Registration and payments for Indian Creek and Tippecanoe may now be completed online at abcin.campmanagement.com/enroll. Hardcopies of the forms are available on the library counter.

VBS is just around the corner!

VBS will be July 7-11. Our theme is "Miraculous Mission" and uses an outer space setting to emphasize God's plan to send Jesus to save us. Volunteers are needed! Please see the sign-up sheet going around the Sunday School classrooms, or talk to Tasha Hudson.



Bright Beginnings is Hiring

Bright Beginnings Daycare is looking for energetic, dependable and friendly people who have a love for children. We are currently hiring for caregiver positions and kitchen staff. Please call 812-384-0400 x11 for questions or to request an application for the daycare positions.

Bright Beginnings Preschool is currently taking applications for the Assistant Teacher position in the Tuesday and Thursday class. Please call 812-384-0400 x28 for questions or to request an application for the preschool position.

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.

W O W 2019 – Women Of the Word

Shiloh Wesley Chapel UMC Annual Women's Conference

Join us Saturday, July 27th, for a day of fellowship, singing, special music, local speakers and video presentations. Doors open @ 7:30; program starts at 8:30 and ends at 3:00. This conference will be held at the Owen Valley High School Auditorium (622 Indiana Hwy 46, Spencer).

A donation of \$20 per adult includes lunch and program materials. Your teen-aged daughter, grandchild or friend may join you but they must be registered as well. Tickets WILL NOT be available at the door.

Please mail ticket requests to: Shiloh Wesley Chapel UMC, PO Box 554, Spencer, IN 47460. Be sure to include names, complete addresses, emails, phone number and lunch preference for each attendee. Lunch options are ham, turkey or PB&J. For guestions, email: mjkaehr@msn.com.

If anyone is interesting in carpooling, please see Cheri Graf.

A Note from Pastor Nathan

"...then the saying that is written will come true: 'Death has been swallowed up in victory.' 'Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?' The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

1 Corinthians 15:54-58 (from *NIV* 1984)

The impact of the resurrection of Jesus Christ extends farther than we might often think.

I think about the resurrection when I visit with anyone who is facing a serious medical diagnosis. I think about the resurrection when I lead funeral services. I think not only about the resurrection of Jesus Christ, but of the upcoming resurrection of all who belong to Him. This good news obviously changes our view of death.

I also think about the resurrection when I hear about people dying for some terribly unjust reason – some tragedy or act of violence. The way I read Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel, resurrection is God's great instrument against unjust death. Whenever it appears that death has wrongly had the last word on someone's life, we remember that God is the God of resurrection. God will have the final word. This, too, is good news.

I suppose those are "normal" situations in which to think about the resurrection, when we face deep grief or injustice or sorrow. But Christ's resurrection makes a claim on a great number of "smaller" issues as well.

The text quoted above concludes one of the great resurrection passages in the New Testament. It is about the coming resurrection day. We will sing a song of victory over death! The conclusion Paul draws is this: give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

What a wonderful ramification of the resurrection! Your labor in the Lord is *not* in vain!

Many of you who are reading this article have given *countless* hours to the work of the Gospel. You've taught Sunday school. You've taken kids to church camp. You've served in the food pantry. You've done hundreds of things in an effort to tell people about Jesus or show people the love of Jesus.

If you're like me, maybe you've wondered, "Did that make a difference?" Or, more pointedly, "Am I making any difference?" It is easy to question the worth of our efforts — even our own worth — when we don't always see tangible results in short order. Indeed, sometimes the "results" that we see are quite discouraging! One of the greatest threats to Christianity, as I read the New Testament, is that we would give up: It's not worth it.

But the scripture declares otherwise! The resurrection of Jesus Christ means that our labor in the Lord *is not in vain*. It *is* worth it! When you felt like the students weren't listening. When the person you were praying for got worse. When the neighbors you were trying to pour into seemed even less interested in God than before. Whenever your circumstances or mine scream, "failure," the Lord Jesus declares, "I am alive forever."

Maybe we should jump to that quote from Revelation: "I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever!" Think about that. Jesus died. After all of that work, pouring into people, loving people, telling them (us!) the truth. What happened to his faithful followers? They scattered! Where was his success? Nailed to a cross! It appeared that for Jesus everything had turned out to be not worth it. But that was Friday. And Sunday came!

I don't know what faithful work the Lord has you in the middle of right now. I don't know how discouraged you may be. But I do know this: your labor in the Lord is not in vain! The One who has called us is faithful!

Grace and peace, Nathan First Baptist Church 500 Lincoln Drive Bloomfield, IN 47424

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Communion	3	4 6:30 Trustees	5 9:00 Bible Study	6 6:30 Deacons	7	8
9 8:30 Fellowship Breakfast 9:00 Kingdom Kids	10	11	12 9:00 Bible Study	13 6:30 Church Council	14	15
16	17	18	9:00 Bible Study	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 9:00 Bible Study	27	28	29
30 40 Years @ Lincoln Drive!						

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

Cheri Graf

Trustee of the Month

John Bailey

Usher of the Month

John Bailey

Greeters of the Month

Adrienne & Jeff Hughes

Sound System

2nd TBD

9th Braden Hudson

16th TBD

23rd Eric Moody

30th Debra Hudson

Prayers

2nd Steve Clark

9th Cheri Graf

16th Jennifer Moody

23rd Jennifer Moody

30th Debra Hudson

Nursery Care

2nd Sandy Clark

9th Need Volunteers!

16th Michelle & Ivy Foxworthy

23rd Stephanie Henry

30th **Need Volunteers!**

Children's Worship

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

9th Betty Miller

16th Janet Schmidt

30th Kim Schulte