

# THE FIRST BAPTIST CONNECTION

## *June 2019*

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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### BIRTHDAYS

|                  |                 |                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Shelia McBride  | 15 <sup>th</sup> | Mary Bailey     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Maran Nicholson | 18 <sup>th</sup> | Max Terrell     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Brenda Flanagan |                  | Sydney Terrell  |
|                  | Becky Dayhoff   | 20 <sup>th</sup> | Tammy Kirkman   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Julie Hudson    | 25 <sup>th</sup> | Nancy Covey     |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Gabrielle Weeks | 27 <sup>th</sup> | Steve Allen     |
|                  | Tonya Hudson    | 28 <sup>th</sup> | Emma Resler     |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Karlie Thompson | 30 <sup>th</sup> | George Dallaire |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Savanna Roark   |                  |                 |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | 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 <sup>st</sup>  | Norm & Nancy Sullivan     | 11 <sup>th</sup> | Charles & Kimberly Porter |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Joe & Jean Burcham        | 12 <sup>th</sup> | Eric & Jennifer Moody     |
|                  | George & Marilyn Dallaire | 19 <sup>th</sup> | Gary & Carolyn Sullivan   |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Bill & Debra Hudson       | 21 <sup>st</sup> | Bob & Sherry Weeks        |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Don & Betty Sullivan      | 24 <sup>th</sup> | Nathan & Liz Brooks       |



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

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*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

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**JUNE**  
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| Sunday   | Monday | Tuesday            | Wednesday              | Thursday                  | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--------|----------|
|  |        |                    |                        |                           |        | 1        |
| 2 Communion  | 3      | 4<br>6:30 Trustees | 5<br>9:00 Bible Study  | 6<br>6:30 Deacons         | 7      | 8        |
| 9<br>8:30 Fellowship<br>Breakfast<br>9:00 Kingdom Kids | 10     | 11                 | 12<br>9:00 Bible Study | 13<br>6:30 Church Council | 14     | 15       |
| 16   | 17     | 18                 | 19<br>9:00 Bible Study | 20                        | 21     | 22       |
| 23   | 24     | 25                 | 26<br>9:00 Bible Study | 27                        | 28     | 29       |
| 30<br>40 Years<br>@ 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

2<sup>nd</sup> TBD  
9<sup>th</sup> Braden Hudson  
16<sup>th</sup> TBD  
23<sup>rd</sup> Eric Moody  
30<sup>th</sup> Debra Hudson

### **Prayers**

2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Clark  
9<sup>th</sup> Cheri Graf  
16<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Moody  
23<sup>rd</sup> Jennifer Moody  
30<sup>th</sup> Debra Hudson

### **Nursery Care**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sandy Clark  
9<sup>th</sup> ***Need Volunteers!***  
16<sup>th</sup> Michelle & Ivy Foxworthy  
23<sup>rd</sup> Stephanie Henry  
30<sup>th</sup> ***Need Volunteers!***

### **Children's Worship**

*(2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays only)*

9<sup>th</sup> Betty Miller  
16<sup>th</sup> Janet Schmidt  
30<sup>th</sup> Kim Schulte