

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

*Rev. Nathan Brooks, Pastor*

March 26, 2017 ~ 10:45 a.m.

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<b>Welcome/Invocation/Lord's Prayer</b>		Deacon Debra Hudson
<b>Prelude</b>	<i>"Give Me Jesus"</i>	Handbells
<b>Call to Worship</b>	<i>"Cares Chorus"</i>	Kingdom Kids
<b>Hymns</b>	<i>"My Savior's Love"</i> <i>"Blessed Redeemer"</i>	#348 #326
<b>Offering</b>	<i>"Let There Be Peace on Earth"</i>	Handbells
<b>*Gloria Patri</b>		#812
<b>Morning Prayer</b>		
<b>Special Music</b>	<i>"In God's Love"</i>	Kingdom Kids
<b>Scripture</b>		Genesis 41:50-42:2; 45:1-8
<b>Message</b>	<i>"Fruitful"</i>	Pastor Nathan
<b>*Closing Hymn</b>	<i>"Break Thou the Bread of Life"</i>	#413
<b>*Benediction</b>		
<b>*Postlude</b>		

*\* You are invited to stand if able*



*\*\* The kneeling rails at the front of the sanctuary are open throughout the service for prayer. \*\**

*\*\*\* Hearing aid devices are available at the Greeter's table. Just turn it on and adjust the volume. \*\*\**

## This Week's Calendar

<b>Today</b>	8:00 a.m..... Handbells
<i>March 26</i>	9:00 a.m..... Kingdom Kids
	9:30 a.m..... Sunday School
	10:30 a.m..... Prayer in Nathan's office
	10:45 a.m..... Morning Worship
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m..... Choir Practice
<i>March 27</i>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:00 p.m.....Cottage Prayer Group
<i>March 28</i>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00 p.m..... FLAMES
<i>March 29</i>	6:30 p.m.....Church Council
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 a.m..... Lenten Breakfast @ First Christian
<i>April 1</i>	

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**Next Week's Scripture Reading:**

Genesis 46:28 – 47:6

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**Birthdays this week:**

March 26    Doug Frye  
March 28    Scott Clark  
March 31    Joan Vaughn

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*If you are interested in becoming a member of First Baptist Church or if you have questions about what membership means, please feel free to contact Pastor Nathan or one of the Deacons. We would be happy to talk and pray with you.*

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**\*\*\*Our unstaffed nursery is open and available to anyone with small children\*\*\***

## Next Week's Volunteers – April 2

Prayer..... Norm Sullivan  
Sound System..... Paul Schmidt  
Children's Worship..... No Children's Church

### April Volunteers

Deacon of the Month ..... Steve Clark  
Trustee of the Month..... Bert Terrell  
Usher of the Month ..... Athan Lamson  
Greeters ..... Jeff & Teresa Coffin

***If you are unable to work on your scheduled week,  
PLEASE find someone to take your place!***



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### A Look at Last Week

#### **Attendance**

Sunday School ..... 70  
Morning Worship Service..... 120

#### **Last Week's Giving**

General Fund..... \$3,178.00  
America for Christ ..... \$280.00  
Food Pantry..... \$100.00

#### **Year to Date Giving**

Income ..... \$55,980.65  
Expenses..... \$51,761.82  
Net Income..... \$4,218.83



# **First Baptist Church Vision Statement**

*The First Baptist Church is the body of Christ, nurturing all parts of the body within, bringing Christ to others and others to Christ.*



## **Church Covenant**

We, the members of First Baptist Church Bloomfield, having been led by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, most sincerely and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ. We pledge, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit:

To attend the services of FBC Bloomfield regularly for spiritual nourishment, growth and encouragement:

To walk together and watch over one another in Christian love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in times of sickness and difficulty; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation;

To contribute cheerfully and regularly, according to our ability, to the support of FBC Bloomfield and its various activities; to support the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world;

To strive in our family lives to make Jesus Christ the center of our homes;

To cultivate a life of devotion and consecration to God;

To aid and assist prayerfully, loyally and affectionately, the ministers and others who seek to strengthen the witness of FBC Bloomfield;

To conduct ourselves in accordance with the principles of our Lord, in all our social and business relationships;

We enter into this covenant under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, prayerfully asking for Divine guidance and help in this our earnest endeavor.



We invite you to sign the attendance register as it is passed your way and, if you are visiting with us for the first time, we have information for you regarding life at First Baptist.

## Prayer Concerns

Friends and loved ones who need Christ  
Persecuted Christians around the world  
American Baptist Missionaries around the world  
For Peace on Earth— Psalm 46:9  
US Military personnel around the world  
Karla Bishop (*Carolyn Burgess*)  
Billie Blakley  
Steve Buccola and family  
Nancy Canty  
The family of David Carmichael  
Nancy Covey  
Don & Rose Dwyer (*Betty Miller's Uncle & Aunt*)  
Mason Ellis (*Brad & Anne's grandson*)  
Charlie Farmer & Pam Schultz  
The Family of Rob Feutz (*Jeff & Teresa Coffin*)  
Ron (*Friend of Marlen Flynn*)  
Gayla (*Friend of Marlen Flynn*)  
Taylor Graf  
Charlotte Humerickhouse  
David Hunter  
Nancy McCammom (*Debra Hudson*)  
Sandy Mead  
Alberto Nava (*Leslie/Damon Ayers*)  
George Ockerman (*Cheri Graf*)  
The Raven Family (*Sandy/Marc Mead*)  
Sue Sanford  
Maryann Snow  
Charlie & Judy Stahl  
Christine Townsend (*Carolyn Sullivan's sister*)  
J.B. Warrick

## **America for Christ Offering**

The America for Christ Offering 2017 will be collected during the four Sundays in March. The theme for this year is Cultivating Leaders, Equipping Disciples, and Healing Communities. Let us partner together for the cause of Christ. The scripture passage is Luke 4:18-19.

## **King's Daughters 2nd Annual Women's Conference – April 1**

Join us at the Greene County fairgrounds on April 1 from 9:30-3:00. Doors will open at 9:00. This is an opportunity for woman of all denominations to come together in unity to hear testimony, give praise to God, and make new friends. There will be a tasty lunch, vendors, photo booth and lots of door prizes. All free of charge. A love offering will be taken. Admission is FREE, but registration is a MUST. You may register online at [kingsdaughters.info](http://kingsdaughters.info) or by calling 812-512-2822. If you have any questions you may contact Carolyn Burgess at 812-369-6474.

## **An Open Invitation – April 4**

The Open Table is a long-term, relationship-based poverty engagement initiative. We may soon be able to start an Open Table ministry here in the Bloomfield area. You are invited to attend one of two informational sessions, hosted at Tulip Church of God, on Tuesday, April 4, either from 12:00-2:00 PM or 6:30-8:30 PM. Both sessions will cover the same material. Lunch will be provided for those attending the afternoon session. If you are interested in coming please let Nathan know. For more information, visit [www.theopentable.org](http://www.theopentable.org).

## **Family Friday Seder Meal – April 7**

As we prepare our hearts for Easter, we have a unique opportunity to experience a Seder dinner exploring the symbolism Jesus and His disciples shared together during Passover. We have a guest speaker from Jews for Jesus coming April 7 to interpret the elements in the meal for us. This is our Family Friday for April. We invite you to come as part of our church family to experience this event even if you do not have children. Seating for the Seder Meal will start at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up at the Library counter by April 2nd so that Kimberly knows how many people will be eating the meal with us.

## Bright Beginnings Daycare Fundraiser

Spring has sprung! We will be selling flowers again this year in a variety of colors, pots, tubs and baskets. Order forms and payments are due to Ms. Shirley by April 17. Flowers will be ready for pick up on May 2, in plenty of time for Mother's Day! ☺ Please make your checks out to Bright Beginnings Daycare. If you have any questions contact Ms. Shirley at 812-384-0400 x12. Order forms are on the library counter. Thank you for supporting Bright Beginnings Daycare Ministry.

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The committee hosting the Fill the Pool fundraiser is asking local churches if anyone would be willing to donate a dessert. They are asking each church for 4-5 desserts, enough to feed 12-14 people each. If you can help, please contact Brenda, in the church office, and let her know what you plan to offer. She will contact the committee.

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## Chief's Mark's House Fund

You can support Mark's House by donating (checks made out to FBC, memo: Chief's Mark's House) or by going July 10-21. Contact Tooger Smith with questions at 812-659-2616.

## Update on Charlotte Humerickhouse

Charlotte has been moved to room 4530 at IU Bloomington Hospital. Please pray for continued recovery.