

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Nathan Brooks, Pastor

August 27, 2017 ~ 10:45 a.m.

Welcome/Invocation/Lord's Prayer Deacon John Cummings

Hymn *"He Has Made Me Glad"* #214

Baptism Dixie & Lukas Geyer

Hymns *"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"* #539
"Wonderful Words of Life" #406

Offering

Doxology* #815

Morning Prayer

Special Music *"Chain Breaker"* Braden Hudson

Scripture Reading Lamentations 1

Message *"My Groans Are Many"* Nathan Brooks

Closing Hymn* *"Hear our Prayer, O Lord"* #641

Benediction*

Postlude*

** You are invited to stand if able*

~~~~~

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

## This Week's Calendar

**Today**                    9:30 a.m..... Sunday School  
*August 27*                10:30 a.m..... Prayer in Nathan's office  
                                 10:45 a.m..... Morning Worship

**Tuesday**                6:00 p.m..... Cottage Prayer Group  
*August 29*                6:30 p.m..... Ladies Bible Study

**Wednesday**            6:30 p.m.....Flames  
*August 30*

~~~~~  
Next Week's Scripture Reading:

Lamentations 1
~~~~~

***Birthdays this week:***

August 27    Lukas Geyer  
August 28    Mike Toon  
August 29    Nancy Beall  
                  Bobbie Weeks

~~~~~  
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.
~~~~~

## Next Week's Volunteers – September 3

Prayer ..... Bob Templeton  
 Sound System..... Paul Schmidt  
 Children's Worship..... No Children's Worship  
 Nursery..... Open / unstaffed

### September Volunteers

Deacon of the Month ..... Jason Nicholson  
 Trustee of the Month..... Don Hendrix  
 Usher of the Month ..... Bob Templeton  
 Greeters ..... Rex & Lois Kirchoff

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



*FBC sermons are available online. Visit our church website, [fbc bloom.org](http://fbc bloom.org), and click on "Featured Media." Or scan this QR code with your smart phone to go directly to the Featured Media page. From there you may select Sermons, Newsletters or Bulletins.*



### A Look at Last Week

**Attendance**

Sunday School ..... 54  
 Morning Worship Service..... 128

**Last Week's Giving**

General Fund..... \$3,006.04

**Year to Date Giving**

Income ..... \$158,318.92  
 Expenses..... \$151,394.44  
 Net Income..... \$6,924.48



# **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.



*Welcome to worship! If you are a first-time guest, we have a small gift for you; please just ask. We invite all worshipers to sign the black book to help us better minister to you. If you'd like a prayer request announced, please use an orange card from your pew and place it in the offering plate. Guests, your presence is a gift to us; please feel no pressure to participate in the offering.*

## **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  
Carolyn Baker (*Paul Stewart's sister*)  
Steve Buccola and family  
Jean Burcham  
Nancy Canty  
Virgil Davis (*Richland Township Trustee*)  
Mason Ellis (*Brad & Anne's grandson*)  
Lee Estep (*Nancy Beall's brother*)  
Delene Gorski (*Sherry Weeks' mother*)  
Sally Henry (*Paul Stewart's sister*)  
Charlotte Humerickhouse  
David Hunter  
Hilary Kanji (Jerrells) (*Debra Hudson*)  
Tammy Kirkman  
Dorothy Lamson & Baby Lucas  
John Lamson  
Mark's House in Haiti (*Tooger Smith*)  
Sue Sanford  
Charlie & Judy Stahl

## **Music Updates: (Adult Choir, Kingdom Kids, Special Music)**

- Choir practice starts 28 August. No choir practice on 4 September. Also, no Bell practice for the foreseeable future.
- The Adult Choir will return to sing in Worship in September. We invite all who are interested in choral singing to join in the fun! Practice will be on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm, beginning on August 28.
- The Kingdom Kids Choir will also begin practice on September 10th. Practices will be on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month in the Sanctuary from 9:00 am - 9:30 am. If any children Pre-K thru 6th grade want to learn and have fun singing, please contact Brenda Flanagin.
- We will continue to have the opportunity for Special Music, nominally on the second Sunday of the month.
- We invite all who want to share their musical gifts to contact Younkyung Kim, Steve Clark, or Brenda Flanagin. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the Choir Room.

American Baptist International Ministries is offering an opportunity to help prevent the spread of the Zika virus in Nicaragua. Please visit the link below if the Lord is leading you to participate...

<https://internationalministries.org/projects/263>

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH DEACON NOMINATIONS

## *2 Corinthians 4:5 (NIV '84)*

*For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.*

The Deacons are requesting that each of you prayerfully consider whom you would recommend for the Deacon positions and the alternate to be filled for the next three years.

The individuals selected will join the current Deacons who still have a year or more of their three year term remaining (*John Cummings, Cheri Graf, Debra Hudson, James Malone, Jennifer Moody, Jason Nicholson and Casey Rice.*)

John Bailey and Steve Clark will end their three year terms in December and are **not** eligible to fill the vacancies.

Your recommendation should include individuals that you believe to be mature Christians with a heart for God, upstanding in our community, with good people skills and interested in the Spiritual health of our Church Body. Please review the Church Handbook to understand the specific Deacon duties, pray for guidance, and then write your recommendations on this sheet and place it in the offering plate or place it on the Church Secretary's desk **no later than Sunday, August 27.**

**Please note: nominees for Deacons must be members of First Baptist Bloomfield.** Thank you.

---

---

---

---

---