

The First Baptist Connection

February 2017

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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Nursery Care

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26 th	

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Children's Worship

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

8 th	Betty Miller
15 th	Sandy Clark
22 nd	Janet Schmidt

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Birthdays

2nd Claire Sims
4th Evelyn Resler
9th Casey Porter
Jason Nicholson
11th Kay Pierce
Tera Pangallo
12th Nancy Sullivan
13th Janet Schmidt
15th Tasha Campbell
20th Mike Canty
21st Mark Flinn
Sharon Terrell
23rd Sherry Weeks
25th Gary Sullivan
Wesley Porter
27th Paula Bartlett
Betty Miller
28th Marc Meade

Prayer Concerns

On-Going Prayer Concerns

Bright Beginnings Daycare and Preschool
Jerry & Jean Boyer
David & Lydia Hunter
Lois Kirchoff
Tyler & Georgene Lunberry
Mary Jane Parker
Kay & Don Pierce
Peace seeking in Iraq & Afghanistan
American Baptist missionaries

Glenburn Nursing Home

Charlie Farmer

Autumn Hills (Bloomington)

Charlotte Humerickhouse

Lyons Rehab Center

Nancy Canty

Anniversaries

14th Earl & Joann White
14th Ron & Jeanette Riggs
16th Steve & Kathy Ham
17th Brad & Shawn Hughes

FBC News & Activities

Congregational Meeting Changes

Due to scheduling conflicts with other FBC and Community events the Church Council has decided to move our Quarterly Congregation Meetings to the second Wednesday of February, May, August, and November. We also hope this change will facilitate greater attendance at these meetings. Please note this on your calendars and plan to attend. Thank you.

Family Friday - February 10

We are looking for old (used or new) greeting cards (any occasion) to use for a valentine's craft. If you have some to part with, please leave them on the library counter or give them to Sandy Clark. Thanks.

Family Fridays

Friday, February 10

bring your friend to Jesus!

Come as a family! Enjoy dinner, devotions, discussion, and fun activities together as a family!

Registration @ 6:00 PM

Dinner @ 6:15 PM

Closing @ 8:15 PM

"...we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD..." Psalm 78:4, NIV

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Call the church by 12:00 PM Thursday to schedule transportation!

The Islam Faith – An Introduction

Georgia Flinn, from the First Baptist Church, will be offering a self-developed introduction to the Islam Faith. Topics will include its history, its main sects, the Quran, Ishmael the Sacrificial Son, Pillars of Faith, how this faith evaluates Jesus, Jihad, who do Islamic believers worship, how the Islamic Faith is affecting America. This is a class that is intended to provide information about the Islamic Faith, thereby better enabling Christians to understand, converse with and witness to Muslims. It is not intended to be a political forum.

The class will meet in the Bible Study Room located in the First Baptist Church, CLC, 2nd floor and run 7 weeks, 14 February – 28 March, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Attendees should be at least High School Juniors. An elevator is available if assistance with stairs is needed. No child care is provided.

Anyone interested in attending, please call Georgia Flinn 812-863-7515 and leave your contact information.

Chief's Mark's House Fund

We have started a memorial fund in Nancy Smith's name to raise sufficient funds to purchase a solar panel system and get it installed during the construction phase of the permanent Mark's House Orphanage in Pignon, Haiti this summer to provide the electricity necessary to run things in the orphanage since town-provided electricity is almost non-existent. Please write your checks to FBC Bloomfield and identify your donations with "Chief's Mark's House" to make sure the donation gets to the correct account. If God blesses this effort to over the goal of \$10,000 Tooger will oversee that the additional funds are appropriately used to help furnish the new orphanage with needed items.

Summer Mission Trip

A group of folks from multiple churches around the country will be going to Pignon, Haiti, July 10-21, 2017. They will do a variety of work on Mark's House. Scholarship assistance of \$500 per person is available. If you are interested in going, please contact Tooger at chiefofsmith@hotmail.com or 812-659-2616 for more information.

Nursery Help Needed

The nursery needs two volunteers each week to provide care for children ages newborn to 3-years-old during the morning worship service. If you are willing to be in the nursery one Sunday each month please contact Sandy Clark. One of the two workers needs to be 18 or older. The current need is as follows:

- 1st Sunday – 2 volunteers; one over the age of 18
- 2nd Sunday – 1 volunteer over 18 to work with Kelsey Moody
- 3rd Sunday – 1 volunteer of any age to work with Marlen Flynn
- 4th Sunday – 2 volunteers; one over the age of 18

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

In February, the “month of love,” We talk about God’s love for us, make Valentines for Jesus, and exchange Valentines with each other. I asked the Children what they think love is...here are some of their responses:

5 year olds

Nathan - Love is “Hugs and kisses from my Mommy and Daddy.”

Avalyn - Love is “God. God loves us because he made us. He loves us because he always loves us because of our heart.”

Lane - Love is “When you love somebody and then you get married and.... I can only think of that.”

Keaton W. - Love is “You love other people, even if people be bad God still loves us. Loving is good at helping other people.”

Dylan - Love is “It means you love someone. It means you love someone and love the world, like love love the world. It is the greatest place. I have never been there.”

Lanie - Love is “It’s about your parents; about your doggies and cats; they love me too.”

Wyatt - Love is “You love people. You love your Mommy and Daddy and you love your Grandma and Grandpa and your brother.”

4 year olds

Keaton H - Love is “Love your family. I love my Mom, I love my Dad, and I love my second Mom. I have 2 Moms. I love my two sisters. I love my brother and three Grandmas. I love my three Papaws. that’s all.”

Ellie - Love is “Love means someone loves you right? My Mom loves me every day; everybody in my whole family loves me.”

Emily - Love is “God.”

Ava - Love is “Heeheeheeheeheehee...I love my Mom and Dad. Heeheeheeheehee.”

Leo - Love is “Your heart. I love my Mom and my Dad and my sister and my brothers and my Pappi and Suzi and Grandpa and my Grandpa, and my Grandpa is sick and at Christmas I prayed for him and my Mom to get better and I love my Grandpa Bill and Grandma Julie.”

Keegan - Love is “I love my Mommy. I love apples so much. And I love my Aunt and brothers and my sister. I love Ms. Shanae and Mamaw.

Reba - Love is “Mommy, Daddy, Jesus, my sister, Donna...she’s our Aunt.”

Jackson - Love is “Jesus loves us. Not fight or hit each other or push each other because the teachers will put you in trouble. I love Mommy, Murphy and Daddy and MeMe.

Weston - Love is “Best friends, being nice, caring.”

Adalynn - Love is “When my Mommy gets upset from me her gives me a big hug, and when my sister yells at me she gives me a hug, loving my friends.”

Three year olds

Katlind - Love is “Mommy and my sister.”

Brody - Love is “Stickers, dinosaurs, snack, Ms. Christin, Daddy, Mommy, Sissy, Rosie, me.”

Bradley - Love is “I love you. Ms. Christin. I love Weston, Sissy, Brody, Mommy, big Bubby, and my Daddy. I’m done.”

Noah - Love is “Kissing, hugs, Mommy, Conner Daddy, that’s all.”

Brooklyn - Love is “A giraffe, an elephant, Mommy and Daddy, and Bubby, and little Bubby and Grandma and Fred.”

Two year olds

Toby - Love is “Jesus and soup.”

Brynn - Love is “Butterfly and moo cows.”

Joshua - Love is “Mommy, Daddy, sissy, Jasmin, Zeke.”

Austin - Love is “Me, Monkey, Austin.”

Kylene - Love is “My Mommy, Keaton and Daddy.”

Scarlet - Love is “Baby, butterfly, Mommy, Pappi, Nannie, Rylee.”

Eli - Love is “Cow, pig, donkey, Mommy, Daddy, bears.”

Thank you for your support and Prayers.
Tammy Kirkman, Director

A Note from Pastor Nathan

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Matthew 22:37-39 (NIV 1984)

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

Bloomfield First Baptist Church Vision Statement

At the top of this page is Jesus' answer to the question, "Which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" The answer comes in two, inseparable parts: Love your God and love your neighbor. The two go hand in hand.

Next you see the FBC vision statement, which we have looked at before and will consider again in the month ahead. It flows from various teachings in the Bible and serves as an expression of Jesus' great commandment.

But *where* do these relationships – with God, within the body of Christ, and with our neighbors – happen? How are these relationships initiated? In what venues are they cultivated? How do these relationships grow?

During the month of February the Lord is going to have us looking at the subject of "interface" during our sermons together. The Webster's dictionary on my shelf defines *interface* as "a point or means of interaction between two systems, disciplines, groups, etc."

When, where, and how are we interfacing with God? When, where, and how are we interfacing with one another, as Christians? When, where, and how are we interfacing with our neighbors, including especially those neighbors who do not know Christ?

Interfaces can be formal or informal. They can be described in terms of the physical space or time in which they occur. Interfaces can happen in different "territories" – home, neutral, or away. Interfaces can be shallow or deep. Some interfaces occur naturally for me; others require a great deal of effort to construct. A person's comfort level varies greatly depending on the interface and the other people involved.

All of us, as individuals and groups, have certain default interfaces. There are venues in which we naturally find ourselves, settings in which we are most comfortable. We have our default ways of interfacing with God, with believers, and with others. Default does not necessarily mean good or bad; it just indicates what is normal.

But what if our current interfaces with God, Christians, and neighbors are lacking? What if there are depths of relationship – with my God or with my fellow human beings – which I will never know as long as I confine myself to the interfaces in which my relationships are currently contained? What if new interfaces are needed?

There are basically two kinds of couplers for HO-scale model trains. (The couplers on a train connect the cars to one another.) A locomotive or a train car could be in perfectly good condition, but if the two don't have the same style of coupler, they will not work together. They cannot connect. The interface needs to change.

I believe the Lord is calling us, as a church, to consider the interfaces in which we connect with Him, with one another, and with the world around us. The Lord has more for us – something better if perhaps also harder. Let us pray that the Lord will redeem and renew our interfaces, so that His love will flow more freely through us.

Grace and peace,

Nathan

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 6:30 Deacons	3	4 3:00 Daniel Kingsley Memorial
5	6	7	8 6:30 Congregational Meeting	9	10 6:00 Family Friday	11
12 9:00 Kingdom Kids	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 6:30 Church Council	24	25
26 9:00 Kingdom Kids	27	28				

Deacon of the Month <i>Jason Nicholson</i>	Trustee of the Month <i>Greg Flinn</i>	Usher of the Month <i>Kathy Ham</i>	Greeter <i>Randy Flanagan</i>
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<u>Reoccurring Weekly Activities @ FBC</u>			
Sundays: 8:00 a.m.	Handbell Practice	Wednesdays: 10:30 a.m.	Enhanced Fitness - FH
		6:15 p.m.	FLAMES - CLC
Mondays: 10:30 a.m.	Enhanced Fitness - FH	Thursdays: 6:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts - FH	10:30 a.m.	Enhanced Fitness - FH
6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts - FH
Tuesdays: 6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts - FH	6:30 p.m.	Gideons (3 rd Thurs. each month) - FH
6:30 p.m.	Cottage Prayer Group		

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