

The First Baptist Connection

March 2017

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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19th Marlen Flynn & Mary Kent
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Birthdays

1st Miriam Rollison
Charlie Stahl
5th Shelbi Henry
6th Carla Porter
7th David Dean
9th Ryne Campbell
10th Warren Bartlett
11th Brennan Hughes
12th Christine Buccola
14th Taylor Rollison
Ava Manuel
18th Andrew Templeton
Aiden Malone
26th Doug Frye
28th Scott Clark
31st Joan Vaughn

Prayer Concerns

On-Going Prayer Concerns

Bright Beginnings Daycare and Preschool
Jerry & Jean Boyer
David & Lydia Hunter
Tyler & Georgene Lunberry
Mary Jane Parker
Kay 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

6th Alan & Tammy Kirkman
20th Tony & Lori Resler
24th Rex & Lois Kirchoff

FBC News & Activities

Family Fridays

Friday, March 10

God gives us all we need!

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

First Baptist

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

FBC News & Activities

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.



**Remember to set your
clocks FORWARD on
March 12!**

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

We look forward to Spring watching the flowers bloom and the bugs crawl. God is so good to us and we are thankful for all he does and gives.

A school age child wrote a note saying he did not like another child. When asked why he would do that he cried and said his Daddy told him to do something bad and he has to listen to his Dad. When I asked him if he told his Dad that is not the way Jesus wants us to act he replied "I forgot." I told him to go talk with the child tell the child he did not like what he was doing and to please stop. He replied ok and away he went. I talked with his Dad later and he admitted that, like many of us with our Children, he had said "just punch him." The very next day Dad called me to apologize. He said when they got in the car last night the child told his Daddy "I am mad at you. The advice you gave me was wrong and that is not the way Jesus wants us to act." Daddy and son had a long discussion and daddy told his son that he was wrong and sorry for telling him to do that. All is good now. Daddy gave me permission to put this in the newsletter because it was a good lesson and he learned a lot from it. It is a good lesson for every parent and what a wonderful world if we could all just talk it out instead of hurting others.

One of my favorite things about working at Bright Beginnings is hearing the things the children say. It can be highly amusing and keeps me laughing.

Here are just a couple:

- A 5 year old little boy came into his classroom and a 4 year old little girl walked up to him and tried to give him a hug. The little boy pushed her away. His Mom said "Give her a hug" and the little girl replied "Yeah! It's Valentine's Day and that means Love!"
- Pastor Nathan was reading to the children about Jesus breaking the bread and pouring the wine and talking about washing away our sins and going to Heaven. When he got to the part where they sang their favorite song and walked to their favorite place, an Olive garden, one of our 5 year olds got excited and said "The place where you go to get Italian food?" 😊

Blessings,
Tamra D. Kirkman
Daycare Director

A Note from Pastor Nathan

Praying about Interfaces

All relationships happen in the context of interfaces. Interfaces are the different connecting points we have with God, with other Christians, and with our neighbors who may not know Christ. The sermon series we completed in February challenged us to think about these interfaces. The whole point is, we want to connect better, more deeply, more effectively, with God and with others. This is in obedience to Jesus' great commandment.

So I invite you to take some time to pray about these things...

How am I connecting with God in my life right now?

What aspect of my relationship with God is the strongest right now? Why is that?

Is there some dimension of my relationship with God that is lacking? Why is that?

Is there some new interface – or some fresh way of doing an old interface – that God is calling me to pursue?

Is there anything in my life that needs to be eliminated or tamed so that I can connect with God more fully?

How am I connecting with my brothers and sisters in Christ right now?

With which other Christian(s) do I have the deepest and best relationship(s)? Why is that?

Is there some new way of connecting that I am longing for with other Christians? What is it?

Is God calling me to start some new (or maybe join some already-existing) way of connecting with other Christians? If so, what is it? Who might share this passion and join with me?

How am I living my life around other Christians? Am I spurring others on toward love and good deeds?

How am I connecting with my non-Christian neighbors right now?

Do I have a relationship of depth with any non-Christian(s)?

Is there a non-Christian whom I know only casually that God is calling me to get to know more deeply?

Do I require non-Christians to meet me only in interfaces that are comfortable/natural to me, or am I willing to go and meet with them in interfaces that might not be so comfortable/natural?

Am I willing to be vulnerable in the ways Jesus is calling me to be vulnerable for the sake of His kingdom?

Pray about these things! I am interested in knowing what the Holy Spirit is speaking to you. I trust the Lord is preparing to open new horizons in our lives and in our church. So this is exciting! He makes all things new.

Grace and peace,
Nathan

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 6:30 Deacons	3	4
5	6	7 6:30 Trustees	8	9	10 6:00 Family Friday	11
12 Daylight Saving! 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>Debra Hudson</i>	Trustee of the Month <i>Eric Moody</i>	Usher of the Month <i>Paul Schmidt</i>	Greeter <i>Virginia Hendrix & Nancy Brinson</i>
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Reoccurring Weekly Activities @ FBC

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 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts – FH 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	Thursdays: 6:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:30 a.m. Enhanced Fitness - FH 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - FH 6:30 p.m. Gideons (3 rd Thurs. each month) – FH
Tuesdays: 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts - FH 6:30 p.m. Cottage Prayer Group	

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