

The First Baptist Connection

May 2014

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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Sound System

4th Paul Schmidt
11th Braden Hudson
18th Tyler Nickless
25th Eric Moody

Prayers

4th Donna Miller
11th Jean Resler
18th Steve Graf
25th Braden Hudson

Children's Worship

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

11th Betty Miller & Delene Weeks
18th Sarah Riggins & Tasha Hudson
25th Sandy Clark, Janet Schmidt & Andrew Templeton

May 2014

Birthdays

5 th	Mark Kirkman
7 th	Gracie Hudson Cannon Roark
8 th	Marlen Flynn
9 th	Mandy Rollison
13 th	Monica Hudson
15 th	Roberta Neill
16 th	Samantha Groomer
25 th	Johnny Cummings
29 th	Derek Rollison
30 th	Betty Sullivan

Anniversaries

12 th	Paul & Ginger Stewart
18 th	Aaron & Tasha Campbell
21 st	Laverne & Miriam Rollison
24 th	Braden & Tasha Hudson

Prayer Concerns

<u>On-Going Prayer Concerns</u> Bright Beginnings Daycare and Preschool Cheri Campbell Nancy Cummings Janice Holt Peace seeking in Iraq & Afghanistan
<u>Homebound</u> Roberta Neill
<u>Parkview Village - Odon</u> Betty Baker
<u>Missionaries</u> Tyler & Georgene Lunberry in India American Baptists around the world

FINANCIAL REPORT

March 2014 Offering Totals:

General Fund.....	\$22,429.25
Bright Beginnings	\$28.00
Deacons Fund.....	\$285.00
Food Pantry.....	\$315.00
Mission Trip.....	\$125.00
Lydia Circle	\$100.00
Youth	\$344.51

Year to Date (as of March 2014)

Actual Receipts.....	\$158,021.43
Actual Expenses	\$192,041.17

FBC News & Activities

Yard Sale Donations – May 3



As you prepare to do some Spring Cleaning, please consider donating items to a yard sale to benefit the Mission Trip to El Salvador. The yard sale will be held Sat. May 3rd during the town-wide sale at Jean Resler's property on Spring Street, just south of Dairy Queen. Items can be donated Friday, May 2nd. Please let Tasha know if you have a large item we can list in the newspaper's description of what is for sale. **You may leave items being donated to the Yard Sale in the Fellowship Hall on Friday May 2nd, or bring them directly to Jean Resler's property after 6:30pm that night.**

Weekend of Worship and Service @ Indian Creek - May 16-18

This year we'd like to offer you the chance to enjoy a whole weekend at camp as we prepare the camp for the summer. There is so much you can do to help us provide the most amazing camp experience for every camper that attends. This is a wonderful weekend where we'll enjoy the company of brothers and sisters in Christ sharing a special time of service and worship with one another.

We'll enjoy times of worship and bible study. We'll partner with one another in serving around the camp, by teaming up with one another on service projects all around the camp. We'll enjoy games and activities with one another, sit around the camp fire, and even watch an outdoor movie. Check out the website at www.campindiancreek.com to register.

Summer Ladies Bible Study is Back!

With great joy, I invite all ladies (youth welcome!) to join me here at FBC on Tuesday evenings June 10-July 29 (excluding June 24) for Bible study from 6:30-8:30pm! Our study this summer is called Abraham: Response to Grace. The homework lessons and discussion groups will focus on Abraham's life in Genesis and also his influence upon the early church. The teaching sessions will focus on how Abraham teaches us to respond to God's grace.

New this year: You have two options for participation in the study: 1) Order the book, complete five 30 minute homework lessons per week, participate in the discussion groups, and attend the teaching sessions. I'd highly recommend this option if you can commit to it because you'll receive the most out of the study. 2) Attend only the teaching sessions. I give you this option in case you do not have the time to commit to doing the weekly lessons, but still want to get into the word with some other ladies. I believe it will still be very worthwhile for you.

Everyone choosing to attend will want to arrive on June 10 at 6:30pm, and I'll explain the plan for the following weeks. Please let me know if you plan to attend, and whether or not you need a book by Sunday, June 1. Books will be \$12 each and due on June 10. I am so excited to get back in the Word with you!

~Liz (liz.brooks@ymail.com)

Vacation Bible School: Wilderness Escape – June 22-26

Would you like to caravan with Moses and the Israelites as they escape Egypt and learn to trust God!

What would happen if you could sit down with Moses, listen to his stories about crossing the Red Sea, Collecting Manna and Quail, The Ten Commandments? Marvel at his unwavering faith, ask him your questions, and learn to trust in God the way he did when Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt.

Learn more about Moses and his travels at Vacation Bible School on June 22nd through June 26th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Registration will be start at 6:00 p.m.

Barbara Stoner
VBS Director

El Salvador Mission Trip – May 25-31

Please pray for our time in El Salvador as Rosie Allgood, Sandy Clark, Braden Hudson, Debra Hudson, Monica Hudson, Tasha Hudson, JR Ross, Mary Puntney, Andrew Templeton, Taylor Templeton, Andrew Weeks, Delene Weeks, Bob Weeks minister to orphans in San Salvador. We are partnering with La Casa de mi Padre (The House of my Father) and staying on the Youth With a Mission compound. Please pray for travel safety, for communication skills, and for our witness to others about Christ's love for them. These are verses God has used to call us to this mission; they can help direct your prayers:

Rosie Allgood – 1 John 1:9 (NIV)

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Sandy Clark - Psalm 57:9-10 (NIV)

I will praise You ,O Lord among the nations;

I will sing of You among the people.

For great is Your Love, reaching to the heavens,

Your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

Braden Hudson – Psalm 27:4 (NIV)

One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

Debra Hudson - Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Monica Hudson – Romans 8:31 (NIV)

What then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Tasha Hudson - Romans 12:10-13 (NIV)

Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

JR Ross - Isaiah 6:8 (KJV)

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send and who will go for us? Then said I, Here I am, send me.

Mary Puntney – 2 Timothy 1:7 (NLT)

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

Andrew Templeton – John 20:21 (NIV)

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you!

As the Father sent me, so I am sending you.

Taylor Templeton - Isaiah 61:1-3 (AMP)

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed *and* qualified me to preach the Gospel *of* good tidings to the meek, the poor, *and* afflicted; He has sent me to bind up *and* heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the [physical and spiritual] captives and the opening of the prison *and* of the eyes to those who are bound, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord [the year of His favor] and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, to grant [consolation and joy] to those who mourn in Zion—to give them an ornament (a garland or diadem) of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, the garment [expressive] of praise instead of a heavy, burdened, *and* failing spirit—that they may be called oaks of righteousness [lofty, strong, and magnificent, distinguished for uprightness, justice, and right standing with God], the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.

Andrew Weeks – Ezekiel 36:26 (NIV)

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

Delene Weeks - James 1:27 (HCSB)

Pure and undefiled religion before our God and Father is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Robert Weeks – Galatians 6:10 (KJV)

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Senior Sunday

We will be honoring our graduating seniors on Sunday, June 1st. Please plan to stay after church for a Taco Salad lunch.

Thanksgiving Challenge 2014

COUNT 1000 GIFTS IN 2012
SNAP A PHOTO OR RECORD 3 GIFTS/DAY
ONETHOUSANDGIFTS.COM/GET-THE-APP/

MAY

COUNT 1000 GIFTS

SHARE THE GIFTS: #1000GIFTS
FACEBOOK.COM/ONETHOUSANDGIFTS
COUNT 1000 GIFTS IN 2012
AND ENTER TO WIN NIKON D90
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OH THAT MEN WOULD PRAISE THE LORD FOR HIS GOODNESS. PSALM 107:8

3 GIFTS TASTED	1.	17.	A GIFT IN A BOX, A BAG, A BOOK
3 GIFTS FLAT	2.	18.	3 GIFTS UNEXPECTED
3 GIFTS FOUND IN DIFFICULT PEOPLE	3.	19.	3 GIFTS FROM YOUR CHILDHOOD
3 GIFTS BEFORE 9AM	4.	20.	A GIFT SWEET, SOUR, SALTY
A GIFT IN A SIGN, A SMILE, A SNACK	5.	21.	3 GIFTS FOUND IN LITTLE PEOPLE
3 GIFTS FOUND IN CHRIST	6.	22.	3 GIFTS THAT MADE YOU LAUGH
3 GIFTS ABOUT YOUR HOME	7.	23.	3 GIFTS FOUND IN COMMUNITY
3 GIFTS INSIDE A CLOSET	8.	24.	A GIFT IN A PLATE, POT, PACKAGE
3 GIFTS FOUND IN THE DARK	9.	25.	3 GIFTS HARD GIVING THANKS FOR
A GIFT OUTSIDE, INSIDE, UPSIDE DOWN	10.	26.	A GIFT WORN, WHITE, WHISPERED
3 GIFTS ABOUT YOUR PARENTS	11.	27.	3 GIFTS FOUND IN CHURCH
3 GIFTS HELD IN HAND TODAY	12.	28.	3 GIFTS IN TODAY'S WORK
3 GIFTS FOUND IN YOUR MOTHER	13.	29.	A GIFT AT 8AM, 12PM, 8PM
A GIFT PICKED UP, PUT AWAY, PUT BACK	14.	30.	3 GIFTS BLUE
3 GIFTS ABOUT YOU	15.	31.	3 GIFTS YOU GAVE TODAY
3 GIFTS FOUND IN HIS WORD	16.		

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BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

DAYCARE NEWS

The Children really seemed to enjoy the Spring weather by looking for bugs, watching the trees get green again as well as picking the dandelions. We planted flowers for Earth Day. They enjoyed playing in the dirt as much as planting the flowers ☺.

Skeeter the Circus Clown came to visit and taught us lots about the circus. The 3 to 5 year old classes have been making trips to the Library, learning to respect books and listening to stories. They loved riding the Church bus.

We will be having our portraits taken on the 15th. The flower sales went very well! Thank you to everyone for your purchases. The flowers should arrive on Thursday, May 1st. We are hoping to make improvements to our toddler playground with the funds raised.

We will be going on nature hunts around the Church grounds for things that God has made and learning all about bugs I'm sure.

One day a Grandmother asked her 3 year old Granddaughter if she wanted a "s'mores." The child replied "some more of what"?

As I passed by my neighbor's house the other day I saw my 7 year old neighbor was standing in the driveway. She I asked what she was doing, she said she was praying to God that he would heal her ear because she did not want to "pass up the opportunity to wear her new earrings".

Thank you for your continued support of this Ministry by your prayers as we help teach God's children and also as they teach us.

Tammy Kirkman, Daycare Director
Daycare staff and children

PRESCHOOL NEWS

It's hard to believe we are finishing up another preschool year. We have now completed the entire alphabet and have been working on a lot of review. We have enjoyed a few field trips to the library, kindergarten, and the Bloomfield Park. The children have been preparing for the end of the year program scheduled for Friday, May 9th. They will sing songs, recite poems, and receive certificates. After the program, the children will be served refreshments to enjoy with their families. We wish you all a safe and happy summer.

Mrs. Farmer
Miss Katie

A Note from Pastor Nathan

Responding

Many of us have memories of walking down an aisle or praying a prayer to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Many of us have memories of being baptized, when we publicly declared that faith. Some of us have memories of rededicating our lives to Christ. Those memories are precious. If you have them, thank God for them. They serve as motivation to continue pressing onward. We celebrate these responses. But they are not our only responses. Scripture indicates that our response to the Lord is an ongoing thing:

“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me” (Luke 9:23).

“He has made perfect forever those who are being made holy” (Hebrews 10:14).

“And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit” (2 Corinthians 3:18).

We could look at many other examples. The process of following Jesus is a daily, continual, life-long journey. This means that we are *always* responding to what the Holy Spirit is doing.

When God speaks, we *always* respond, whether we realize it or not. Sometimes in ignorance, we simply miss what God says. Other times in rebellion, we refuse to obey. On certain occasions we are just indifferent, not caring enough one way or the other to do anything about what God says. Hopefully in most situations, we respond with obedience, or at least with the desire to start obeying. But *all* of these are responses to God.

God speaks in lots of ways, too. Sometimes God speaks through a sermon (although most of God’s speaking in our lives comes through something else). Sometimes God speaks during Sunday school or Bible study. Sometimes God speaks to us in our own quiet times of Bible reading or prayer. Sometimes God speaks through a book or conversation or experience. But God keeps speaking. How are we responding?

One of you asked me an excellent question recently: “If someone responds to Christ during a worship service, but does not come forward, how will anyone else know about it?” The answer is, no one will, unless the person making the decision tells somebody. I am *not* saying that everyone has to come down the aisle on a Sunday morning for any and every decision they make about following Christ. But, it would be a really good idea to tell *somebody* other than God about your response.

This is why we do Christianity in community. It is not just “me and Jesus.” I need accountability and encouragement from other Christians. If the Lord asks me to change something in my life, I want another Christian to know so that he or she can pray for me and check in to see how I’m doing. If the Holy Spirit is the only one speaking, I have lots of ways of ignoring that voice. But I cannot ignore the voice of another Christian who loves me enough to pray for me and ask me tough questions and patiently encourage me to keep going.

My prayer for our church is that all of us – myself included – would have eyes and ears open to see what God is communicating to us. I pray that the Holy Spirit would give us willingness to respond obediently. I pray that we would have the courage – and humility – to tell at least one other Christian about each response.

I say this frequently, but I sincerely want you to know that I am available to talk and pray with any of you about any response you feel the Lord has laid upon your heart. But if not me, please find someone else you love and trust. Tell them what’s going on. Ask them to pray for you. We are all on this journey with Jesus together.

Grace and peace,
Nathan

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Bright Beginnings Daycare & Preschool: 384-0400

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 3:00 Softball Practice	5	6	7	8 6:30 Congregational Meeting	9 6:30 Preschool Program	10
11 Mother's Day Baby Dedication	12 6:30 Trustees	13	14	15	16 Weekend of Work and Worship @ Indian Creek	17
18 3:00 Softball Practice	19	20	21	22 6:30 Deacons	23	24
25 3:00 Softball Practice	26	27	28	29	30	31

Deacon of the Month	Trustee of the Month	Usher of the Month	Greeters
<i>Bob Templeton</i>	<i>Eric Moody</i>	<i>Jeff Coffin</i>	<i>Earl & Joann White</i>

<u>Reoccurring Weekly Activities @ FBC</u>		
Sundays:	6:00 p.m.	Campfire - Sanctuary & FH
Mondays:	10:30 a.m.	Enhanced Fitness - FH
	4:30 p.m.	Enhanced Fitness - Kumetus
	6:15 p.m.	Zumba - CLC
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts - FH
Tuesdays:	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts - FH
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Cottage Prayer Group
Wednesdays:	10:30 a.m.	Enhanced Fitness - FH
	6:15 p.m.	FLAMES - CLC
Thursdays:	6:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast - Dairy Queen
	10:30 a.m.	Enhanced Fitness - FH
	6:15 p.m.	Zumba - CLC
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts - FH
	6:30 p.m.	Gideons (3 rd Thurs. each month) - FH

Sound System	
4 th	Paul Schmidt
11 th	Braden Hudson
18 th	Tyler Nickless
25 th	Eric Moody

Prayers	
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11 th	Jennifer Moody
18 th	Mary Bailey
25 th	Norm Sullivan

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