

The First Baptist Connection

January 2015

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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

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January 2015

Birthdays

Prayer Concerns

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| 5 th Jamie Hudspeth | 22 nd Erin Sullivan |
| Avery Malone | 23 rd Joann White |
| 6 th Remington Roark | 24 th Younkyung Kim |
| 9 th Pauline Auxier | 26 th Jennifer Moody |
| Teresa Coffin | Charles Parker |
| Debra Hudson | Cindy Allgood |
| 10 th Tasha Hudson | Jeanette Riggs |
| Robin Cliff | 28 th Charlotte |
| 12 th Janet Brown | Humerickhouse |
| 16 th Earl White | 31 st Kevin Flinn |
| 18 th Tony Sims | |

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| <u>On-Going Prayer Concerns</u> | |
| Bright Beginnings Daycare and Preschool | |
| Steve Buccola | |
| Janice Holt | |
| Tyler & Georgene Lunberry | |
| Mary Jane Parker | |
| Kay & Don Pierce | |
| Peace seeking in Iraq & Afghanistan | |
| <u>Homebound</u> | |
| Roberta Neill | |
| <u>Parkview Village - Odon</u> | |
| Betty Baker | |
| <u>Missionaries</u> | |
| American Baptists around the world | |

Anniversaries

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| 25 th David & Lydia Hunter |
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FINANCIAL REPORT

NOVEMBER 2014 Offering Totals:

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| General Fund..... | \$20,168.80 |
| Food Pantry..... | \$1,266.00 |
| Deacon's Fund..... | \$425.00 |
| Youth Fund..... | \$285.00 |
| White Christmas..... | \$1,561.00 |

Year to Date Receipts (NOVEMBER 2014)

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| Church Receipts | \$210,851.93 |
| Bright Beginnings Receipts..... | \$296,580.96 |
| Total Receipts..... | \$507,432.89 |

Year To Date Expenses

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| Church Expenses | \$204,085.08 |
| Bright Beginnings Expenses | \$304,893.08 |
| Total Expenses | \$508,978.16 |

Join us for:

**The
Jesus
Tour**

2nd Fridays

@ Bloomfield First Baptist

(500 Lincoln Drive)

January 9—*"Don't Worry About Tomorrow"*

1 Peter 5:7

TOUR BEGINS @ 6:30 PM! Pick up @ 8:30 PM!

Children ages 3- 6th Grade welcome!

(3 years olds must have an adult stay with them.)

Join us this month as we celebrate the new year God's given us! We'll have dinner followed by Jesus Bible stories, games, and much more!



Youth Happenings!

FRUITFUL LIVES ADORING THE MERCIFUL EVERLASTING SAVIOR
"HIS WORD IS IN MY HEART LIKE A FIRE." JEREMIAH 20:9

RETREATS!!

High School Students: January 2-4 – All In (6pm Fri-2pm Sun)

What does it mean to be sold out? Can you give yourself totally to one thing? Are we the Christians we say we are? This week-end we will be exploring what it means to go "All In" within our Christian life. If you are ready to grow in faith, gain spiritual strength in your or just learn more about Jesus and what it means to follow Him, come join us! Start the New Year off right, enjoying friends, God, and fellowship while we grow together.

Seniors & College Age: Campus Ministry retreat with Ball State & Purdue, January 23-25, 2015

Meet current students and see how Campus Ministries will benefit your college years. See how to get plugged in and make the most of your time at college. "Bridging the Gap" (only \$30 total, the youth fund will pay your way) 9pm Fri-11am Sunday

Women's Retreat, Junior & Senior High ladies included, February 20-22, 2015

What is your Identity? Daughter, sister, friend, teacher, mother athlete, speaker, role model, artist, businesswoman... Leave those roles behind and join us for a weekend of identifying and exploring our identity in Christ. Your true identity. What did He make you to be? Register today and join a large group of other women for a weekend of fellowship, friendship, and deeper understanding of our identity in Christ. (6pm Fri-2pm Sun)

News & Activities

Family Friendly Entertainment Now Available at the Church Library!

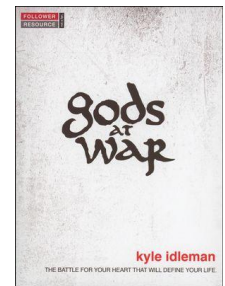
A small portion of the memorial funds that provide for our church library has been used to purchase encouraging DVDs. These DVDs are available for you to check out and return with consideration to other members of the congregation. Please limit checkouts to two DVDs at a time, and return them within a week. We ask that everyone be respectful with this new addition to church property! If you have DVDs you would like to donate, please let Georgia Flinn, Kimberly Porter, or Tasha Hudson know.

Fundraising Spaghetti Dinner – January 4

Delene Weeks is going on a mission trip to Rio De Janeiro, Brazil in April. FBC will host a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for her after church on Sunday, January 4. Please stay for the meal and help us support Delene as she takes this step of faith.

New Campfire Study – January 11

Our Sunday Night Campfire will start a new 6 week study on January 11 titled “gods at war.” It addresses the idols that are vying for our love and attention. Think you don’t have idols in your life? You should come hear what Kyle Idleman has to say about it! Combat Journals are optional; pre-orders will be taken through January 4.



Ladies Retreat – January 24



FBC will host the 2nd annual "Hearts in Service" Retreat on Saturday, January 24th, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This year's theme is based on Matthew 19:26, "With God All Things Are Possible." Doors will open at 8:00 a.m. The registration fee is \$12.00 which includes a continental breakfast, lunch, and the conference. Bill Hudson and our awesome Baptist men will be preparing a delicious luncheon for us. Plan to join us for music, prayer, drama, and fellowship. Registration forms are available on the Library counter. Registration deadline is January 10, 2015. Please make checks payable to First Baptist Church with "Retreat" in the memo line. Hope to see you there. Invite a friend. Questions can be directed to Debra Hudson or Cheri Campbell.

New Ministry Opportunities!

We are seeking new ways God is working in our lives and where he is leading the church. Please pray for ways God may be calling you to be a part of the following, or maybe he is speaking to you about a new ministry you can share with us!

Music Ministry

We are seeking ways to teach guitar to multiple students. If you are interested in participating, by provide instruments, instruction or learning how to play an instrument, please contact Braden Hudson. We are going to start with guitar and see where God takes us from there. Please be praying for God's will to be revealed as we seek new ways to serve and praise him as the body of Christ.

Tutoring Ministry

Could you help tutor students after school one evening? If so, please contact Braden and Tasha Hudson and let us know when you are available.

Exercise Ministry

We're excited about an aerobic exercise program called Faithful Workouts! These DVDs combine Christian music with Bible verses and faith encouragement while leading us through a great cardio routine. (You can preview the sessions by signing up at www.faithfulworkouts.com) If you are interested in participating, or feel confident in pushing play on a DVD player, please let Tasha Hudson or Sandy Clark know. Group aerobics will be offered for free in the CLC.

COMING IN FEBRUARY.....

Life Line Health Screenings – February 2

First Baptist Church is pleased to host Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, on February 2, 2015. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems: Stroke/Carotid Artery, Heart Rhythm, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Peripheral Arterial Disease and Osteoporosis Risk Assessment. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners. YOU MUST REGISTER FOR AN APPOINTMENT.

Valentine's Dinner – February 14

On Saturday, February 14, 2015 the Youth will host their fundraising Valentine's Dinner. You will be served salad, lasagna, bread and desserts in a glowing atmosphere. Support the youth and enjoy a nice dinner out at the same time!

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

DAYCARE NEWS

We hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday. God really blessed us this past year and we look forward to seeing how He will continue to bless us this coming year. Thank you to all who have had a part in making this ministry the success that it is and for your prayers as we teach and learn from the children in our care.

I was trying to entertain a 2 year old in my office until her Mom could get done in the big room. I was running out of things for her to play with so I grabbed a stack of books and read her the titles of the books. She sat there and laughed and listened. When I was finished she said a big hearty "amen."

I asked the School age children to tell me something they have learned at Bright Beginnings Daycare. The responses I received reminded me again of the reason we are here and that we are making a difference in the lives of these precious children. I was told they learn about God, about Jesus, to be kind to others, to pray, that Jesus loves them, and how to build with Legos. 😊

Thank you for your continued support and prayers,
Tammy Kirkman, Daycare Director

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PRESCHOOL NEWS

We have enjoyed this last month sharing the story of Jesus' birth and we have sung songs for the Christmas Season. We have covered up to the letter Nn and have completed a lot of review with the children. On Thursday, December 18th and Friday, December 19th, we celebrated with a Happy Birthday Jesus party in the fellowship hall. The children were able to create many crafts, play fun games, and enjoy a yummy snack. We are looking forward to the holiday break and cannot wait to start the second half of our preschool year.

Blessings,
Mrs. Farmer and Ms. Katie

A Note from Pastor Nathan

As the New Year begins the Lord is leading me to offer some comments about issues that arose last year. You are aware of two separate incidents that occurred in Ferguson, Missouri, and Long Island, New York. Those two events have stirred emotions, opinions and responses around the country. Prayer is probably the most helpful response. Any other truly helpful responses will flow from prayer. I suggest that we pray for our nation in the following ways. These are not necessarily ordered according to importance, but each is important.

First of all, pray for those who have been victims of injustice. Some injustice is racially motivated. Some injustice has generations of unjust effects. I am not qualified to diagnose or explain the causes and effects of these injustices. But I am a human being who has experienced pain. Many have experienced far greater pain than I have. Some of that pain has been caused by racially-motivated evil. We need to pray for those who have been on the receiving end of that evil. Lord, have mercy.

Secondly, pray for those who have perpetrated injustice. If we are honest, that includes every one of us who has ever cheated or lied about anything. When we hear of someone who has done something we think is terrible, our tendency is to judge and condemn. And we might be right about how wrong they were. But all sinners, including me, need a Savior. We all need grace and healing. We need humility and repentance. So join with me in praying for those who have done evil.

Thirdly, pray for your enemies. "Enemy" must be defined broadly, according to the reaction of my heart toward a person or group. Those who irritate me, frustrate me, or do things that I believe are counterproductive, are all in the "enemy" category. Hatred and resentment of my enemies accomplishes nothing. Many of my enemies are not really enemies, if only we could have a venue for listening and understanding. But even in the cases of those who are truly my enemies, the Lord calls me to pray. How are Sauls converted to Pauls? How are Nathans full of hate converted into Nathans full of love? Prayer. Let us pray for our enemies.

Fourthly, pray for our law enforcement officials. I believe that the vast majority of law enforcement personnel are honorable people who desire to protect the public and are willing to risk their lives for that purpose. For them I am grateful. Incidents like those in Ferguson and Long Island make their jobs more dangerous, not less. While some police officers have at times acted wrongly, other officers have at times been wrongfully accused. We need to pray for these men and women who seek to uphold justice and peace in the midst of great pressure.

Fifthly, pray for the ways we handle conflict in America. We are often slow to listen, quick to speak, and quick to become angry. Our hasty anger is not producing righteousness. We cling to clichés and listen only to those who agree with us. We label and judge and accuse. We yell as if volume makes us right. We hold on to hatred and revenge. We overgeneralize. These are ancient problems, but they are in some sense heightened by the volume and speed with which our technology enables information to spread. Pray that wise words, patient ears, and tender hearts would prevail. And pray that it would begin with us.

Grace and peace,
Nathan

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Bright Beginnings Daycare & Preschool: 384-0400

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 6:30 Church Council | 9 6:30 2 nd Friday @ 1 st Baptist | 10 |
| 11 | 12 6:30 Trustees | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 6:30 Deacons | 23 | 24 8-4 Ladies Retreat |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

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| Deacon of the Month Kathy Ham | Trustee of the Month | Usher of the Month | Greeters Barb Frye Tony, Lori & Emma Resler |
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Reoccurring Weekly Activities @ FBC

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| Sundays: | 6:00 p.m. | Campfire - Sanctuary & FH |
| Mondays: | 10:30 a.m. | Enhanced Fitness - FH |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Cub Scouts - FH |
| Tuesdays: | 6:30 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Girl Scouts - FH |
| | 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 |
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| | 6:30 p.m. | Boy Scouts - FH |
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