

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Nathan Brooks, Pastor

April 11, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Prelude		Andrew Sohn
Welcome/Announcements/Lord's Prayer		Deacon Cheri Graf
Praise Singing	<i>"Our Great Savior"</i>	#17
	<i>"The Servant Song" (vv. 1,2,4,5&6)</i>	#424
Offering Invitation		
Gloria Patri*		#812
Morning Prayer		
Special Music	<i>"Thank you Jesus for the Blood"</i>	Leslie Copp
Scripture Reading		1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Message	<i>"Always Thankful for You"</i>	Nathan Brooks
Closing Hymn*	<i>"The Family of God"</i>	#419
Benediction* / Postlude*		

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## *Prayer Concerns for this week:*

Greg Flinn; Carolyn Burgess; Pam Farmer; Clint Terrell; Betty Miller

FBC as we begin our reshaping journey

Unity among Christians during this pandemic

Prayers for our new President, the administration, and our country in a peaceful transition

Peace, healing and justice in our nation

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Baby Dedication – May 9

Please let Pastor Nathan know by April 30 if you would like your child/grandchild to be included in the Mother's Day 2021 Baby Dedication service.

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***This Week @ FBC***

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| <b>Today</b>     | 9:30 a.m.....  | Sunday School        |
| <i>April 11</i>  | 10:40 a.m..... | Morning worship      |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 10:00 a.m..... | Cottage Prayer Group |
| <i>April 12</i>  |                |                      |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 9:00 a.m.....  | Bible Study          |
| <i>April 14</i>  |                |                      |

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Birthdays this Week

April 11: Shannon & Ethan Dean
April 15: Adrienne Hughes
April 16: Carolyn Burgess

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***America for Christ***

Our America for Christ Offering 2021 campaign, “For the Purpose of Equipping Saints” is based on Ephesians 4:11-13: “The gifts He gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry.”

Thanks to your generous AFC offering contributions, American Baptist Home Mission Societies supported communities distressed by Covid-19 last year as well as those who lost homes to floods, wildfires, and storms. The offering also supports those attending seminary who are preparing to devote their lives to sharing the Good News. There are also many other ways the (ABHMS) ministers to those in need.

Our Church Family will be receiving the AFC offering the remaining Sundays in April through the first Sunday in May. There are envelopes in the pews. You can deposit your offering in the donation box located in the Narthex. Please pray and consider how you can support this mission.

***You Asked for It, Round 4***

This summer Pastor Nathan will again be preparing a sermon series inspired by your requests. If you have a Bible or theology question or would like to hear a biblical sermon regarding a particular topic, passage, or character, please submit your ideas to Nathan before April 30. You can offer suggestions in-person or by emailing [pastor@fbcbloom.org](mailto:pastor@fbcbloom.org) or calling/texting 812-381-4189.

## ***Disaster Relief***

American Baptists can show support for those impacted by extreme winter weather in Oklahoma, Texas, and Louisiana by donating to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). Donations to OGHS can be made via a check to First Baptist Church. Please write "OGHS-Cold Wave Disaster Relief" on the memo line of your check.

## ***Blessing Box Needs***

Happy spring! When you are cleaning and purging unwanted items, remember our Blessing Box. We accept non-perishable food that is not outdated, along with paper products, cleaning supplies, hygiene, and baby items. All donations can be placed in the tote by the Library counter. Your continued support of this ministry is greatly appreciated. Any questions can be directed to Cheri Graf 812-384-8980.

## ***Guidance for those gathering in-person at FBC:***

Please wear a mask during congregational singing, and when social distancing is not possible. We will continue to monitor the situation and adjust guidelines as necessary in order to protect the congregation during worship at FBC. Thank you for your continued patience and faithfulness in making FBC a safe place for all to worship.

### **A Look at Last Week**

*(On-line giving is available here: [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly))*

**Sunday Morning Worship Service**..... 120

#### **Last Week's Giving**

General Fund .....\$5,292.09

IMO Miriam Rollison .....\$96.80

Youth Group IMO Miriam Rollison.....\$50.00

Food Pantry .....\$100.00

#### **Year to Date Giving**

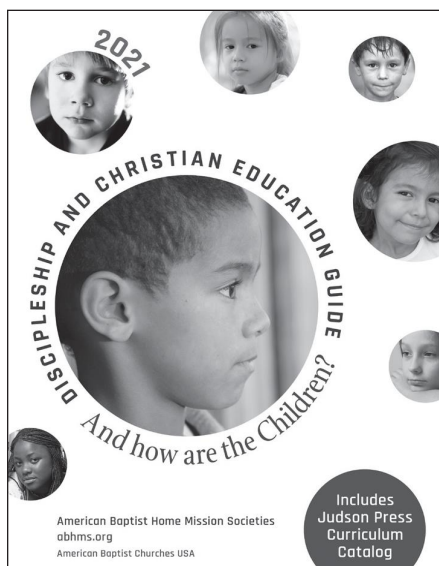
Income (undesignated giving).....\$69,208.91

Budget Requirements .....\$69,104.42

Net Income vs. Budget.....\$104.49

## Ministry focus: Discipleship

“The Discipleship and Christian Education Guide” is published annually by American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS).



Print copies are mailed to all American Baptist regions and, by request, to churches and to individuals. A PDF may be downloaded at <https://abhms.org/resources/publications/discipleship-guide/>, and additional print copies can be requested through customer service at 1-800-458-3766.

### Reflection on the 2021 Discipleship & Christian Education Guide theme

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs” (Matthew 19:14).

“How are the children?” This greeting of the Masai with its traditional response, “All the children are well,” reminds us of the importance of children’s welfare as a measure of the well-being of any society.

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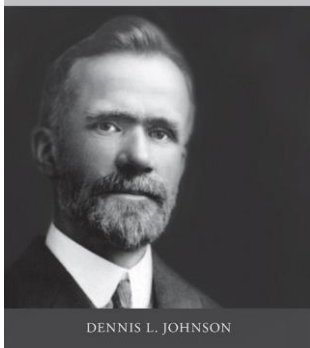


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### To Live in God

REFLECTION GUIDE



#### **“To Live in God Reflection Guide”**

New for use by individuals and in small group settings is the free “To Live in God Reflection Guide,” a companion resource for “To Live in God: Daily Reflections with Walter Rauschenbusch” (Judson Press, 2020). In solitude or in community, deepen your inward communion with the Spirit, expand your outward obedience to the call of Jesus Christ in service, and learn to walk in solidarity with the people God loves. The Reflection Guide features suggested reading

plans, questions for reflection, and an outline for forming your own Circle of Spiritual Companions. Download it at [judsonpress.com](http://judsonpress.com).

## **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.