

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Nathan Brooks, Pastor

April 18, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Prelude		Andrew Sohn
Welcome/Announcements/Lord's Prayer		Deacon Cheri Graf
Praise Singing	<i>"Here I Am to Worship"</i> <i>"Chain Breaker"</i> <i>"Holy Spirit"</i>	Worship Team
Offering Invitation		
Gloria Patri*		#812
Morning Prayer		
Special Music	<i>"Empty Grave"</i>	Braden Hudson
Scripture Reading		1 Thessalonians 2:1-16
Message	<i>"Not a Failure"</i>	Nathan Brooks
Closing Hymn*	<i>"Christ Arose"</i>	#357
Benediction* / Postlude*		

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## ***Prayer Concerns for this week:***

The Family of Carolyn Thompson  
Greg Flinn; Carolyn Burgess; Pam Farmer;  
Donald Sullivan; Lois Kirchoff; Michael Ice  
FBC reshaping journey  
Peace, healing and justice in our nation

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### ***This Week @ FBC***

**Today** 9:30 a.m..... Sunday School  
*April 18* 10:40 a.m..... Morning worship  
2:00 p.m..... Softball "Get the Kinks Out" Practice  
**Monday** 10:00 a.m..... Cottage Prayer Group  
*April 19*  
**Wednesday** 9:00 a.m..... Bible Study  
*April 21*

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Birthdays this Week

April 19: Laverne Rollison
April 23: Kay Allen

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### ***Let's Go Camping!***

Indian Creek Baptist Camp is offering an abbreviated schedule for this summer. **Registration will take place May 16 at 3 pm ONLINE ONLY** at [campindiancreek.com/2021-camp](http://campindiancreek.com/2021-camp). Limited spots are available for each session, so registration cannot be guaranteed.

FBC will pay half of the registration fee for each camper from this church, but you must let Brenda Nichols know that your registration has been accepted. If you need assistance with the remaining funds, please contact Sandy Clark at 384-3257 to see about a scholarship.

Questions may be directed to the camp by phone (812-279-2161) or email: [indiancreek@abc-indiana.org](mailto:indiancreek@abc-indiana.org).

| <u>Grades</u>                            | <u>Session - Price</u> | <u>Dates</u> |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> Graders | Discovery - \$160      | July 4-7     |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Girls   | Girls Camp - \$175     | July 8-11    |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Boys    | Boys Camp - \$175      | July 12-15   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> -2021 Grads             | Senior High - \$270    | July 16-21   |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> Graders | Focus Camp - \$250     | July 22-25   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Graders | Challenge Camp - \$250 | July 26-29   |

### ***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.

## ***Mission Trip Fundraiser***

We are selling Mill Street Pizzas as a fundraiser for our Mission Trip. We will take orders this Sunday through Friday, May 7. Pizzas will be available at church on Sunday May 23 for you to take home. They will all be sealed, ready to bake or freeze, and come with baking instructions included. Pizzas are 14", and run from \$12 for Cheese to \$14 for Pepperoni & Sausage. See a member of the Mission Trip to order your pizzas. For questions, contact Debra Hudson @ 812-384-2805.

## ***Bus Drivers Needed This Summer***

Would you like to volunteer for the Daycare Ministry this summer? Could you spare a day to drive the church van for a field trip? Church Members over age 21 with a valid driver's license and background check can help Bright Beginnings! Please let Tasha Hudson know if you are interested in taking a turn to help the daycare kids go somewhere fun this summer.

***Reshaping Church Survey:*** Everyone who considers FBC Bloomfield to be your church home is invited to fill out a congregational survey as part of the Reshaping Church process. This survey is provided in a post at [Facebook.com/groups/fbcbloom](https://www.facebook.com/groups/fbcbloom). If you would like a hard copy, please email [pastor@fbcbloom.org](mailto:pastor@fbcbloom.org). Your input is valuable and will be kept anonymous. Thank you for participating!

## ***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.

## ***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 may 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.

**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.

**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**.....

**Last Week’s Giving**

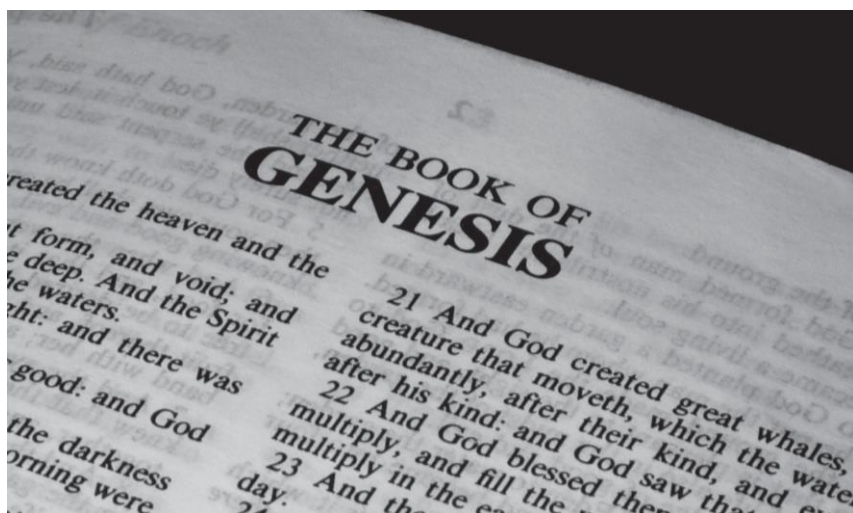
General Fund .....\$4,494.41  
America for Christ.....\$50.00

**Year to Date Giving**

Income (undesignated giving).....\$73,703.32  
Budget Requirements.....\$74,040.45  
Net Income vs. Budget.....(-\$337.13)

## Ministry Focus: Evangelism

Begin by reading Genesis 21:1-20. Ishmael was the “other” child. Born to Abram through a servant named Hagar, Ishmael was thrice marginalized: by age, by social status as the son of a slave, and by ethnicity as the son of an Egyptian slave. Genesis 12-25 focuses on Israel’s ancestors, with chapters 21-22 telling the story of the childhood of Ishmael’s half-brother, Isaac. Isaac was the son who fulfilled God’s promise to Abraham and Sarah of a child from whom a great nation would descend. Wedged into that purposeful narrative of the esteemed child come 13 verses that tell of the “other” child. That his story will not be denied—that it insists on being told—is remarkable in itself.



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## AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2021

### For the Purpose of Equipping Saints

EPHESIANS 4:11-13 (NIV)



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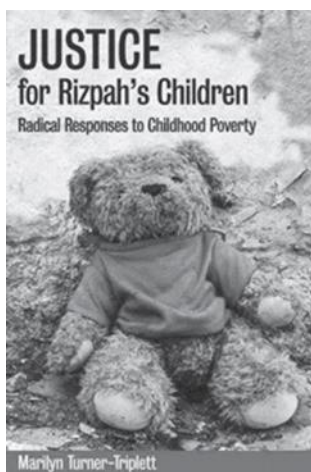
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### **“Justice for Rizpah’s Children: Radical Responses to Childhood Poverty”**

Move beyond awareness to intentional engagement in effecting justice in response to the challenge of childhood poverty in the United States. Inaccurate perspectives about childhood poverty can become a barrier to action because the issues seem so complex. Grounded in the sermon “Rizpah’s Children,” this book provides concerned readers with more nuanced and accurate understanding of the situation and the human beings involved, as well as a biblically based roadmap for taking

practical action. Featuring the voices of parents, grandparents, caretakers and children, each chapter highlights community organizations whose diverse efforts are focused on alleviating the impact of poverty in America.

## **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.