

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

*Rev. Nathan Brooks, Pastor*

April 25, 2021

10:30 a.m.

**Prelude** Andrew Sohn

**Welcome/Announcements/Lord's Prayer** Deacon Cheri Graf

**Hymns**                      *"Praise to the Lord, Almighty"*                      #210  
                                 *"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"*                      #730  
                                 *"My Jesus, I Love Thee" (vv. 1,2,4)*                      #79

**Offering Invitation**

**Gloria Patri\*** #812

**Mission Moment: Compassion International** Liz Brooks

**Morning Prayer**

**Special Music**                      *"How Great Thou Art"*                      The Trio

**Scripture Reading** 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13

**Message**                      *"Joy Because of You"*                      Nathan Brooks

**Closing Hymn\***                      *"Find Us Faithful"*                      #456

**Benediction\* / Postlude\***

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## *Prayer Concerns for this week:*

Greg Flinn; Pam Farmer; Donald Sullivan; Lois Kirchoff  
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 25*            10:40 a.m..... Morning worship  
                      2:00 p.m..... Softball Practice

**Monday**        10:00 a.m..... Cottage Prayer Group  
*April 26*

**Wednesday**    9:00 a.m..... Bible Study  
*April 28*

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### ***Birthdays this Week***

April 28: Lori Resler

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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).

| <b><u>Grades</u></b>                     | <b><u>Session - Price</u></b> | <b><u>Dates</u></b> |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 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.

## ***Bright Beginnings Employment Opportunities***

The Bright Beginnings Daycare is hiring caregivers, while the preschool is hiring for the position of Lead Teacher for the 4/5-year-old class. If you or someone you know might be interested, please see a board member for more information. Mary Bailey, Adrienne Hughes, Tasha Hudson, Jeff Coffin or Nancy Sullivan.

## ***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.

## ***Mission Trip Fundraiser – Mill Street Pizza***

We will take orders today Friday, May 7. Pizzas will be available for pickup at church on Sunday May 23. 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.

## ***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.

**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. If you would like a hard copy, please email pastor@fbcbloom.org. Your input is valuable and will be kept anonymous. Thank you for participating!

***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.

***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..... 84**

**Last Week's Giving**

General Fund .....\$5,207  
America for Christ.....\$100.00  
Blessing Box .....\$10.00  
Food Pantry .....\$110.00

**Year to Date Giving**

Income (undesignated giving).....\$78,910.32  
Budget Requirements.....\$78,976.48  
Net Income vs. Budget.....(-\$66.16)

## Ministry Focus: Leadership Empowerment

Through American Baptist Home Mission Societies' Co-Creators Incubator, individuals with innovative ministry ideas—called Co-Creators—meet as a cohort. They are then paired with mentors possessing expertise in entrepreneurship, theological framing, leadership development, networking, congregational support, missiology and strategic thinking. Their meeting is one of storytelling, collaboration and experimentation. At “Demo Day,” Co-Creators pitch their ideas to Creative Partners who may choose to provide ongoing support and resources to nurture the ideas.



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## AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2021

### For the Purpose of Equipping Saints

EPHESIANS 4:11-13 (NIV)



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## For the Purpose of Equipping Saints

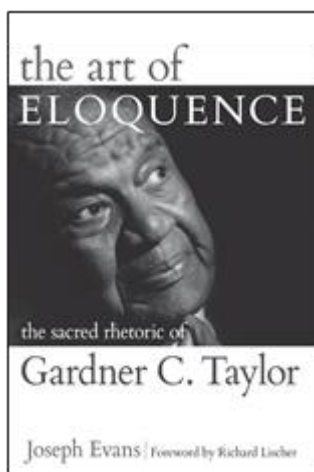
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### **“The Art of Eloquence: The Sacred Rhetoric of Gardner C. Taylor”**

During his lifetime, the Rev. Dr. Gardner C. Taylor was hailed by TIME magazine as the dean of America’s black preachers. News-week honored him as one of the 12 greatest preachers in the English-speaking world. A civil rights leader, a Presidential Medal of Honor recipient and a longtime pastor, Taylor was called “the poet laureate of American Protestantism.” In “The Art of Eloquence: The Sacred Rhetoric of Gardner C. Taylor,” scholar and pastor Joseph Evans analyzes the

art of Taylor’s preaching according to the five classical canons of rhetoric, celebrating in particular his excellence in narrative eloquence—the heart of his persuasive proclamation.

## **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.