

The First Baptist Connection

June 2021

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

1st Shelia McBride
2nd Maran Nicholson
3rd Brenda Flanagan
Becky Dayhoff
6th Kyleen Wilson
8th Gabrielle Weeks
Tonya Templeton
9th Karlie Thompson
12th Savanna Roark
14th Heather Malone
Austin Rollison
15th Mary Bailey
18th Max & Sydney Terrell
25th Nancy Covey
27th Steve Allen
28th Emma Resler
30th George Dallaire

ANNIVERSARIES

1st Norm & Nancy Sullivan
3rd Joe & Jean Burcham
George & Marilyn Dallaire
9th Bill & Debra Hudson
11th Charles & Kimberly Porter
12th Eric & Jennifer Moody
19th Gary & Carolyn Sullivan
21st Bob & Sherry Weeks
24th Nathan & Liz Brooks

In Person Gathering at FBC:

First Baptist Church is no longer formally requesting that masks be worn during church activities. Some pew ribbons will remain to ensure social distancing is available to those for whom it is most important. Following the May Congregational Meeting the deacons, moderator, and pastor convened virtually and unanimously agreed to implement these changes in response to revised CDC guidance issued earlier in the day.

We encourage anyone who is unable to attend in-person to participate online:

- Links for live worship services are posted weekly at Facebook.com/groups/fcbloom.
- Recorded worship services are available to the public at YouTube.com/fcbloomfield.

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 We accept non-perishable food that is not outdated, along with paper products, cleaning supplies, hygiene, and baby items.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 may be directed to Cheri Graf 812-384-8980.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR NATHAN

For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence... Therefore, he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

Hebrews 9:24, 7:25 (NIV 1984)

One of the great joys of our continuing emergence from pandemic life is that I am now able, as your pastor, to visit patients in hospitals again. Most facilities continue to place strict limitations on visitation. But in recent months, our nearby hospitals have begun allowing clergy to visit without counting against a patient's restricted number of guests.

The general public, extended family, and friends are still unable to visit most hospitals. This means, when I go, I am representing *all* of you. This was always the case but now it is *especially* the case. What an honor! What a responsibility! My prayer represents all of your prayers. My presence represents your collective presence. I am there on your behalf.

Representation is significant. Representation has value. Representation is necessary. In the Old Testament, there are three representative offices. A prophet represents God as a spokesperson to God's people. A priest represents the people, offering sacrifices to God. A king represents God, ruling over God's people. Scripture contains good, mediocre, and awful examples of each of the above. Even the best prophets, priests, and kings are less than fully effective.

In the New Testament we meet Jesus, our ultimate Representative. He is God's Word to us – the ultimate Prophet. He is exalted over all rulers, forever – the ultimate King. And, as highlighted in the quotations above, Jesus is our ultimate Priest. He has entered into heaven itself, not some earthly place. He has shed His own blood, not the blood of animals. He has offered His sacrifice once-and-for-all, not again and again. *And He continually lives to intercede for us!*

Intercession is an act of love. I pray to God on your behalf. You pray to God on my behalf. We talk to the God we love on behalf of the people we love. Jesus, who loves us with the greatest love ever known, continually talks to Father about us and for us.

My intercession for you is quite imperfect. Sometimes forget to pray. Often, I don't know *what* to pray for, or *how* best to pray in a given situation. Every night, I sleep. Every day, I get distracted. My intercession is important and necessary and meaningful. But it is also limited, as is all of our intercession for one another.

In this context, we rejoice that Jesus is *always* living to intercede for us. His ministry on our behalf is unending!

It is a nice thing, I hope, that you often have me, visiting on your behalf, in hospitals at Bloomington, Linton, Indianapolis, or Terre Haute. You have a decent representative.

It is a glorious thing, I know, that we always have Jesus, interceding on our behalf, in heaven before our Father. We have the perfect Representative.

Right now, Jesus is conversing with our Father, about us, on our behalf, and *in our favor!*

He continually does this. Always. Because He loves us.

Be encouraged, Friends!

Grace and peace,
Nathan

F.I.S.H. – Fellowship in Someone's Home

You are invited to participate in the F.I.S.H. ministry. Three or four households will be grouped together and spend some time together getting to know one another better, fellowshiping, and having some fun. An event is usually held once a month in someone's home; however, you can meet in a neutral location like a restaurant, park, or the new shelter house. Participants take turns hosting each month. You can share a meal together or just have snacks if you don't want to do a meal. Your group can decide what you want to do, when and where. To participate, all you have to do is add your name to the sign-up sheets in the Narthex. Don't wait until the last minute; sign ups end June 6. Additional information is posted with the sign-up sheets. If you have any questions, you can ask Pastor Nathan or Kathy Ham. Let's go F.I.S.H.ing!!

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. The daycare is also looking for bus drivers for summer Daycare Fieldtrips. Please see Tasha Hudson if you might be interested.

Vacation Bible School – July 25-29

Kids! Get ready for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway VBS! At Rocky Railway, you will explore Jesus' power and how we can trust Him to pull us through when life feels like a valley or a mountaintop. Stay tuned for more information!



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!

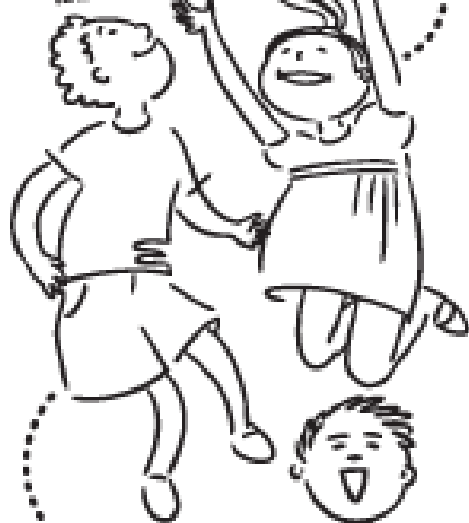
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Save the Date(s)

Sunday, July 11 will be the dedication of the Shelter House, in memory of Tammy Kirkman; and the basketball goal, in memory of Caleb Schmidt. Sunday, September 26 will be a Service of Remembrance and Celebration, honoring those who were lost during the pandemic.

A SWEET TREAT



Make this refreshing treat on a hot summer day.



What you need:

- Baking sheet
- Parchment paper
- 1 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 2 Tbsp. honey
- ¼ cup granola or cereal

What you do:

1. On a baking sheet covered with parchment paper, spread yogurt in a thin layer, about ½-inch thick.
2. Drizzle honey evenly over yogurt. Sprinkle granola (or cereal) on top.
3. Freeze about 30 minutes, or until firm.
4. Crack frozen yogurt into pieces and peel away paper. Enjoy!



PUZZLE



As sweet as honey

Honey is both a sweetener and a medicine. How can our words be used in the same ways?

Directions: Use the hexagon key to fill in the missing vowels and complete Proverbs 16:24, NIV.



Gr c s w rds

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 nd h l ng

t th b n s.

PROVERBS 16:24, NIV

Answer: Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. Proverbs 16:24, NIV

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30 Trustees	2 9:00 Bible Study	3 6:30 Deacons	4	5
6 Communion	7	8	9 9:00 Bible Study	10 6:30 Ch Council	11	12
13	14	15	16 9:00 Bible Study	17	18	19
20 Father's Day	21	22	23 9:00 Bible Study	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 9:00 Bible Study			