

# *The First Baptist Connection*

## November 2021

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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### BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

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4 <sup>th</sup>	Nolan Hughes
7 <sup>th</sup>	Nathan Brooks
9 <sup>th</sup>	Randy Flanagan
10 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Jane Parker
12 <sup>th</sup>	Mylee Manuel
13 <sup>th</sup>	Marilyn Dallaire Adam Dean
16 <sup>th</sup>	Brad Ellis Charles Porter
17 <sup>th</sup>	Liz Brooks
18 <sup>th</sup>	Cole Thompson
21 <sup>st</sup>	Andrew Weeks
23 <sup>rd</sup>	James Malone Mike Stoner
27 <sup>th</sup>	Haley Brown

#### ANNIVERSARIES

16 <sup>th</sup>	Don & Virginia Hendrix
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*We encourage anyone who is unable to attend worship in-person to participate online:*

1. Links for live worship services are posted weekly at [Facebook.com/groups/fcbloom](https://facebook.com/groups/fcbloom).
2. Recorded worship services are available to the public at [YouTube.com/fcbloomfield](https://YouTube.com/fcbloomfield).

#### ***Blessing Box Needs***

Our Blessing Box is a resource for those who need items not available in the Food Pantry. Please consider donations of sunscreen, paper products, hygiene items, cleaning supplies, and baby items. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Thank you for supporting this ministry. Any questions can be directed to Cheri Graf @ 812-384-8980.

#### ***Tithes and Offerings***

We have three simple options for giving tithes and offerings:

1. Give online at [fcbloom.org](http://fcbloom.org).
2. Mail a check to the church at 500 Lincoln Drive.
3. Place tithes in the Giving Box in the Narthex.

### ***Love Feast – November 7***

You are invited to join us for a time of fellowship on November 7 @ 6:00pm in the Christian Life Center. The Social Committee will provide meat and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert. They are needed and appreciated. In order for our Social Committee to get an idea of the number of people planning to attend the Love Feast, please sign up on the sheet on the table beside the "Offering Box".

### ***Love Feast Silent Auction***

To kick off the World Mission Offering in November, a silent auction will be held at the Love Feast on November 7. Tables will be set up in the Narthex on October 31 for the auction items or services. Please fill out a bid sheet (one sheet per item) with your name and phone number. The minimum opening bid for each item is \$5.00. On Sunday, November 7, after the worship service, the tables will be moved to the CLC. All Bidding will conclude at 6:30 p.m. Following our meal, the winning bid will be announced for each item. Thank you for participating in this offering.

### ***Operation Christmas Child***

The First Baptist Church in Linton will once again be a drop off point for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. The National Collection Week will be November 15-22 according to Tammy Hart, volunteer coordinator from FBC Linton. She will be giving me more specifics as soon as they are available. I plan to pick up 75 boxes from her the first week of October. For those interested in participating, I will have boxes available in the Narthex. See Cheri Campbell Graf (812-384-8980) for questions.

### ***Donations for Afghan Allies***

The Presbyterian Church is leading an effort to collect donations for the Afghan Allies. The items needed are listed on the attached flyer. A trailer will be in the parking lot of the church for the donations on the days and times listed. Any questions, call the church at 812-384-8424. Items can also be purchased for direct delivery to Camp Atterbury at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

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# Donations for Our Afghan Allies

## Adult Needs

- Winter-weight, long-sleeve shirts
- Pants
- Modest underwear
- Socks
- **Close-toed shoes**
- Hats
- Feminine hygiene items for women (**pads only**, no tampons)

ALL CLOTHES AND  
OUTERWEAR  
SHOULD BE **NEW**  
**OR GENTLY-USED**  
AND CLEAN,  
**UNBRANDED, AND**  
**MODEST**; ALL SIZES  
ARE NEEDED FOR  
ALL AGES AND  
SEXES – **SMALLER**  
**SIZES ARE BEST**

## Children's Needs

- Winter-weight, long-sleeve shirts
- Pants
- Underwear
- Socks
- **Close-toed Shoes**
- Toys (balls and dolls, no stuffed animals)

## Infant/Baby Needs

- Diapers
- Diaper cream
- Baby wipes
- Baby shampoo
- Powder formula
- Bottles (no glass)
- Insulated 1-liter bottles (to keep formula warm at night)
- Baby clothes, hats, and socks
- Infant & child blankets and swaddles
- Spoons
- New pacifiers

## General Needs

- **Winter-weight coats**
- **Hats, gloves, and mittens**
- Reusable water bottles (not glass)
- Backpacks
- Luggage
- Qurans
- Prayer Rugs
- Phone chargers
- **Basic educational workbooks with ABC's and numbers**
- **Flashcards with images on one side and words in English on the other side**

Items can also be purchased for direct delivery to Camp Atterbury at:  
<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/38IM08EL9V9EU>

Items will be collected  
November 5, 8:30am – 5:30pm  
November 6, 9am – 2pm  
November 7, 9am – 1pm

in the parking lot of  
First Presbyterian Church  
401 Shyla Lane

Questions?  
(812) 384-8424 or 1presbyterian47424@att.net

# A NOTE FROM PASTOR NATHAN

*One generation will commend your works to another...*

Psalm 145:4

**I am asking you to pray about youth ministry.** In the Reshaping Church journey we have participated in this year, the single most dominant theme from your feedback is that FBC needs a renewed focus on ministry to youth. This is a good thing! But if we're going to move from vision to reality on this front, two things must happen...

First, we must involve youth in the vision-casting and implementation process. Most of us reading this article spent most of our youth in a different century. We would do well to listen to those who are currently youth today.

Second, we must embrace an approach to youth ministry that involves all of us, the church as a whole. In other words, the question is not, "Who can we get to work with youth?" but rather, "How can we all minister to youth?"

The answers to that last question might be more varied and exciting than you think.

Liz and I are leading the junior-senior high Sunday school class right now. We have invited several of you to come share testimonies with the youth. We will keep asking more of you! You could read this and volunteer! Telling the story of your faith journey will be a blessing to you as well as our students. Just ask anyone who has come to share so far.

There is interest among the youth themselves in the resurrection of some kind of "youth group" beyond what we are able to do on Sunday mornings. That will require leadership, whether paid or volunteer. You could be one of those leaders. Again, we need youth to help set the vision of what this looks like. But we need adults to give time.

If that kind of commitment is too daunting, we could really use some adults to lead some fun, random social activities with the students. If this idea excites you, I'd encourage you to take the first step of dropping in on Sunday school and asking the youth what kinds of activities they want to do. This doesn't have to be complicated or expensive. It could be one-time only. And you could be a person who simply offers the use of your property or pays for the pizza.

Up to now, everything I've written about addresses the youth who are already participating in the ministries of FBC. But the majority of youth ministry opportunities are – and always will be – outside the walls of our church building.

Our community has need of CASAs (Court Appointed Special Advocates) to support youth who are stuck in the legal system to deal with issues related to their custody and care. Local schools need substitute teachers, tutors, and mentors. You could be a loving, adult presence in the life of some students who have no such presence at home.

Organizations like Erin's Purpose and Open Arms need volunteers in a variety of capacities, some of which don't even involve meeting directly with students. The Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and 4-H need leaders and volunteers.

Youth sports leagues need coaches and officials. On a conference call this morning, the presenter shared that she had long complained about all of the youth sports that took kids away from church. Then she and her husband decided to start coaching soccer, and instantly they had way more opportunities to minister to youth than ever before.

Then of course, there is the tremendous value of striking up conversations with youth. There was a man who stationed himself near the doorway every Sunday at the church I grew up in, and he would always ask me about cross country and track. He had read the paper! He knew something about my life and he cared enough to ask. These conversations are more valuable than you might think. You might even send a text message or write a note. Communicate your care.

All youth ministry requires prayer. I know that everyone reading this article can do that. Please pray for us as we navigate the way forward into whatever new horizons of youth ministry the Lord has in store for us. And please ask the Lord what your role might be in that journey.

Grace and peace,  
Nathan

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## November 2021

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Bright Beginnings Daycare: 812-384-0400  
Bright Beginnings Preschool: 812-384-2647

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 Choir Practice	2 6:30 Trustees	3 9:00 Bible Study	4 6:30 Deacons	5	6
7 Communion 6:00 Love Feast	8 7:00 Choir Practice	9	10 9:00 Bible Study	11 6:30 Congregational Meeting	12	13
14 8:30 Fellowship Breakfast 9:00 Kingdom Kids	15 7:00 Choir Practice	16	17 9:00 Bible Study	18	19	20
21	22 7:00 Choir Practice	23	24 9:00 Bible Study	25	26	27
28 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent 9:00 Kingdom Kids	29 7:00 Choir Practice	30				