

# The First Baptist Connection

## December 2021

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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### BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

#### BIRTHDAYS

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jeff Coffin John Cummings Dixie Hudson
5 <sup>th</sup>	John Bailey
6 <sup>th</sup>	Leslie Copp
11 <sup>th</sup>	Carolyn Sullivan
12 <sup>th</sup>	Lois Kirchoff
13 <sup>th</sup>	Betty Dean
15 <sup>th</sup>	Josie Hudson
17 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Clark Tony Resler
18 <sup>th</sup>	Virginia Hendrix
19 <sup>th</sup>	Shawn Hughes
20 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Stewart
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Brandt Hudson
26 <sup>th</sup>	Peytyn Lanz
28 <sup>th</sup>	Donna Miller
31 <sup>st</sup>	Bruce Porter Tiffany Brooks

#### ANNIVERSARIES

17 <sup>th</sup>	Scott & Becky Dayhoff
18 <sup>th</sup>	Bruce & Carla Porter
20 <sup>th</sup>	Walter & Sylvia Pischel
26 <sup>th</sup>	Alan & Janet Brown
31 <sup>st</sup>	Richard & Brenda Nichols

*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/fbcbloom](https://www.facebook.com/groups/fbcbloom).
2. Recorded worship services are available to the public at [YouTube.com/fbcbloomfield](https://www.youtube.com/fbcbloomfield).

#### ***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 [fbcbloom.org](http://fbcbloom.org).
2. Mail a check to the church at 500 Lincoln Drive.
3. Place tithes in the Giving Box in the Narthex.

# FBC NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

## ***Eagle Scout Lunch – December 5th***

Sunday December 5th I will be hosting a soup and sandwich lunch immediately following church. The purpose of this lunch will be to raise money for my Eagle Scout Project which is to make picnic tables for the shelter house. For planning purposes, please let me know if you are planning to attend by putting your name on the signup sheet next to the offering box. Donations will be accepted the day of the lunch.

Thanks,  
Aiden Malone

## ***Children's Christmas Party – December 11***

Bloomfield First Baptist will be hosting a Christmas Party for children in Preschool through 6th grade. The Party will be Saturday, December 11 from 1:00 - 4:00. A light lunch will be served at 1:00. There will be games, crafts and a movie. Invite your friends! Please contact the church office (812-384-8459 or [secretary@fcbloom.org](mailto:secretary@fcbloom.org)) with the number of children who will be attending from each family so that we can be sure to have a meal prepared for them.

## ***Christmas Cantata – December 12***

The First Baptist Church Kingdom Kids and Adult Choirs will be celebrating Christmas through music on December 12th at 6:30 pm. The Kingdom Kids will be singing a number of special arrangements.

The Adult Choir will be presenting the cantata "Were You There on That Christmas Night" under the direction of Andrew Sohn. The cantata will feature narrations by Liz Brooks and Mason Ellis.

Following the cantata will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall with a plentiful bounty of goodies.

Please join us as we celebrate Christ's birth in song and fellowship.

## ***Hoops for Him – 2022***

Hoops for Him will be returning in 2022! Mark your calendars each Saturday starting January 22nd and ending March 12th, 2022. Any child age 4 though the 6th grade may participate in this program that teaches basic basketball skills and the love of Christ. Online Registrations will be available after Christmas via our Facebook page. Contact Eric Moody today if you are willing to help plan out the season. Many volunteers are needed to coach, lead devotions, and work the concession stand each Saturday.

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# A NOTE FROM PASTOR NATHAN

*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

John 1:14 (NIV 1984)

Christmas is the story of how Jesus came into our world. God moved into our neighborhood to do life with us. He came to personally share in our experiences. He came to die and rise again. He came to save us. Jesus did all of this because He loves us. His coming has changed the world and our lives! It is worth telling – and singing – again and again!

We have heard and sung the Christmas story so often that we probably know it pretty well by now. (We even know parts of the story that aren't actually in the story! There is no innkeeper or donkey in Luke 2. Matthew doesn't tell us how many magi there were or what their mode of transportation was.) Most of us who have been hanging around church for a long time could tell the basic details of the story. We know how Jesus came into the world.

How did Jesus come into your heart? What is the story of Jesus coming into you? Your encounter with Jesus may have started suddenly – you might remember a particular day or season of life during which your relationship with Jesus began. Or, your journey with Jesus may have begun so gradually that you cannot point to a date on the calendar, but you could tell me of the impact He has made in your life.

I encourage you to think about your journey with Jesus. Why did you start following Jesus? Why have you continued to follow Jesus? What have you learned along the way? How has Jesus changed you?

Take some time to think about your answers to those questions. Refamiliarize yourself with the reasons why you started following Jesus and why you've kept at it over the years. Be ready to share your story. It doesn't have to be fancy. Just tell the truth. "You will be my witnesses," Jesus tells us. Let's be ready to share Who we are following, and why.

(If you really get excited about this newsletter article I suppose you could put your story with Jesus to music! Pick a Christmas tune and start singing your own words along with it – the story of how Jesus came into your life. If you actually do this, I'd love to hear it! When we put stories to music, we remember them better.)

It is also possible that you've not yet personally responded to Jesus' coming into the world by inviting Him into your heart. If that is the case, I'd encourage you, today is a great day to do that! Why not welcome Him in? Why not take Him up on His offer, and receive the gifts He desires to give you? If you're not sure where to get started with this, I would love to talk and pray with you about it.

This Christmas, as we think about Jesus coming into the world, let's reflect on His coming into our hearts. And *"let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe"* (Heb. 12:28).

Merry Christmas!

Nathan

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00 Bible Study	2 6:30 Deacons	3	4
5 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Communion	6 7:00 Choir Practice	7 6:30 Trustees	8 9:00 Bible Study	9 6:30 Ch Council	10	11 1:00 Children's Christmas Party
12 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent 8:30 Fellowship Breakfast 9:00 Kingdom Kids 6:00 Cantata	13 7:00 Choir Practice	14	15 9:00 Bible Study	16	17	18 9:00 White Christmas Box distribution
19 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent 4:00 Caroling	20 7:00 Choir Practice	21	22 9:00 Bible Study	23	24 Christmas Eve 6:30 Christmas Eve Service	25 <b>Christmas</b>
26 9:00 Kingdom Kids	27 7:00 Choir Practice	28	29	30	31	



*Wise Men and Women Still Seek Him*