

The First Baptist Connection

February 2022

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

9 th	Casey Porter Jason Nicholson
10 th	Lindsey Sullivan
11 th	Kay Pierce
12 th	Nancy Sullivan
13 th	Janet Schmidt
14 th	Lucy Foxworthy
15 th	Annette Rice
20 th	Mike Canty
21 st	Sharon Terrell
23 rd	Sherry Weeks
24 th	Benjamin Hudson
25 th	Gary Sullivan Wesley Porter
27 th	Paula Bartlett Betty Miller Dylan Lanz

ANNIVERSARIES

14 th	Earl & Joanna White
16 th	Steve & Kathy Ham

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://www.facebook.com/groups/fcbloom).
2. Recorded worship services are available to the public at [YouTube.com/fcbloomfield](https://www.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.
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

Flinn Baby Shower – February 6

Please save the date for a baby shower, in honor of Kevin and Kala Flinn. The joyous event will be held in the Narthex on Sunday, February 6, at 2:00 p.m. They are registered at Babylist:

<https://www.babylist.com/flinn-baby>

They would also appreciate diapers in larger sizes, not newborn size. We look forward to celebrating with the Flinn's.

Non-Pictorial Directory Updates

You will find copies of the Non-Pictorial Directory in the Adult Sunday School classes or on the library counter in the narthex. Please double check your information and note any changes. I plan to have updated directories available in time for the February Congregational Meeting.

Prayer Chain

I invite all, who are not participating, to submit your name, telephone number and email address to be part of our church wide prayer chain. The prayer chain operates in two ways. 1. Via telephone calls. If you want to be part of the telephone prayer chain give your telephone number and you will be assigned to a leader who will call you when prayer requests are received. 2. Via email correspondence. Provide your email address and the information for prayer requests will be sent via email. If you desire both we will do both. Let us hold up our brothers and sisters in prayer and receive the blessing of God. You may submit your preferred contact info to the church office or Bill Hudson @ 812-384-4779, bjhudson@wispaninternet.com

Washed clean

Make customized jelly
soaps to banish dirt
and grime.



What you need:

- 1 package unflavored gelatin
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup very warm water
- 1 tsp salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup gel body wash
- Food coloring
- Rubbing alcohol in spray bottle
- Silicone baking molds

What you do:

1. In a bowl, stir gelatin and warm water until dissolved.
2. Add salt, body wash and a few drops of food coloring. Stir.
3. Spray molds with rubbing alcohol (to prevent bubbles). Place molds on a tray.
4. Pour mixture into the molds. Refrigerate until set, about two hours.
5. Pop soap out of molds and store in an airtight container.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR NATHAN

“I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.”

Revelation 21:22-22:2 (NIV 1984)

The Olympics are upon us again. The delay of the 2020 Olympics to the summer of 2021 has resulted in the tightest-ever turnaround between Games. This time, we get to watch winter sports: hockey, bobsledding, skiing, skating, and curling! (Seriously, give curling a chance.) John Williams’ wonderful theme music will lead us in and out of each televised segment. China is the host.

The Voice of the Martyrs is encouraging Christians to use these Games as a reminder to pray for China. You may be aware that China’s human rights record is poor, especially regarding the treatment of our Christian brothers and sisters. We have an opportunity to pray for Chinese Christians as well as for their persecutors, including President Xi himself.

Jesus calls us to love our enemies and to pray for them. I think of Jesus’ words on the cross: “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” I believe that Jesus was speaking about you and me at that moment, and also about cruel governments who foolishly try to stomp out the Kingdom of God. We are free to pray with compassion for leaders of countries who persecute Christians. Let’s use the Olympics as fresh incentive to pray for the people of China.

There are many other nations at the Olympics as well. I am thinking about some of the countries who have been in the news in recent months. Afghanistan, Ukraine, and Russia come to mind. I remember Central and South American countries from which people desperately seek to flee. I recall perpetually war-torn Syria, and terrorist-riddled nations in Africa. Some flags will not be represented in the winter Olympics, but all flags represent people and leaders who are worth praying for, because Jesus loves us all.

Jesus was born in Asia and spent part of his childhood as a refugee in Africa. Jesus shed his blood to redeem people for God from every tongue, tribe, and nation. All people are created in God’s image. All people are people for whom Christ died. Consider the beautiful vision from Revelation: All kings and nations bring their splendor, glory, and honor into the Holy City. The Tree of Life always bears fruit and its leaves are for the healing of the nations. This is what happens when God makes all things new! This is our destiny!

In some feeble way, then, our Olympic Games point forward to a glorious reality. God is assembling a people for Himself from among all the nations. One day, all swords will be beaten into plowshares. They will neither harm nor destroy. The increase of His government and peace will never end. Let us use the Olympics – every athlete, every flag – as an impetus to pray for God’s healing of the nations.

“Behold, I am making everything new!”

“Yes, I am coming soon!”

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Nathan

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30 Trustees 6:30 Pastoral Relations	2 9:00 Bible Study	3 6:30 Deacons	4	5 9:00 Hoops for Him
6 Communion	7 7:00 Choir Practice	8	9 9:00 Bible Study	10 6:30 Congregational Meeting	11	12 9:00 Hoops for Him
13 8:30 Fellowship Breakfast 9:00 Kingdom Kids	14 7:00 Choir Practice	15	16 9:00 Bible Study	17	18	19 9:00 Hoops for Him
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