

# The First Baptist Connection

## June 2022

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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### BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Shelia McBride
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Maran Nicholson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Becky Dayhoff  
Brenda Flanagin
- 6<sup>th</sup> Kyleen Wilson
- 8<sup>th</sup> Gabby Weeks  
Tonya Templeton
- 12<sup>th</sup> Savanna Roark
- 14<sup>th</sup> Heather Malone  
Austin Rollison
- 15<sup>th</sup> Mary Bailey
- 18<sup>th</sup> Max & Sydney Terrell
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Josh Osborne
- 25<sup>th</sup> Nancy Covey
- 27<sup>th</sup> Steve Allen
- 28<sup>th</sup> Emma Resler
- 30<sup>th</sup> George Dallaire

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

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

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

#### ***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***

If you would like to support the church online, please visit our website at [www.fbc bloom.org](http://www.fbc bloom.org).

# FBC NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

## Let's Go Camping!

FBC will pay half of the registration fee for each camper from this church, but you must let secretary Brenda Nichols know that your registration has been accepted. If you need assistance with the remaining funds, please contact Sandy Clark at 384-3287 to see about a scholarship. Questions may be directed to the camp by phone (812-279-2161) or email: indiancreek@abc-indiana.org.

<u>Camp Session</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Explorer (1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup> grades)	June 5-7	\$190
Discovery (2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> grades)	June 8-11	\$200
Girls Camp (4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Girls Only)	June 12-15	\$220
First Timers (K-1 <sup>st</sup> grade)	June 17-18	\$100
Senior High (10 <sup>th</sup> -2022 Grad)	June 19-25	\$320
Boys Camp (4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Boys Only)	June 26-29	\$220
Focus Camp (7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> grades)	July 3-9	\$320
Challenge Camp (6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grades)	July 10-16	\$320



## One Great Hour of Sharing

Our world has changed dramatically in the past 2 years. Communities around the world have been socially and economically affected by Covid-19. That impact has been felt more deeply in communities affected by other disasters. Wildfires, droughts, earthquakes, and conflicts have resulted in people being displaced as we have seen in Ukraine. Even so, love remains. Our church family will have the opportunity in the month of June to support the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. We can help provide immediate relief to those who are suffering. When you give, our thoughts and prayers are put into action. The scripture theme for this offering is appropriately 1 Corinthians 13:13. "And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love." Prayerfully consider how you can help support this offering.

## Blood Drive - June 6

The Bloomfield First Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive in their Fellowship Hall. Please call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter FP Church Bloomfield to schedule an appointment. The church is located at 401 Shyla Lane.

## Worship @ Parkview – June 12

Pastor Nathan will be leading worship at Parkview in Odon on Sunday, June 12, at 2:00 p.m. You are invited to come and worship with some of our longtime FBC friends who live there.

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IN MEMORY OF JADEN LAUDERDALE  
6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, June 16  
2:00 pm-6:30 pm  
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## Tasting Luncheon

The Presbyterian Women's Association will be hosting their 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Tasting Luncheon on Friday, June 24 from 11:00-1:00. Advanced tickets are \$8, or \$9 at the door. Take-out, dine-in and delivery are available. Please call 812-384-8424 for more information.

### **ATTENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND REPS**

If you have information for the June newsletter, please submit it to the church office (preferably via email) by Monday, May 23.

Thank you kindly,  
Brenda

# A NOTE FROM PASTOR NATHAN

*In putting everything under him, God left nothing that is not subject to him. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.*

Hebrews 2:8b-9 (NIV '84)

It is the last full week in May. I'm in the midst of studying Hebrews 2:5-9, which is an exposition of Psalm 8, declaring the victory of Jesus. I'm preparing for Sunday's sermon on Psalm 72:8-11, the source for the hymn, "*Jesus Shall Reign*." These scriptures and songs declare that King Jesus has overcome all things and has authority over all things and will be vindicated as King over everything and everyone forever. This is gloriously good news!

The news in our world, however, seems irreparably bad. War, poverty, and sudden violence. What do we say in response to horrors such as grocery store shootings and elementary school massacres? To the families, I have few words beyond, "I'm so sorry." In prayer, I have few words beyond, "Lord, have mercy!" and, "Come, Lord Jesus!" What might the Holy Spirit have to say to us, as we try to make sense of senseless sorrow?

The Lord led me to hymn #377, "*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*." Consider the lyrics of William C. Dix (FBC CCLI #108619):

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the throne. Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone. Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood Jesus out of every nation Has redeemed us by His blood.	Alleluia! not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now. Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how. Tho' the clouds from sight received Him When the forty days were o'er, Shall our hearts forget His promise: "I am with you ever more"?	Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, You on earth our food and stay! Alleluia! here the sinful Flee to You from day to day. Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, plead for me, Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.
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Much could be said about this victory song, but the phrase that captivates my attention is this – "Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now." In sorrows, for a little while, we are left (**1 Peter 1:6**). But we are not left alone!

This brings us back full circle to the final phrase of **Hebrews 2:9**, "he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone." We were already destined to taste death, the wages which our fraudulent master, Mr. Sin, pays us (**Romans 6:23**). And that would have been the end of us. Jesus enters into death, not deserving it of course, and tastes it for us. Having gone through death, He comes out permanently alive, offering us permanent life in God's new world, the great salvation which we will inherit (**Heb. 1:14-2:5; 1 Pet. 1:3-5**).

In order to do this, Jesus tasted death personally. The taste of death is horrible. Many of us have tasted the death of someone we loved dearly. We've tasted tragic and horrible deaths in the news from around the world. Death does not taste pleasant at all! Jesus knows what death tastes like. Keep in mind, Jesus did not taste death the way you or I might taste a sample food item at the grocery store. Jesus tasted it fully, completely, to the end.

This means that Jesus has tasted Uvalde and Buffalo and Nairobi and Ukraine and any other places where violence, poverty, and war are wafting the fragrance of death. Jesus in His unfathomable love has tasted all of these places, and He tasted all of them on the cross. When we taste death, we taste what He has tasted for us, in order to set us free.

Among the many things we can remember when we encounter the horrible taste of death, is this: "Jesus knows what this tastes like." We are tasting that which He already tasted on our behalf, so that it might not be the final taste in our mouths. That doesn't take away all of the pain or answer many of the difficult questions. But somehow it helps. Jesus knows the taste of this terrible sorrow. We do not grieve as orphans. We grieve in the company of the coming King.

Grace and peace,

Nathan

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 Bright Beginnings Preschool: 812-384-2647

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

