

The First Baptist Connection

July 2022

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

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1 st	Eric Moody
3 rd	Rob Rollison
4 th	Alex Weeks
7 th	Alex Brown
11 th	Bob Weeks
12 th	Maryann Snow
14 th	Alecia Henry
17 th	Emily Pittman
18 th	David Doane
24 th	Kathy Ham
25 th	Bill Hudson
26 th	Alex Malone
27 th	Brady Hughes
28 th	Kinley Moody Keaton Wilson

ANNIVERSARIES

6 th	Mike & Barb Stoner
18 th	Steve & Kay Allen

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).

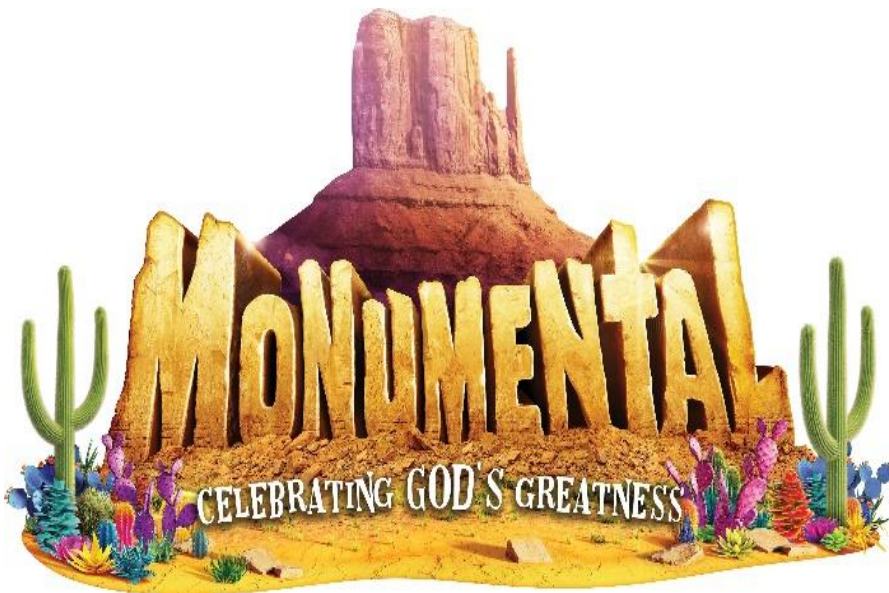
Blessing Box Needs

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

If you would like to support the church online, please visit our website at www.fcbloom.org.

FBC NEWS AND ACTIVITIES



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Date: July 24-28

Time: 5:30-8:30

(dinner included)

For more information call:

812-384-8459

*New friends • Amazing experiments • Creative games • Super-fun snacks
Surprising adventures • Incredible music*

Register on-line at www.fcbloom.org or www.facebook.com/groups/fcbloom

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Please be aware that the church secretary will be out of the office for the week of July 11-15.

ATTENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND REPS

If you have information for the August newsletter, please submit it to the church office (preferably via email) by Monday, July 25. Thank you kindly, Brenda.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR NATHAN

This July marks ten years since I began serving as your pastor here at FBC Bloomfield. I want to thank you for the overwhelming love and kindness you have shown to Liz, Tiffany, and me.

Thank you for your many expressions of generosity: gifts, food, invitations to lunch or dinner, offers to let us pick berries, helping us move furniture, taking us to ballgames or other events, volunteering to work on the parsonage, and taking time to make phone calls or write notes of encouragement.

I want to thank you especially for those notes. I have a drawer here in my desk that is full of your encouraging cards. I wish everybody could have a drawer like that. So many of your messages have arrived just at the right time. Thank you.

We also thank you for your prayers. We are humbled by the fact that so many of you pray so faithfully for us. We continually benefit from your prayers! I think especially of that time when Tiffany almost came early at 28 weeks and you started a prayer vigil on our behalf. Prayer communicates love, and you have loved us well, especially in that regard.

I want to also thank you for your generous support of the grant we received from the ABC's Ministerial Excellence Fund at the time of Tiffany's birth to assist with medical expenses. Beyond that, I want to thank you for the consistently fair compensation and benefits you have extended to me year after year. For many pastors and churches, that is a struggle. Once again, you have loved us well by supporting us generously, and we are thankful. I've been free to focus on ministry.

Thank you for establishing and maintaining a Pastoral Relations Committee, to specifically focus on facilitating a healthy relationship between the pastor and the congregation. This group is an ongoing blessing both to the church and to me.

Thank you for not putting unreasonable expectations on Liz as "pastor's wife" or Tiffany as "pastor's daughter." You have let each of us be who we are, and to serve and participate in the ways the Lord is leading us. More than that, you have abundantly supported Liz in her pursuit of the Lord's calling – leading Bible studies and promoting Compassion International among other things. And you have provided for Tiffany to grow in her faith in a variety of ways, through Sunday school, Kingdom Kids, VBS, Bright Beginnings Preschool, and other children's ministry events.

Thank you for your grace with me. I have made many mistakes, some of which may have been hurtful to you. I've also been involved in making decisions or implementing things that were different from what you might personally prefer. I am grateful for your forgiveness when I have been wrong, and for your loving support even when I've disappointed you. You have given me the dignity of being a human being who needs grace just like everyone else. I am deeply grateful.

Thank you for your willingness to share opinions and perspectives that are different from my own. Thank you for expressing constructive criticism and for suggesting things that I might not have wanted to hear, but needed to think about. You have forced me in many cases to pray and slow down and reconsider things, and I have benefited from this.

Thank you for being open to the movement of the Holy Spirit and for your willingness to try new things. I think especially of the days of prayer for persecuted Christians, our annual healing services, and FISH. I think also of Reshaping Church, which frankly fell below my own expectations, but was nevertheless a good growing experience and has facilitated a renewal of interest in our youth. Willingness to try new things is an important trait of a healthy church. Even the things that don't "work" prepare us for other things the Spirit has for us. From day one, I have felt that this church sincerely wants to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Stories about you get back to me – stories about generosity and ministries that I had no idea were happening. It gives me such joy as a pastor to see your creative and faithful responses to the Spirit's leading. Thank you for taking risks in Jesus' Name.

Thank you for being so much fun, and for letting me have fun! We laugh together and generally don't take ourselves too seriously. (You often help me not take myself too seriously!) I think this is great, and helps cultivate an atmosphere of humility and flexibility in which the Lord is glorified. I am grateful for ten years here, and I am grateful for each of you.

Grace and peace,
Nathan

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