

The First Baptist Connection

August 2022

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

- 4th Mary Putney
- 7th Bert Terrell
- 8th Sandy Mead
- 10th Barb Frye
Charlie Cardinal
Ozaiah Hudson
- 12th Nikkie Romans
- 14th Kylee Moody
- 18th Gavyn Romans
- 25th Braden Hudson
- 31st Willow Foxworthy

ANNIVERSARIES

- 4th Ron & Shelia McBride
Chris & Erin Wilson
- 27th John & Mary Bailey

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

VBS Pool Party – August 2

FBC will be hosting a VBS Pool Party on Tuesday evening from 7-9pm. Join us at the Bloomfield Pool for a night of fun and fellowship!

Life's Third Tri

Are you a seasoned woman desiring to enhance your relationship with your grown children and with God? If you want to thrive during the empty nest decades, you are invited to participate in an 8-week series based on the book Life's Third Tri: Wisdom for Mystified Mothers Who Love Adult Children. The author, Charlotte Melcher Smith, Ph. D., will be leading women on a quest to navigate the empty-nest years. All women are welcome, so invite some friends. The book is available on Amazon or can be purchased on the day of the classes. Meeting time: 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. on Wednesday mornings, beginning the first Wednesday in August. Join us in the Bloomfield First Baptist Church sanctuary on Wednesdays, beginning August 3.



Dear Church Family

I would like to invite you all to attend my Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Sunday, August 7 from 6:30 - 8:00 in the CLC. This accomplishment would not have been possible without all of the support I have received from you all during my time in scouting, and I am very happy to celebrate the achievement with you all. Please RSVP to Heather with a call or text to 937-645-5483 by August 4st. Thanks so much! - Aiden

Congregational Meeting on August 11

There will be a vote at the next Congregational meeting to change the wording in the **Personnel, Policies, and Procedures Handbook** that describes the position of Director of the Bright Beginnings Daycare Ministry of the First Baptist Church Bloomfield. We will strike the phrase "This is a salaried position." Due to a change in the State's minimum requirement for salaries to qualify as exempt for overtime pay, the Director's position is now hourly. This allows us to accurately track the overtime we'll be required to pay. We will add the wording "The record of hours worked will be submitted weekly to the Bookkeeper." These changes will take place under **1.4.6 Bright Beginnings Daycare Director**.

Youth Pool Party – August 13

FBC youth (grades 6-12) and friends are invited to a pool party on Saturday, August 13, from 4-7 p.m. at Brenda and Randy Flanagin's home, 588 E. Antioch Rd., Bloomfield. Come join us!

You are Invited!

To a 50th Wedding Anniversary Party in honor of John and Mary Bailey scheduled for 5:00 PM Saturday, August 27th, 2022 (dinner provided) at the Bloomfield First Baptist Church (CLC) hosted by our children. If planning to attend, please RSVP by August 15th (include number attending) by calling/texting our daughter, Ashley Neill. Please, no gifts. Cards are welcomed.

Dear FBC Family,

We were informed on July 26 that after 18 years of faithful service, our FBC Secretary, Brenda Nichols, has accepted the position of Nurse’s Assistant and Deputy Treasurer with the Bloomfield School District, starting on August 1, 2022. Her last day in the FBC office was Friday, July 29. She will continue to do the bulletin and food pantry records in the interim on a part-time basis.

We are looking for volunteers that would be interested in preparing the bulletin and slide show as well as volunteers to answer the phones in the church office on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. If you are interested in serving in any of these capacities, please contact Steve Clark, Assistant Moderator, at 812-381-2889, or Pastor Nathan at 812-381-4189. Moderator John Bailey will work with the Church Council according to protocol for filling the permanent position at a later date.

This August newsletter will be published as normal but subsequent newsletters may change in format or timing, so please stay tuned.

We appreciate your prayers for the transition process and we wish Brenda well in her new job at BSD.

Grace and peace,

John Bailey, Moderator
Steve Clark, Assistant Moderator
Nathan Brooks, Pastor

Dear Friends,

When I was hired here in 2004, I never could have imagined the things that would take place over the next 18 years. Now, as I look back over those years, I can see God’s hand at work, and why he brought me here. After waiting and trying for 14 years, God blessed us with two amazing children born in August 2010 and January 2012. Working here allowed me to have them close by, in Bright Beginnings Daycare, knowing full well that Ms. Tammy would love them as her own and teach them about God’s love. Then they were able to attend Bright Beginnings Preschool with Mrs. Farmer and Ms. Katie where, again, they were loved and nurtured. They learned so much and were well prepared for kindergarten.

From the day our children were born, my dream has always been to work at the school they attended, as my mother did when my sister and I were in school. That was not God’s plan for me, initially. He wanted me here at FBC where the flexibility allowed me to be present for my children when needed, but also to contribute to our household finances. As they now enter their 5th and 6th grades God is allowing me the opportunity to realize that dream.

I’ve made many friends here over these last 18 years, and I am so grateful to each of you for your support, encouragement and love...even when I wasn’t all that easy to love sometimes 😊. Thank you for loving my children as well. Your prayers for them and our family have always been appreciated. I look forward to continued friendships and hope to see you around town!

Thank you for everything,
Brenda

A NOTE FROM PASTOR NATHAN

*One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts...
They will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
Psalm 145:4, 7 (NIV '84)*

Jesus calls us to love our neighbors, and that includes students! There are many young people in our community who need adults who will love, invest in, and pray for them. Since the school year is beginning soon, I thought this would be a good opportunity to lift up some youth ministries in our church and community for you to prayerfully consider.

Our local schools need our support. Children and youth need mentors, tutors, substitute teachers, and other volunteers to help in the classroom and with extracurricular programs. I have tutored a handful of students at Bloomfield High School and would be glad to talk with you about my experience. Several among us at FBC have served as substitute teachers, and I'd be happy to connect you with them. Contact Bloomfield Elementary School at 812-384-4271 or Bloomfield High School at 812-384-4550 and ask how you can help. If you live closer to WRV, Linton, Eastern, or North Daviess, I am sure there are plenty of ministry opportunities in those schools as well.

Greene County is also in need of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA's) to provide legal advocacy for children in the DCS (Dept. of Child Services) system. Among us, Steve and Sandy Clark and Mary Puntney currently serve in CASA roles, and would be glad to speak with you about their experience. Greene County currently has 40 kids on the list who need legal advocates. Perhaps the Lord is nudging you to serve in this way.

Erin's Purpose provides a wide variety of activities and services for students. The ministry is located immediately across the street from Bloomfield High School. In addition to Bible studies, educational, mentoring, and tutoring programs, Erin's Purpose is building a facility to house students who are in the DCS system and awaiting Foster placement. Contact Terri Neighbors (812-227-1112) about getting involved with Erin's Purpose.

Open Arms Ministries provides housing for youth who are without a safe home. They have group homes for boys (Lyons) and girls (Switz City). They also seek to identify Foster and adoptive homes for these young people. You could volunteer for Open Arms in a variety of ways, meeting with students directly, volunteering to help with maintenance, donating supplies, and other ways. For more information, call 812-659-2533 (Switz City) or 812-659-2001 (Lyons).

If the Lord is calling you to Foster parenting, adoption, or providing respite care, I encourage you to talk to Braden or Tasha Hudson, who are our resident experts! I know that many of you have also rallied around the Hudson family to support them in their calling and I thank you for that. It has been said that if every church in Indiana had one Foster family, the problem of children without a home would be solved. Let's continue to support this family well!

When I was entering second grade, my dad was recruited to serve as a Cub Scout leader. At the time, the slogan was, "It's only an hour a week." This was a slight underestimate! But Dad's involvement made a difference to me and to many other boys for many years. FBC hosts meetings for Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. If you'd like to volunteer to support Scouting, contact James Malone. (I am not sure who leads our local Girl Scout group, but if you do, please let me know.)

Of course, there are also ministries to children and youth inside the walls of our own church. Talk to Eric Moody if you'd like to help with Hoops for Him. Ask Brenda Flanagin about helping with Kingdom Kids. See Sandy Clark, Tasha Hudson, Alecia Henry, or Kathy Ham if you'd like to help with children's Sunday school. Talk to Liz or me if you'd like to help with our junior-senior high youth. We have many one-time opportunities to host students for a fun event or service project, and of course we would love to have volunteers to sustain a weekly youth program beyond Sunday mornings. Contact Tasha Hudson (Bright Beginnings Board Chair) if you'd like to volunteer to support our daycare ministry in some way, or Michelle Foxworthy (Bright Beginnings Preschool Teacher) if you'd like to help out with preschool.

I have probably left out various ministries and people. Consider this a list in progress! Please pray about how the Lord is calling you to minister to the young people of our community. We have opportunities to be a blessing in Jesus' Name.

Grace and peace,
Nathan

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 6:30 Trustees 7:00 VBS Pool Party	3 9:00 Bible Study	4 6:30 Deacons 6:30 Softball game	5	6
7 Communion	8	9	10 9:00 Bible Study	11 6:30 Congregational Mtg	12	13 4:00 Youth Pool Party @ the Flagin's
14 8:30 Fellowship Breakfast	15	16	17 9:00 Bible Study	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 9:00 Bible Study	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 9:00 Bible Study			