



The Bell Tower

July 2023

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Eric Moody
- 3rd Rob Rollison
- 11th Bob Weeks
- 12th Maryann Snow
- 14th Alecia Henry
- 15th Mary Bailey
- 24th Kathy Ham
- 25th Bill Hudson
- 26th Alex Malone
- 27th Brady Hughes
- 28th Kinley Moody &
Keaton Wilson

ANNIVERSARIES

- 6th Mike & Barb Stoner

Watch FBC online:

1. Links for live worship services are posted weekly at Facebook.com/groups/fcbloom.
2. Recorded worship services are available to the public at YouTube.com/fcbloomfield.

Tithes and Offerings

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

Church Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday 9:00am-12:00pm & 1:00-3:00pm

Food Pantry Hours

Tuesday-Thursday 9:00am-11:00am &
Tuesday Evening 4:30pm-6:00pm

CLC Access

Daily access to the CLC, for those who don't have a key, will now be available during regular church hours by checking/signing in with FBC Secretary Heather Malone. Access to the CLC will be by utilizing the walkway through the church Narthex.

FBC NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Date: July 23-27

Time: 5:00-7:45 p.m.

(Dinner included)

**For more information, or to
volunteer call Ashley at:**

812-606-1217

**Pool Party: Friday, July 28
6-8pm**

Join Daniel—torn from his home and forced into the king's service. Imagine the pressure of learning a new language and culture...and the shock of discovering your best friends have been tossed into a fiery furnace. Explore exotic sights and smells in a Babylonian bazaar! Kids and adults will find that they're not much different from Daniel and his friends, who kept their faith in a faithless culture.



July 2 - On Love of Country

Can faithful followers of Christ love and be loyal to our nation?

July 9 - When I Die

What happens to me when I die?

July 16 - When He Comes

What happens when Jesus returns?

July 23 - What about Hell?

What does the Bible teach about final punishment?

July 30 - Bad Angels?

Are there evil angels, do they influence us, and how might we respond?

It's Not too Late to go Camping at Indian Creek this Summer!

If you are in 6th – 9th grade you can still register at <https://campindiancreek.com>. FBC will pay for half of the registration fee for each camper from this church. If you need assistance with the remaining funds, please contact Pastor Nathan, one of the Deacons, or Heather in the church office to see about a scholarship. Let Heather know once you have registered, so that we can be praying for you! Questions may be directed to the camp by email: indiancreek@abc-indiana.org

Focus Camp (July 9-15) and Challenge Camp (July 16-22)

Heading to Focus Camp is Dixie Hudson, Kinley Moody, Alex, and Aiden Malone. Challenge Camp will be Ozaiah Hudson and Kinley Moody. Send campers a word of encouragement to:

(Camper Name)
Indian Creek Camp
1770 Avoca-Eureka Rd
Bedford, IN 47421



Church Softball League

The Church Softball League games are well underway. Games are listed on the calendar below. Come out and root for your team!

Send a Letter to Brady Hudson at Navy Bootcamp

You can also write to his buddy, Drake Sisk, who enrolled with him, at the same address. I'm sure they would appreciate hearing from you!

SR Hudson, Brady L.
Ship 9 DIV 226
Recruit Training Command
3415 Sailor Drive
Great Lakes, IL 60088-3515



One Great Hour of Sharing

In July, our church family will have the opportunity to support the One Great Hour of Sharing. We will have bulletin inserts and a video throughout the month explaining where and how our offerings are being used. Thank you for your faithful support for so many years. Your giving provides hope and healing in our country and abroad.

Galatians 6:9, "So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up."



ECHOES FROM THE BELL TOWER

*(I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you
Psalm 119:11 NIV)*

God Bless America!

One flag, one land

One heart, one hand

One Nation, evermore

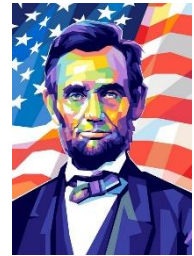
Oliver Wendall Holmes

July Scripture Memory Challenge:

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV

Consider This:

“Most folks are as happy as they make up their mind to be.” -Abraham Lincoln



COOKS IN THE BELFRY

(How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Psalm 119:103 NIV)

Since we all know that Baptists love to eat, we thought it would be fun to feature a favorite recipe in each month's newsletter. Our church family has been blessed through the years by many excellent cooks, so we should have plenty of material.

This month's recipe is Betty Dean's Chicken Salad. Betty was always willing to fix her sandwiches for church pitch in dinners and our Christmas Cantata. If the truth be told, the Social Committee was guilty of putting aside at least one of her sandwiches to make sure they got one. You could be sure there were no leftovers.



Ingredients:

4 chicken breasts

3/4 cup finely chopped celery

3 oz Philadelphia cream cheese (cut up in small pieces)

1/2 teaspoon curry powder

3/4 cup mayonnaise (or maybe a little more).

Directions: Cook chicken breasts, salt to taste, cool and cut into small pieces. Add the above ingredients and mix well. Enjoy!

Submitted by Cheri Campbell Graf on behalf of Shannon Dean.

MANNING THE ROPES

(Committee & Council Updates)



FOOD PANTRY NEWS

The Bloomfield First Baptist Community Food Pantry is open from 9:00-11:00 Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings, and 4:30-6:00 Tuesday evenings. As of June 26, there have been 71 families who have visited the pantry. Donations have been received from the following: First Baptist Church, First Christian Church, Holy Name Catholic Church, Presbyterian Church, Bloomfield CVS, Rulers, Walmart, and Bloomfield Dollar General. USDA was picked up from Catholic Charities in Terre Haute and many food items had to be purchased to restock the shelves. Meat is always in demand. Milk, bread, eggs, cereal, soups, and peanut butter and jelly are always given out.

BLESSING BOX UPDATE

Since we are transitioning to warm, summer weather, we would appreciate donations of sunscreen and insect repellent. I found some insect repellent in the dollar section of the dollar general. We are always in need of hygiene products, cleaning supplies, paper goods, and baby items. Your support of this ministry is truly appreciated. Thank you!

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS UPDATE

Please pray for our preschool ministry. We need more children to enroll to make this feasible for the upcoming school year. There are openings in both the 3-4 year old class and the 4-5 year old class. Contact Michelle at (512) 202-7122 to enroll, and click on the form here: <http://fbcbloom.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Preschool-Enrollment-Form-2023.pdf>. Please spread the word to those with children who are preschool age!

CHILDREN'S SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

During this summer the preschool through six grade classes have been combined into one classroom. They have been learning Bible verses, parables, skits, games, and crafts. Special thanks go to those adult helpers, which are Tasha Hudson, Sandy Clark, Kathy Ham, Alicia Henry, and Alex Malone. They will return to their normal Sunday school classes on July 30th.

CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE

There was no formal Church Council meeting in June. They are, however, working with Bob Weeks to form the group that will identify potential organizations to use the CLC.

ATTENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND REPS

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

A NOTE FROM PASTOR NATHAN



Hi Everyone,

July is here! I have several updates and invitations for you to consider this month...

First, please continue in prayer regarding future usage of our CLC facility following the closure of Bright Beginnings Daycare. While we are currently assembling a "Discovery Group" to initiate this discernment journey, I am asking each of you to pray and share any ideas you may have related to these three areas:

- *What are the capabilities of the CLC building?*
- *What are the needs of our Bloomfield/Greene County community?*
- *What are the passions and gifts that God has given us at FBC?*

If you'd like to serve on the forthcoming Discovery Group or if you have any ideas related to the future of the CLC, please don't hesitate to reach out to Bob Weeks (leading the Discovery Group) or me. The Lord Jesus has entrusted this building to us for the purpose of sharing His love with all people and advancing the Kingdom of God in our community. The Discovery Group is going to do our best to listen well to the congregation and to our community, then report what we've learned back to the congregation. Then the church gets to discern how to move forward. There is no timetable for this journey. Let's follow wherever the Holy Spirit leads us.

Second, an update on Sundays and Wednesdays. We'll conclude our fifth "You Asked for It" sermon series at the end of July and begin a study of Ephesians in August, which will probably take us all the way up to Advent. On Wednesdays (9am in the sanctuary and at [Facebook.com/groups/fcbloom](https://www.facebook.com/groups/fcbloom)) we've just begun a study on Malachi. We're still in Chapter 1, and you'd be welcome to join in!

Third, speaking of Wednesday Morning Bible Study, all of the studies we've done since 2020 are still on Facebook. If you search our group page for "Hebrews Session 1" or "Ruth Session 1" or "Daniel Session 1" you can begin your own online video study at your own pace. Have your Bible open and ready. If you need help with this, please let me know.

Fourth, please be praying for Vacation Bible School, July 23-27. Ashley Terrell is our director this year. The theme is Daniel's courage in Babylonian captivity. Please pray for all of our volunteers and the children who will attend. Thank you to all who are planning to help in some way.

Fifth, our middle and high school youth are continually up for various service projects or other fun activities. If you've not visited the yellow sign-up sheet in the narthex, please do so and prayerfully consider hosting or sponsoring a youth activity. The sign-up sheet has some ideas already listed at the top, but the students would be up for something new as well. If you have any questions or suggestions, please let Liz or me know.

Sixth, if you'd ever like to talk and pray about something, please let me know. You can call or text me at 812-381-4189 or email pastor@fcbloom.org or just track me down some Sunday. You can drop by the church office at random or we can schedule a time to meet in person or chat by phone.

Seventh, thank you for being a wonderful church family to my family. Liz, Tiffany, and I are so grateful for you all. This month marks 11 years together for us in Bloomfield and we are thrilled to be serving the Lord here together with you.

Grace and peace,
Nathan

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Church Office: 812-384-8459
FAX No: 812-384-8982
Bright Beginnings Preschool: 812-384-2647

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Communion	3	4 Independence Day 6:00-9:00 CLC res	5 9:00 Bible Study	6 6:30 Deacon Meeting 6:30 Softball Game	7	8
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