

# **Sunday, July 9, 2023**

10:40 a.m. Rev. Nathan Brooks, Pastor

Prelude Andrew Sohn

Welcome/Announcements/Lord's Prayer Deacon Sherry Weeks

**Hymns** "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him" #82
"He Has Made Me Glad" #214

"Victory in Jesus" #353

Offering

Doxology #815

**Morning Prayer** 

Special Music "Hold On" Brenda Flanagin

Scripture Luke 23:39-43

Message "When I Die" Pastor Nathan

Closing Song "Because He Lives" #358

**Benediction** Pastor Nathan

Postlude Andrew Sohn

#### Prayer Request Cards

If you have a request for which you would like prayer during worship, please fill out a Prayer Request Card and give it to one of the Deacons, or Pastor Nathan. Cards are in the pew backs and on the table in the Narthex.

#### This Week @ FBC

<b>Today</b> July 9	8:30 a.m
<b>Tuesday</b> July 11	10:00 a.m
Wednesday July 12	9:00 amBible Study
<b>Thursday</b> July 13	7:40 p.mSoftball Game
<b>Sunday</b> July 16	9:30 a.mSunday School 10:40 a.mMorning Worship

# Birthdays this Week

July11: Bob Weeks July 12: Maryann Snow July 14: Alecia Henry

# VBS Pool Party Friday, July 28

Mark the date! The VBS pool party will be at the Bloomfield Pool on Friday, July 28 from 6-8pm. More details to come.

#### **Bright Beginnings Preschool**

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. Please spread the word to those with children who are preschool age!

#### Address for Brady Hudson

The following is the address for Brady Hudson who is away 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 people!

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

#### One Great Hour of Sharing

The OGHS bulletin inserts give us an insight as to how your mission money is being used. I think it is especially interesting in this week's story about Ukraine. Our area has just gone through a week or so of power outages due to storms. Ukraine has more generators running than anywhere else in the world.... now for over a year! We have been blessed to be back to "normal" in a week.

Prayerfully consider how you can make a difference by supporting OGHS.

#### A Look at Last Week

(On-line giving is available here: Tithe.ly or at www.fbcbloom.org)

# Last Week's Giving

General Fund	\$
Food Pantry	\$

#### Year to Date Giving

Income (undesignated giving)	\$
Budget Requirements	\$
Net Income vs. Rudget -	\$

\*Financial data will return next week. ©



# MISSION STORIES

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, or quit."



# IT'S TIME TO SHARE

uring a recent interview, Rev. Igor Bandura, Vice President of IM's Baptist partner in Ukraine shared, "There are more generators running in Ukraine than anywhere else in the world." This is just one reality of life one year into war.

Since Russia invaded on February 24, 2022, you generously gave \$1,366,000 to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)-Ukraine Relief. Your gifts combined with others around the world to provide for over \$5,700,000 in humanitarian aid. Most of the aid given has met basic needs: food, shelter, heating, transport, and psychological assistance. The aid has been delivered by Baptists partners in Ukraine and neighboring countries, by your International Ministries Global Servants, including Carmella Jones, Becky and Larry Stanton, John and Amanda Good, and Kristy Engel, by Church World Service staff in Moldova, and by L'Arche staff in Ukraine.

Many Ukrainians—those that remained and those that left—continue to live in the middle space between deep grief and deep gratitude. What Rev. Bandura shared most about is the gratitude and the signs of the "harvest" already emerging...

 Most churches are full on Sundays despite the fact that half of their members have left.



A baptism in the Belgorod-Dnistrovsky church in Odessa.



Ministering in the occupied Donetsk region, despite danger and limited electricity.

- There have been 3,000 baptisms in the last 6 months of 2022; 25,000 new people are attending churches.
- On seeing God in the midst of war..."It is hard to go through a war. Really hard. And it's the best time for people to see the power of God."
- On the future of the Baptist Union..."We continue to think about, dream about, and plan for our future."
- On the transformation of the local church..."This war has brought a real chance to reform our churches. Our churches were good before the war. But we've become better."
- On the Union's own transformation...Before the war, this Baptist Union, made up of 2,300 churches, had an organizational capacity that was huge, but did no projects on a national level. Now they are coordinated to deliver a multimillion-dollar humanitarian relief program across their country. They never had to do anything like this. Now they not only know they can do it, they are doing it---and they developed this capacity under all the pressures of war.
- On compassion..."Before the war, when we heard about war
  or hard things in another part of the world, we prayed. Yes,
  we prayed. But this war has allowed us to truly understand
  compassion. Ukraine as a country will emerge from this war a
  more compassionate people."

Thank you for not getting fatigued doing good. Thanks to your generosity, despite the continuation of the war, the harvest has already begun.



#### Indian Creek Summer Camp 2023

It's not too late to sign up for Summer Camp at Indian Creek. Register at <a href="https://campindiancreek.com">https://campindiancreek.com</a>. 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 your application has been accepted, so that we can be praying for you! Questions may be directed to the camp by email: indiancreek@abc-indiana.org.

#### Focus & Challenge Camp at Indian Creek

Focus Camp for grades 7-9 will leave today! Heading to Indian Creek will be Dixie Hudson, Gabe Copp, Kinley Moody, and Alex & Aiden Malone. All campers love to receive mail at camp. Words of encouragement can be mailed to:

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

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Minderparten 1st	First Timers - \$100	June 2-3
1st - 2nd	Explorer \$100	June 11-12
2nd 3rd	Discovery \$200	June 14-17
10th - 2022 Grads	Senior High \$320	June 18-24
4th 6th Girls Only	Girls Camp - 5220	June 25-29
4th 6th Boys Only	Boys Camp - \$220	June 28-July 2
7th-9th	Focus - \$320	July 9-15
6th-8th	Challenge - \$320	July 16-22
TBD	Edna Martin CC	July 23-26
Ages 16 and up	Special Persons \$225	July 28-31
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# Vacation Bible School July 23-27

Volunteers are needed for VBS this summer. They are also in need of decorating items such as rugs, old looking ceramic jugs, baskets, canopies, and sheets etc. Donated items will be returned after VBS. Contact Ashley Terrell at 812-606-1217 with any questions.

