



## Sunday, March 31, 2024

10:40 a.m.

*Rev. Nathan Brooks, Pastor*

Prelude		Andrew Sohn
Welcome/Lord's Prayer		Deacon Bob Templeton
Resurrection Account	<i>John 20:1-18</i>	Janet Brown
Hymns	<i>"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"</i>	#367
	<i>"Christ Arose"</i>	#357
	<i>"Because He Lives"</i>	#358
Offertory		
Doxology		#815
Morning Prayer		
Mini Cantata	<i>"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!"</i>	Sanctuary Choir
	<i>"Via Dolorosa"</i>	& Kathy Ham
	<i>"What Wonderous Love Is This"</i>	(narrator)
	<i>"Glorious Risen Christ"</i>	
Scripture		John 6:48-51
Message	<i>"To Give Us Life"</i>	Pastor Nathan
Closing Song	<i>"He Lives"</i>	#368
Benediction		
Postlude		Andrew Sohn

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***This Week @ FBC***

**Today** 7:00 a.m.....Sunrise Service @ Methodist  
March 31 9:30 a.m..... Sunday School  
10:40 a.m..... Morning Worship

**Monday** 7:00 p.m..... Choir Practice  
April 1

**Tuesday** 9:30 a.m..... Cottage Prayer Group  
April 2

**Sunday** 9:30 a.m..... Sunday School  
April 7 10:40 a.m..... Morning Worship  
4:30 p.m..... Chicken Noodle Dinner Served  
7:00 p.m..... Jason Gray Concert

**\*Please note that there will be no Wednesday morning Bible Study this week. It will resume on April 10. ☺**

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***Birthdays this Week***

March 31: Joan Vaughn  
April 1: Barb Stoner  
April 3: Kelsey Moody & Jeffrie Porter  
April 4: Cheri Campbell Graf  
April 6: Sylvia Pischel & Lora Kutch

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***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. They can also be placed in the offering plate. Cards are in the pew backs and on the table in the Narthex.

***Disaster Relief***

For any natural disaster, you may write a check to First Baptist Church and indicate in the memo line what your gift is for (example: Ohio tornadoes). The church will send funds either through One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) or through the appropriate American Baptist region office. Thank you for your generosity.

## ***America for Christ Offering 2024***

Our last AFC insert highlights Rainbow Acres. This community serves developmentally disabled adults from 15 U.S. states. The residents are called Ranchers and represent a variety of faith backgrounds. What an opportunity for these individuals to learn skills that enable them to fill volunteer or paid positions. Thank you for supporting this offering. If you haven't already done so, please make your gift today!

### ***March "Pajama Drive" for the Department of Child Services***

Our church family has the opportunity to bless children who are being removed from their homes. Many times, these children leave home without any of their possessions. We can help them on that first scary night with some security, comfort, and knowledge that someone cares. While not all of us are in the position to foster children, we can certainly meet this need. Lots of clearance sales are going on now. Please, pick up a nightgown or pair of pajamas sized to fit a child 5 years to 13 years old. A table is set up in the Narthex to receive your donations through March.

If you would rather pick up a gift card, please leave it with Heather.

Thank you for helping show these children God's great love for them.

Any questions, please contact Cheri Campbell Graf 812-384-8980.

### ***IU Baseball Game Saturday, April 27***

Faith and Family Day at IU Baseball is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, at 2:00 p.m., vs. Rutgers. If you are interested in attending with a group from FBC, please contact Heather Malone in the church office by Friday, April 12. Tickets will be \$5 each. Pastor Nathan plans to drive the church bus, which will leave FBC at approximately 12:45 p.m.

### **A Look at Last Week**

*(On-line giving is available here: [Tithe.ly](https://tithely.org) or at [www.fcbloom.org](http://www.fbc bloom.org))*

#### **Last Week's Giving**

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| General Fund .....            | \$4,807.87 |
| Food Pantry .....             | \$30.00    |
| Memorial for Nancy Covey..... | \$280.00   |

#### **Year to Date Giving**

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|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Income (undesignated giving)..... | \$54,293.62  |
| Budget Requirements .....         | \$64,657.08  |
| Net Income vs. Budget .....       | -\$10,363.46 |

***Bloomfield First Baptist Church  
31 March 2024***



*He is not here; he has risen, just  
as he said. Come and see the place  
where he lay.  
Matthew 28:6*

## ***FBC Scholarship Forms Due Tomorrow***

There are two scholarships that qualified high school seniors and college students may apply for: a onetime \$250.00 Brad Pridemore Memorial Scholarship and up to four times a \$500.00 FBC Memorial Scholarship. Eligibility criteria can be found on the application form that is available by contacting Heather at (812)384-5948. Applications are due back in to the FBC Secretary's desk no later than April 1, 2024.

## ***Jason Gray Concert & Chicken Noodle Dinner April 7***



A chicken & noodle dinner will be served out of the CLC from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 7. Tickets for the concert are available in the church office or contact Kylee Moody at 812-381-3444. Cash, checks, or Venmo accepted. Checks can be made payable to Bloomfield FBC with Jason Gray in the memo line.

## ***Operation Mail Call for Honor Flight for Veterans***

On the evening of APRIL 13th, our Local Heroes will return to EVV after having just visited the Memorials at our Nation's Capital. We feel they deserve a proper welcome home. Part of this process is called OPERATION MAIL CALL, when they will receive and open letters from home on their return flight to EVV. Our church will collect letters and cards in a box on the library counter until Sunday, March 31. Simply use the salutation, "Dear Veteran", so that our mail can be distributed evenly among all the participants. It is requested that we do not seal the envelopes so that it is easier for the veterans to open them. Please encourage your children to participate as well. For information on Operation Mail Call visit: <https://honorflight.si.org/about/>. You can also contact Tammy Young if you have questions.

## **Rainbow Acres: EMPOWERing "Ranchers" With Developmental Disabilities to Become Independent**

Rainbow Acres is a faith-based residential community with a wide range of programs for developmentally disabled adults. These programs serve residents (called "Ranchers") who hail from more than 15 U.S. states and represent all types of faith backgrounds. Rainbow Acres serves adults with a wide range of developmental disabilities that may commonly include autism, Down syndrome, autism spectrum, and other developmental delays from various causes. Ranchers range from 18 years of age to well into their 80s'. Core programs address the immediate and long-term needs of the Ranchers in vital developmental areas: cognitive, vocational, physical/health, spiritual and social. Our professional educators and staff members are passionate about helping Ranchers develop to their full potential.

Rainbow Acres EMPOWER project provides persons with developmental disabilities with the tools needed to change their lives by focusing on developing life-transforming habits; and will assist employers to create a positive environment for employing these individuals.

Kelly, one of our Ranchers, gained direct experience caring for a diverse range of animals onsite. She dedicated several years of volunteering at the Humane Society and worked at a local animal clinic. The culmination of her extensive and diverse experiences ultimately led to a position as a kennel tech/veterinary assistant trainee at a renowned animal hospital in Sedona, Arizona. Her role includes paid Veterinary Assistant Certification training as part of her responsibilities, making her journey even more rewarding.

"This is my forever job! This is what everything was leading up to. This is what I always wanted to do, and I love it here!", enthuses Kelly. Her success story is a testament to the positive impact of Rainbow Acres' programs in fulfilling dreams and aspirations.

**AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2024**

**Please give today! | [www.abhms.org/afc](http://www.abhms.org/afc)**