



The Bell Tower

June 2024



BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Shelia McBride
- 3rd Brenda Flanagan
- 6th Kylene Wilson
- 8th Tonya Templeton
- 14th Heather Malone
- 15th Mary Bailey
- 18th Max & Sydney Terrell
- 22nd Josh Osborne
- 26th Andrew Sohn
- 28th Emma Resler
- 30th George Dallaire

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1st Norm & Nancy Sullivan
- 3rd George & Marilyn Dallaire
- 9th Bill & Debra Hudson
- 11th Charles & Kimberly Porter
- 12th Eric & Jennifer Moody
- 16th Casey & Annette Rice
- 19th Gary & Carolyn Sullivan
- 21st Bob & Sherry Weeks
- 24th Nathan & Liz Brooks

Watch FBC online:

1. Links for live worship services are posted weekly at [Facebook.com/groups/fbcbloom](https://www.facebook.com/groups/fbcbloom).
2. Recorded worship services are available to the public at [YouTube.com/fbcbloomfield](https://www.youtube.com/fbcbloomfield).

Tithes and Offerings

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

Online giving can be found here:



You can also [click here](#).

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

FBC Work Trip to Indian Creek Camp, Wednesday, June 5

We will plan to depart FBC after Bible Study (approx. 10:15am) and depart camp approx. 4pm to return to FBC. Lunch will be provided at camp. Travel will be by carpool/church bus.

Please let Pastor Nathan know by Sunday, June 6 if you can go.

Once he RSVPs to Jordan Morris he'll have a better idea of specific projects we will be helping with that day, and any tools needed.

Worship at Parkview Sunday, 16 June 2024

Pastor Nathan will be preaching at Parkview at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, 16 June 2024. Please plan to come out and worship with the residents there!

No Wednesday Morning Bible Study 26 June 2024

There will be no Wednesday morning Bible Study on Wednesday, 26 June 2024. We will continue our study of Revelations the following Wednesday on 3 July 2024.

Summer Special Music

As the season for the choir ensembles winds down, it is once again time for special music in the worship services throughout the summer! All musicians are invited to share their talents with music that adds to meaningful worship. Please contact Andrew Sohn, Brenda Flanagin, or Steve Clark.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is celebrating 75 years of providing hope to those who are struggling with a variety of challenges. On Easter Sunday in 1949, on nationwide radio, Christians were challenged to donate one million dollars in one hour to help those people devastated by the aftermath of World War II. Faithful Christians answered the call, and the goal was met.

In 1973, American Baptists formally joined the movement that has been carried forward by several Protestant denominations.

During June, our church family will be learning more about this special offering that continues to meet so many needs throughout the world. Share the light is the invitation extended in Matthew 5:13-16. "Let me tell you why you are here.... You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world...Keep open house; be generous with your lives.". The Message

One Great Hour of Sharing is our opportunity to offer hope and be shining witnesses of God's love. Please pray about how you and your family can show generosity this year. Our goal for this offering is \$1500.

Hinkle Card Shower

Steve and Cheri Graf's granddaughter, Taylor Hinkle, has been staying in the Ronald McDonald house since her baby, Houston, was born on March 15, 2024. Heath has been going up to stay with Taylor on the weekends. Houston has an issue with his heart which has required one major heart surgery with more to follow. He is still on a ventilator, but his physicians are attempting to wean him off. At this point, Houston's discharge date has not yet been determined.

While this young family truly appreciates all of the prayers for them, it is a very difficult situation. We are asking you to shower them with cards and notes of encouragement. The address for the Ronald McDonald House is 435 Limestone Street, Indianapolis, In 46202. Thank you for helping them feel your love and concern.



**Tasha H. Special Music
Mother's Day**



**Baby Dedication of Cleo Hetbyul Weeks
Mother's Day**

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

Indian Creek Summer Camp 2024

If you or your child plan to attend or volunteer at Indian Creek Camp this summer, please let the church office know. Registration is currently open at <https://campindiancreek.com>. FBC will pay 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.



INDIAN CREEK BAPTIST CAMP

Facebook Instagram @INDIANCREEKBAPTISTCAMP







Grades	Sessions	Dates
Kindergarten- 1st	FIRST TIMERS	June 2nd - 3rd
1st - 2nd	EXPLORER	June - 9th - 11th
2nd - 3rd	DISCOVERY	June 12th - 15th
10th - 2024 Grads	SENIOR HIGH	June 16th - 22nd
4th-6th Girls Only	GIRLS CAMP	June 22nd - 26th
4th-6th Boys Only	BOYS CAMP	June 26th - 30th
6th-8th	CHALLENGE	July 14th - 20th
7th-9th	FOCUS	July 20th - 26th
10th - 12th	SPECIAL PERSONS	July 28th - 31st













Register Online at campindiancreek.com
scholarships available where needed

Youth Lock-In and Mother's Day Breakfast Sunday, May 12





ECHOES FROM THE BELL TOWER

*Give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds.
Psalm 107:8*



For the Beauty of the Earth
by Folliot S. Pierpoint (1864)

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child;
Friends on earth and friends above;
For all gentle tho'ts and mild:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

Sunday School Promotion Sunday, 26 May 2024



Its time for our

FIRST BAPTIST



Can you name the four gentlemen in this picture?

It was taken at our 125th Anniversary Celebration Hog Roast on September 10, 1994.



ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S MAY BIBLE VERSES CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 3. BREAD
- 5. FORGIVE
- 7. PEACE
- 8. LOVE
- 9. HEARTS
- 11. HOPE

DOWN

- 1. LIFE
- 2. SAVED
- 3. BELIEVE
- 4. FAITH
- 6. GOOD
- 10. JOY



Congratulations to **Norm & Nancy Sullivan**, this month's First Baptist Flashback winners!! Norm & Nancy correctly identified 5 out of 6 bell ringers from 1990.



They are pictured left to right Charlotte Hummerickhouse, Diana Gillespie, Amy Titus, Jean Moore, Vicky McClure, and Janet Brown.

COOKS IN THE BELFRY

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

Roast Raccoon

<https://realtree.com/timber-2-table-wild-game-recipes/old-fashioned-roasted-raccoon>

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| 1 raccoon, skinned and butchered into 4 legs and a back section | 2 qts. water |
| ½ c. kosher salt | 2 bay leaves |
| 2 T. apple cider vinegar | 2 T. vegetable or olive oil |
| 1 lb. small red potatoes, skin on, halved | 1 lb. carrots, peeled |
| 3 purple top turnips, washed, peeled, and quartered | 4 cloves garlic, peeled |
| 2 medium yellow onions, peeled and quartered | Salt & Pepper to taste |
| ½ tsp. dried rosemary | 1 tsp. brown sugar |
| ½ tsp. red pepper flakes | 2 c. beef or venison stock |

Start by cleaning the raccoon and removing the glands. Trim away as much fat as possible before cooking. Soak the sectioned raccoon overnight, refrigerate, in a mixture of 2 qts. Water, ½ c. kosher salt, and 2 T. apple cider vinegar.

Layer the parboiled raccoon over the vegetables. Season the meat with additional salt and pepper. Add the brown sugar, rosemary, and red pepper flakes. Pour in the stock and place the lid on the pot.

Transfer the pot to a preheated 300-degree oven. Bake for 3 to 3 ½ hours, or until the meat is tender and falls from the bone. Serve with the cooked vegetables and spoon over the cooking liquid as a gravy.



Buffet Potatoes

Taken from the FBC 125th Anniversary Cookbook submitted by Jean Resler

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| 1 pkg. frozen hash browns (2 lb.) | 1 pt. sour cream |
| ½ c. melted oleo | 10 oz. grated Cheddar cheese |
| ¼ c. chopped onion | ½ tsp. salt |
| 1 can cream of chicken soup | |

Thaw potatoes for 45 minutes. Combine all ingredients. Put in 3-quart baking dish and bake 1 hour at 350 degrees.

MANNING THE ROPES

(Committee & Council Updates)



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

There were 74 families served in the month of May and there is one more week to go in the month. One of the chest freezers that had been used since the pantry began had to be replaced. On May 11, 2024, the Bloomfield Post Office sponsored a food drive and over 400 lbs. of food were acquired. The last pickup at the school for this school year found the 2nd grade donating to the pantry. Linton Walmart donated food on the first two Mondays in May. Rulers, Dollar General, CVS and Crane Commissary donated also. First Baptist Church donated 70 lbs. and Holy Name Catholic Church donated many food items. Monetary donations were made also. Catholic Charities in Terre Haute gives the pantry USDA and other items are purchased when the USDA is picked up. Many thanks goes out to the Boy Scout Troop 464 and the leaders for driving around town and picking up food from the postal drive!!! PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!!!!

FROM THE BLESSING BOX MINISTRY

Our Blessing Box Ministry is utilized by many in our community. The supplies are being depleted. We are in need of toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, cleaning supplies, and paper products. Please pick up an item when doing your shopping or make a monetary donation. Thank you so much for your support. Any questions, contact Cheri Campbell Graf 812-384-8980.

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL NEWS

We rejoice that God has brought us Camryn Deschamp as a Preschool Teacher. She will begin June 5th to prepare for the upcoming school year! Thank you so much for praying with us! We are pleased God has brought Camryn to us!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024

Ashley Terrell has volunteered to direct VBS again this summer. Dates will be July 28-August 1. If you are interested in helping, please contact Ashley at (812) 606-1217. Thank you!

The VBS Pool Party will be Friday, August 2 6-8 pm.

Church Summer Softball League June Schedule

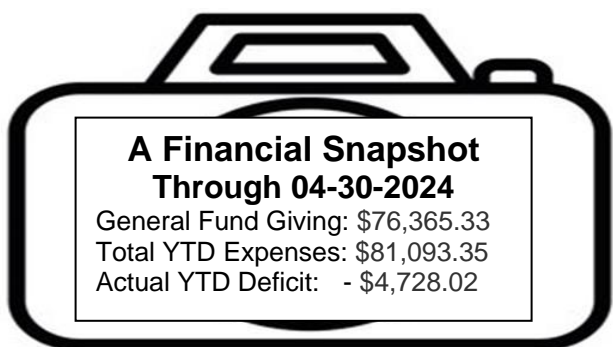
Tuesday, June 4 @ 7:40 p.m.
Tuesday, June 11 @ 7:40 p.m.
Monday, June 17 @ 7:40 p.m.
Tuesday, June 25 @ 7:40 p.m.
Monday, July 1 @ 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, July 9 @ 7:40 p.m.
Tuesday, July 16 @ 6:30 p.m.
Monday, July 22 @ 6:30 & 7:40 p.m.
Thursday, August 8 @ 6:30 p.m.

Tournament Dates/Times TBD



A Financial Snapshot Through 04-30-2024

General Fund Giving: \$76,365.33
Total YTD Expenses: \$81,093.35
Actual YTD Deficit: - \$4,728.02



GRADUATION RECOGNITION SUNDAY, 19 MAY 2024

Congratulations to our high school graduates Gabe Brown, Willow Foxworthy, Emma Resler, and Ava Manuel!



Please pray for First Baptist Church in 2024...

For abounding love and discernment,
Philippians 1:9-11

That God would renew our minds,
Romans 12:2

For purity and that we would faithfully minister to those in need,
James 1:27

That we would encourage one another,
Hebrews 10:24-25

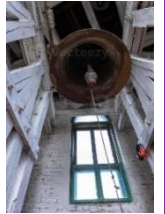
For continual awareness of God's goodness,
Psalm 34:8

For continual experience of Christ's peace and joy,
Philippians 4:4-9

For confident, faithful perseverance,
1 Peter 5:10

Thank you for keeping our church and community in prayer!

A NOTE FROM PASTOR NATHAN



He took a little child and had him stand among them.

Taking him in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

Mark 9:36-37, NIV

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'"

Matthew 25:37-40, NIV

Jesus received a great deal of criticism about the company He chose to keep. He had developed a reputation for hanging around "those people" – sinners, tax collectors, and the like – and for having entirely too much fun (Mt. 9:11; 11:19).

Naturally, this criticism arose from certain people who fancied themselves to be better than "those people." They were too good to welcome people "like them" and were scandalized that Jesus gave such people His time and attention.

Jesus' explanation for his conduct is simple: "The Son of Man came to seek and save the lost" (Luke 19:10; see also Luke 15:1-31; Matthew 9:12). Ironically and tragically, His critics failed to see themselves as being among "the lost." Rather, they esteemed themselves to be more important, more sophisticated, or more valuable in some way.

This kind of arrogance is dangerous and hinders the advancement of the gospel. "In humility regard others better than yourselves," Paul writes, "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:3, 5, *NRSV*).

I want to let you know that I've seen that Jesus-mindset among us at First Baptist Church. I've seen it repeatedly when we have embraced individuals who might otherwise fall in the "those people" category, but not in our eyes. We know that there is no one who is more or less deserving of the cross of Christ than anyone else. We see ourselves as recipients of mercy. We know that the love and the life we've received are pure gifts. A people who know we've received grace are a people who are eager to extend that grace to others (James 2:12-13).

My encouragement to you is, keep it up. I don't pretend that either you or I have been perfect in this matter, but I do sincerely celebrate that I've seen FBC welcome people with the welcome of Christ. And this glorifies Jesus. To welcome the little children, the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the poor, the sick, or the prisoner is to welcome Jesus Himself.

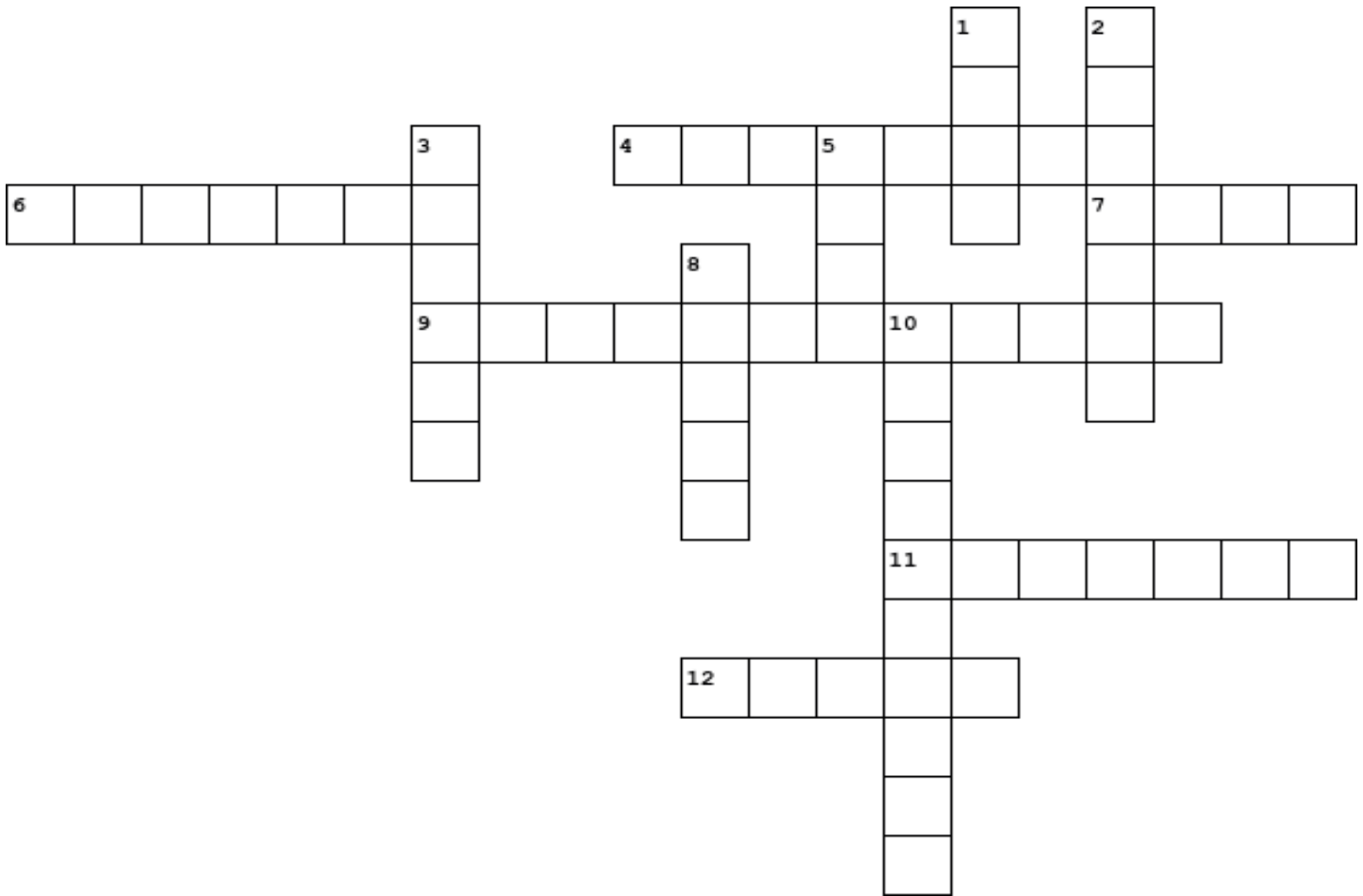
We remember that welcoming is not something we simply do while we are gathered in the church building, but as we go about life in this community. The Son of Man came to *seek* and save the lost. There are relationships in our lives that Jesus is inviting us to engage with His welcome, to His glory. There are people not many have taken the time to love. We have an important calling and opportunity. Who has the Lord placed in our lives that we might love with His love?

Jesus has welcomed us to come to Him. May the welcome of Jesus continue to extend through us, and all the more so, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Grace and peace,

Nathan

FATHER'S DAY



Across

4. How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called _____ of God, and that is what we are. 1 John 3:1
6. Though my father and mother _____ me, the Lord will receive me. Ps 27:10
7. Every good and perfect _____ is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. James 1:17
9. Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In his great mercy, he has given us new birth into a living hope through the _____ of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3
11. Against all hope, _____ in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." Rom 4:18
12. Why were you searching for me? Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's _____? Lk 2:49

Down

1. Praise be to the God and Father of our _____ Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort... 2 Cor 1:3
2. When you pray, say, "Father, hallowed be your name, your _____ come..." Luke 11:2
3. He will turn the _____ of fathers to their children, and the hearts of children to their fathers... Mal 4:6
5. I am the way and the truth and the _____. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6
8. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much _____, showing yourselves to be my disciples. John 15:8
10. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has _____ on those who fear him. Ps 103:13

Answers will be printed in next month's Bell Tower.

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June
2024

Church Office: 812-384-8459
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Bright Beginnings Preschool: 812-384-2647

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Communion 12:00 FH res	3	4 9:30 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 CLC res	5 9:00 Bible Study 10:15 Bus departs for ICBC	6 4:45 Girl Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts 6:30 Deacon Mtg	7	8 3:00 FH res
9 8:30 Fellowship Bfst	10	11 9:30 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 CLC res	12 9:00 Bible Study	13	14	15
16 1:00 CLC res 2:00 Nathan at Parkview	17 8:00 GCSD Train.	18 9:30 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 CLC res	19 9:00 Bible Study	20 6:30 Boy Scouts 6:30 Gideons	21 CLC res	22 CLC res
23	24	25 9:30 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 CLC res 6:30 Trustee Mtg	26 No Bible Study	27	28	29
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Pastor Nathan Out of Office

Deacon of the Month
Dennis Kutch

Trustee of the Month
Jim Foxworthy

Usher of the Month
John Bailey

Prayers

2nd Randy F.
9th
16th
23rd
30th

Snacks in the Narthex

2nd Sharon T.
9th Fellowship Brkfst
16th Paula & Brad
23rd Ruth & Junior B.
30th Wesley & Ashley T.

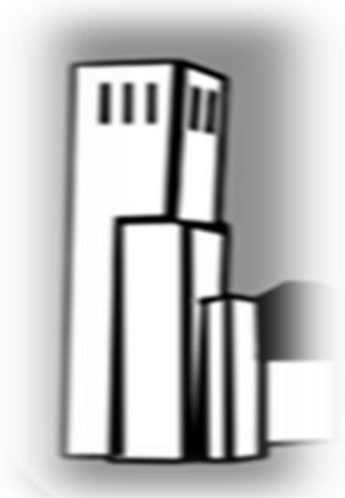
Greeter

Junior & Ruth B.

Nursery Care

2nd Becky Smith
& Dixie Hudson

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