

The First Baptist Connection

January 2017

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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Birthdays

5th Jamie Hudspeth
Avery Malone
6th Remington Roard
9th Pauline Auxier
Teresa Coffin
Debra Hudson
10th Tasha Hudson
12th Janet Brown
16th Earl White
18th Tony Sims
22nd Erin Sullivan
23rd Joann White
24th Younkyung Kim
25th Evvie Nicholson
26th Jennifer Moody
Charles Parker
Jeanette Riggs
28th Charlotte Humerickhouse
31st Kevin Flinn

Prayer Concerns

On-Going Prayer Concerns

Bright Beginnings Daycare and Preschool
Jerry & Jean Boyer
David & Lydia Hunter
Lois Kirchoff
Tyler & Georgene Lunberry
Mary Jane Parker
Kay & Don Pierce
Peace seeking in Iraq & Afghanistan
American Baptist missionaries

Glenburn Nursing Home

Charlie Farmer

Autumn Hills (Bloomington)

Charlotte Humerickhouse

Lyons Rehab Center

Nancy Canty

Anniversaries

25th David & Lydia Hunter

FBC News & Activities

Summer Mission Trip

A group of folks from multiple churches around the country will be going to Pignon, Haiti, July 10-21, 2017. They will work on Mark's House, the orphanage that Tooger and Nancy Smith started there. A variety of work is needed. If you are interested in going, please contact Tooger at chiefosmith@hotmail.com or 812-659-2616 for more information.



Service/Volunteer Opportunities Abound at FBC.....

Fellowship Goodies: We need people to sign up to bring goodies for the Sunday morning fellowship time in the Narthex. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for the first three months of 2017. You can bring store bought or homemade goodies to share. Thank you in advance for your help in this ministry. If you have any questions, see Kathy Ham.

Greeters: If you would like to be a greeter, there is a sign-up sheet on the Library counter. If you are interested but have questions, please contact Jason Nicholson at 812-227-1525.

Nursery: Volunteers are needed to provide nursery care for children ages newborn to 3-years-old. If you are willing to be in the nursery one Sunday each month during the worship service, please contact Sandy Clark. One of the two workers needs to be 18 or older. This is a wonderful way to serve each other in the church family. Thank you.

Prayer Chain

First Baptist Church offers phone and email prayer chains to allow participants to collectively pray for concerns. We welcome all to participate. We are updating the prayer chains. If you would like to be notified of prayer chain concerns (email, phone, or both) please sign up on the prayer chain list. The sign-up sheet is on the counter outside the library and has columns for both email address and phone numbers. You can also notify Brenda Nichols or Steve Clark if you want to be on the list. If you only want to be on one of the lists, please let us know or note that on the sign-up sheet. Also, if you are on the current list and want to be removed please let us know that as well.

Hoops for Him - 2017

The 2017 Hoops for Him Basketball Program will be held at the Bloomfield First Baptist Christian Life Center beginning January 21 and ending March 18, 2017. Any boy or girl age 4 through 6th Grade is invited to participate. Session 1 for Preschool and Kindergarten age kids will be 9:00-10:00am, Session 2 for Grades 1-3 will be 10:00-11:30am, and Session 3 for Grades 4-6 will be 11:30am-1:00pm each Saturday. The season will conclude with an Awards Banquet on March 18th at 6:00pm. Sign-ups will be available soon via the church website.



Many volunteers are needed every Saturday to lead each session, coach the kids, work the concession stand, and provide devotions. Please prayerfully consider how you can help make our 7th season successful. Contact Eric Moody (email eric.moody@navy.mil or text 812-227-0700) if you are willing to assist.

Family Fridays

Friday, January 13
a Special Symbol!

Come as a family! Enjoy dinner, devotions,
discussion, and fun activities together as a family!

Registration @ 6:00 PM

Dinner @ 6:15 PM

Closing @ 8:15 PM

"...we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the
LORD..." Psalm 78:4, NIV

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Call the church by 12:00 PM Thursday to schedule transportation!

A Note from Pastor Nathan

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly..."

Colossians 3:16

"Humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you."

James 1:21

The beginning of the New Year is a time for making resolutions. We resolve to do many things that we never actually finish. At least one resolution will be worthwhile even if the practice fades out: scripture memory.

There may be dozens of reasons why you think that you are not able to memorize scripture. But your ability to memorize is probably better than you think. Memory muscles are like any other muscles in our bodies; when we exercise them, they grow stronger. Memory is also like physical exercise in that you don't want to overwhelm yourself with too much too quickly. We start small and build gradually. Here are some tips...

1. Have a plan. The plan that I started with (which Liz learned from Bible teacher Beth Moore) was to memorize a new verse on the 1st and 15th of every month. Twice a month, you begin working on a new verse. You have about two weeks to learn each one. (This system also has the benefit of forcing you to read the Bible regularly, so that you can encounter new verses to memorize.) You may eventually move to a more fluid system of memorizing on the fly as you find new verses or passages. But structure is helpful to get you started.

2. Find a partner. Your partner can keep you accountable to the memory plan. Your spouse or a sibling might be a great accountability partner! Liz and I have often recited our verses to each other during car trips or while going on walks. And I make no apologies to the family members who get roped into this. However grudgingly you may enter into it, the scripture memory can be a huge blessing to you. ☺

3. Write your verses down. I have typically used 3x5" notecards, which I use like flashcards until the verse is learned. I keep this year's cards in a place where I can access them easily, and older cards in another container. You may also want to try to write a verse out repeatedly as a way of memorizing it.

4. Develop some memory tricks. Memorize while exercising, which can help distract you from physical toil and also give a sense of rhythm to verses you learn. Put a verse to a musical tune. Make a familiar word or abbreviation out of the first letters of key words or phrases. Find a pattern you can remember. Some key words might conveniently fall in ABC order (Heb. 4:16 "...find grace to help us in our time of need...").

5. Review your verses regularly. I keep a list of the passages I have memorized in a place where I see it every morning. I take a copy of this list with me when we travel. When reviewing the list, if I come to a verse I don't remember, I go look it up and work to recover it. Usually the verses come back more quickly than you'd think.

6. Start simple. You might memorize a phrase – "the Lord is my Shepherd" – rather than a whole verse or Psalm (23). These phrases will be gifts to you as the Holy Spirit will bring them to mind at appropriate times.

7. Work your way up to something bigger: a verse, paragraph, a short chapter, or an entire Psalm or book.

8. Choose a verse from the current sermon series! Our first of the year is on 2 Corinthians. There are several good ones in here to commit to memory. **I recommend 2 Cor. 8:9 or 9:8.** Learning one verse may help you remember what the sermon or passage was about. Try this with your Sunday school lessons too.

I commend you in advance for making an effort at this. The fact that you are willing to even try is wonderful! Keep at it; the Holy Spirit will help you. The Word stored up in our hearts will always bear fruit over time.

Happy New Year!
Nathan

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 6:30 Trustees	4	5 6:30 Deacons	6	7
8 9:00 Kingdom Kids	9	10	11	12	13 6:00 Family Friday	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Hoops for Him
22 9:00 Kingdom Kids	23	24	25	26 6:30 Church Council	27	28 Hoops for Him
29 6:30 Songfest at FBC	30	31				

Deacon of the Month <i>John Bailey</i>	Trustee of the Month	Usher of the Month	Greeter <i>Randy Flanagan</i>
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<u>Reoccurring Weekly Activities @ FBC</u>			
Sundays: 8:00 a.m.	Handbell Practice	Wednesdays: 10:30 a.m.	Enhanced Fitness - FH
		6:15 p.m.	FLAMES - CLC
Mondays: 10:30 a.m.	Enhanced Fitness - FH	Thursdays: 6:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts - FH	10:30 a.m.	Enhanced Fitness - FH
6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts - FH
Tuesdays: 6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts - FH	6:30 p.m.	Gideons (3 rd Thurs. each month) - FH
6:30 p.m.	Cottage Prayer Group		

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