

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Nathan Brooks, Pastor

April 2, 2017 ~ 10:45 a.m.

Welcome/Invocation/Lord's Prayer Deacon Steve Clark

Praise Singing "Here I Am to Worship"
"Grace Flows Down"
"Above All" Worship Team

Offering

***Doxology** #815

Morning Prayer

Anthem "Lamb of God/O Precious Lord" Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Genesis 46:28 – 47:6

Message "Advocates" Pastor Nathan

Communion (Deacons serving communion today are: Steve Clark,
John Cummings, Debra Hudson, Jennifer Moody and Jason Nicholson)

***Closing Hymn** "Arise, My Soul, Arise" Words on screen

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

** You are invited to stand if able*

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*\*\* The kneeling rails at the front of the sanctuary are open throughout the service for prayer. \*\**

*\*\*\* Hearing aid devices are available at the Greeter's table. Just turn it on and adjust the volume. \*\*\**

## This Week's Calendar

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| <b>Today</b><br><i>April 2</i>     | 8:00 a.m..... Handbells<br>9:30 a.m..... Sunday School<br>10:30 a.m..... Prayer in Nathan's office<br>10:45 a.m..... Morning Worship |
| <b>Monday</b><br><i>April 3</i>    | 6:30 p.m..... Choir Practice                                                                                                         |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br><i>April 4</i>   | 6:00 p.m..... Cottage Prayer Group<br>6:00 p.m..... Trustees                                                                         |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br><i>April 5</i> | 6:00 p.m..... FLAMES                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Thursday</b><br><i>April 6</i>  | 6:30 p.m..... Deacons                                                                                                                |
| <b>Friday</b><br><i>April 7</i>    | 6:00 p.m..... Family Friday                                                                                                          |
| <b>Saturday</b><br><i>April 8</i>  | 8:00 a.m..... Lenten Breakfast @ First Baptist                                                                                       |

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Next Week's Scripture Reading:

Genesis 50:15-21
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**Birthdays this week:**

April 3 Kelsey Moody  
          Jeffrie Porter  
April 4 Cheri Graf  
          Gabe Brown  
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If you are interested in becoming a member of First Baptist Church or if you have questions about what membership means, please feel free to contact Pastor Nathan or one of the Deacons. We would be happy to talk and pray with you.
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## Next Week's Volunteers – April 9

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|-------------------------|---------------|
| Prayer.....             | Tasha Hudson  |
| Sound System.....       | Braden Hudson |
| Children's Worship..... | Betty Miller  |
| Nursery.....            | Kelsey Moody  |

## April Volunteers

|                           |                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Deacon of the Month ..... | Steve Clark          |
| Trustee of the Month..... | Bert Terrell         |
| Usher of the Month .....  | Athan Lamson         |
| Greeters .....            | Jeff & Teresa Coffin |

***If you are unable to work on your scheduled week,  
PLEASE find someone to take your place!***



*FBC sermons are available online. Visit our church website, [fbc bloom.org](http://fbc bloom.org), and click on "Featured Media." Or scan this QR code with your smart phone to go directly to the Featured Media page. From there you may select Sermons, Newsletters or Bulletins.*



### A Look at Last Week

#### **Attendance**

|                              |     |
|------------------------------|-----|
| Sunday School .....          | 56  |
| Morning Worship Service..... | 104 |

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

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| General Fund.....        | \$3,630.50 |
| America for Christ ..... | \$50.00    |

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

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Income .....    | \$59,612.15 |
| Expenses.....   | \$61,512.29 |
| Net Income..... | -\$1,900.14 |



# First Baptist Church Vision Statement

*The First Baptist Church is the body of Christ, nurturing all parts of the body within, bringing Christ to others and others to Christ.*



## Church Covenant

We, the members of First Baptist Church Bloomfield, having been led by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, most sincerely and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ. We pledge, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit:

To attend the services of FBC Bloomfield regularly for spiritual nourishment, growth and encouragement:

To walk together and watch over one another in Christian love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in times of sickness and difficulty; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation;

To contribute cheerfully and regularly, according to our ability, to the support of FBC Bloomfield and its various activities; to support the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world;

To strive in our family lives to make Jesus Christ the center of our homes;

To cultivate a life of devotion and consecration to God;

To aid and assist prayerfully, loyally and affectionately, the ministers and others who seek to strengthen the witness of FBC Bloomfield;

To conduct ourselves in accordance with the principles of our Lord, in all our social and business relationships;

We enter into this covenant under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, prayerfully asking for Divine guidance and help in this our earnest endeavor.



We invite you to sign the attendance register as it is passed your way and, if you are visiting with us for the first time, we have information for you regarding life at First Baptist.

## Prayer Concerns

Friends and loved ones who need Christ

Persecuted Christians around the world

American Baptist Missionaries around the world

For Peace on Earth— Psalm 46:9

US Military personnel around the world

Karla Bishop (*Carolyn Burgess*)

Steve Buccola and family

Mike Campbell (*Cheri Graf's brother in law*)

Nancy Canty

Nancy Covey

Don & Rose Dwyer (*Betty Miller's Uncle & Aunt*)

Mason Ellis (*Brad & Anne's grandson*)

Charlie Farmer & Pam Schultz

Ron (*Friend of Marlen Flynn*)

Gayla (*Friend of Marlen Flynn*)

Charlotte Humerickhouse

David Hunter

The family of Ron Malone (*James Malone's father*)

Nancy McCammon (*Debra Hudson*)

Charlie & Judy Stahl

Christine Townsend (*Carolyn Sullivan's sister*)

J.B. Warrick

## **An Open Invitation – April 4**

The Open Table is a long-term, relationship-based poverty engagement initiative. We may soon be able to start an Open Table ministry here in the Bloomfield area. You are invited to attend one of two informational sessions, hosted at Tulip Church of God, on Tuesday, April 4, either from 12:00-2:00 PM or 6:30-8:30 PM. Both sessions will cover the same material. Lunch will be provided for those attending the afternoon session. If you are interested in coming please let Nathan know. For more information, visit [www.theopentable.org](http://www.theopentable.org).

## **Family Friday Seder Meal – April 7**

As we prepare our hearts for Easter, we have a unique opportunity to experience a Seder dinner exploring the symbolism Jesus and His disciples shared together during Passover. We have a guest speaker from Jews for Jesus coming April 7 to interpret the elements in the meal for us. This is our Family Friday for April. We invite you to come as part of our church family to experience this event even if you do not have children. Seating for the Seder Meal will start at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up at the Library counter by April 2nd so that Kimberly knows how many people will be eating the meal with us.

## **Bright Beginnings Daycare Fundraiser**

Spring has sprung! We will be selling flowers again this year in a variety of colors, pots, tubs and baskets. Order forms and payments are due to Ms. Shirley by April 17. Flowers will be ready for pick up on May 2, in plenty of time for Mother's Day! ☺ Please make your checks out to Bright Beginnings Daycare. If you have any questions contact Ms. Shirley at 812-384-0400 x12. Order forms are on the library counter. Thank you for supporting Bright Beginnings Daycare Ministry.

## **Let's Go Camping!**

Camp schedules are on the large bulletin board outside the workroom. Reservation forms are located on the library counter or you can print them directly from the camp website at [www.indiancreek.com](http://www.indiancreek.com). Our church will pay one half of the registration fee for children attending FBC. Registration forms and your half of the fee need to be turned in THREE WEEKS before your camp date. Checks should be made out to First Baptist Church. If a camp scholarship is needed see Pastor Nathan.

## Narthex Goodies

Hi Friends. Each Sunday morning I see our church family gathered in the Narthex area enjoying each other's company and snacking away at the delicious goodies that have so graciously been provided. It is good to see us connecting with one another. We are so blessed to have each other and this time to share together. Would you please consider helping to provide snacks for this time of fellowship? A sign-up sheet is provided on the table. If you have any questions, please let me know. In Christ's Love, Kathy



## Fill the Pool Fundraiser – April 14

The committee hosting the Fill the Pool fundraiser is asking local churches if anyone would be willing to donate a dessert. They are asking each church for 4-5 desserts, enough to feed 12-14 people each. If you can help, please contact Brenda, in the church office, and let her know what you plan to offer. She will contact the committee.



## Work Day at Indian Creek – April 29

Braden Hudson will be taking a bus load down to Indian Creek Church Camp to help the camp with their annual clean-up day on Saturday, April 29th. Please sign up with Braden for a spot on the bus, or for carpooling. There will be jobs for every ability level, so please come help out! We'll meet at the church at 8:30am, and return about 6:30pm. Lunch and dinner will be provided.

## Girls Night Out – April 29

Youth Group girls are invited to meet to watch the Grand March of Prom on Saturday, April 29th. Please contact Tasha Hudson to make arrangements. We will meet at the church at 5:30pm.