

THE FIRST BAPTIST CONNECTION

February 2020

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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BIRTHDAYS

9th Jason Nicholson & Casey Porter
11th Kay Pierce
12th Nancy Sullivan
13th Janet Schmidt
20th Mike Canty
21st Sharon Terrell
23rd Sherry Weeks
25th Gary Sullivan & Wesley Porter
27th Paula Bartlett & Betty Miller

PRAYER CONCERNS

On-Going Prayer Concerns

Bright Beginnings Daycare and Preschool
Tyler & Georgene Lunberry
Charles & Mary Jane Parker
Betty Sullivan

Hearthstone (Bloomington)

Charlotte Humerickhouse

ANNIVERSARIES

14th Earl & Joann White
16th Steve & Kathy Ham

Congregational Meeting – February 13

The first 2020 FBC Congregational Meeting will be Feb. 13 at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. The council will present updates of activities ongoing in the Church. The Council will also present updates to the Personnel, Policies, and Procedures Handbook, to be voted on. We encourage all to review the Handbook prior to the meeting. Copies can be found on the counter by the Library. You can also contact the Moderator (sdclark177@sbcglobal) and we'll email you a copy. Additionally, we will also be voting to approve the nomination for Clerk, Janet Brown.

VBS Coming Soon!

While it rather resembles winter outside, it is time to start planning for this summer's VBS, an important ministry for First Baptist as well as for the community. We will need many volunteers but, at this point, we need someone to head up VBS and get the planning started. If you feel the Lord's nudge gently pushing you to VBS leadership, please see the Moderator (Steve Clark) or the Assistant Moderator (John Bailey).

Mission Trip Fundraiser – March 8

We will be having a Fazoli's fundraiser following church on Sunday, March 8th. All proceeds will go toward the Mission Trip in July. We will be selling tickets ahead of time to give Fazoli's a count as to how many people will be coming. However, any donations are also greatly appreciated.

Thanks, Debra

Hands of Hope/Every Child – March 14

A one-day symposium on behalf of Indiana's vulnerable children.

<https://handsofhopein.org/Every-Child>. MARCH 14, 2020 - 9 AM - 4PM

Eastern Star Church, 5750 30th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana

The Church is God's plan for caring for vulnerable children. Join us for a day full of inspiration, equipping, and encouragement as well as practical ideas so that EVERYONE can do SOMETHING to answer God's call to care for vulnerable children!

Examples of some breakout sessions you can choose:

- It Takes a Village: Meaningful Relationships Other Than Parents
- Raising Awareness and Recruiting Volunteers for Your Ministry
- More Than Enough: Become an Actively Engaged Church
- Developing a Holistic Approach to Foster Care Ministry
- Where Do I Fit In? – 50 Simple Ways to Serve That Have a Great Impact

Mission Trip – July 5-11

This summer, July 5-11, there will be a mission trip with Mission Serve Group to Cincinnati, Ohio. All youth, freshman and up, will be welcome; as well as any adults who would like to join us as chaperones. The cost is \$260 per person with a \$50 deposit being due by February 1. If you are interested in going, please contact Debra Hudson (812-384-4779 or 812-384-2805) by January 28. A fundraiser for this trip is being planned...stay tuned for details.

Bright Beginnings Employment Opportunities

Bright Beginnings Daycare is looking for dependable, friendly, energetic people who have a love for children. We are currently hiring for FULL TIME caregiver positions. Please call 812-384-0400 x11 for questions or to request an application for the daycare positions. Volunteers are also needed and welcome! Training is required and will be provided.

Job Opening at Open Arms

Residential Behavior Specialist Job Description: Open Arms in Lyons. Day to day care and supervision of boys ages 10-14. The applicant should have a positive and compassionate attitude, demonstrate effective communication skills, is teachable and desires to work with youth who exhibit behavioral and/or emotional issues. Full time and part time positions both day shifts and night shifts, 12 hour shifts. Applicants can apply online at our website openarmschristian.com or email their resume to Jeremy Hamilton at jeremy@openarmschristian.com

A Note from Pastor Nathan

Last week's sermon addressed the exploits of Ehud, the crafty left-hander in Judges 3. The right man was on Israel's side, and one little "word" from God felled the imposing king who had oppressed them for 18 years. Our closing hymn was "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," by Martin Luther. I have found it helpful as a devotional practice to meditate on hymns and songs like this one. Try committing a line or verse to memory. We are reminded that we have a Deliverer who surpasses Ehud in all ways, and who has brought about true and enduring "shalom" for God's people. I invite you to spend some time just soaking in these truths. The right Man is on our side. We will not fear for God has willed his truth to triumph through us. His Kingdom is forever!

(By the way, "Lord Sabaoth" means, "Lord of Hosts," referring to the heavenly armies of angels.)

You might also try this with other hymns or worship songs. It might become a fresh avenue for you to draw closer to God.

Grace and peace,

Nathan

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God FBC CCLI #108619

1. A mighty Fortress is our God,
A Bulwark never failing;
Our Helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great,
And, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

2. Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side,
The Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth His Name,
From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

3. And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us:
The Prince of Darkness grim,
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo! his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

4. That word above all earthly powers,
No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Him who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still,
His Kingdom is forever.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00 Hoops for Him
2 Communion	3	4 6:30 Trustees	5 9:00 Bible Study	6 6:30 Deacons	7	8 9:00 Hoops for Him
9 8:00 Fellowship Breakfast 9:00 Kingdom Kids	10	11	12 9:00 Bible Study	13 6:30 Congregational Meeting	14	15 9:00 Hoops for Him
16	17	18	19 9:00 Bible Study	20	21	22 9:00 Hoops for Him
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Reoccurring Weekly Activities @ FBC

Mondays: 6:30p.m. CubScouts-FH
Tuesdays: 6:30p.m. GirlScouts-FH
Thursdays: 6:00a.m. Men's Breakfast
6:30p.m. BoyScouts-FH
6:30p.m. Gideons(3rd Thurs.eachmonth)-FH

Deacon of the Month

Bob Weeks

Trustee of the Month

John Bailey

Usher of the Month

Norm Sullivan

Greeters of the Month

Steve & Cheri Graf

Sound System

2nd Paul Schmidt
9th Braden Hudson
16th TBD
23rd Eric Moody

Prayers

2nd John Bailey
9th Anne Ellis
16th Mary Bailey
23rd Cheri Graf

Nursery Care

2nd Sandy Clark / Taylor Johnson
9th Paula Bartlett / Kinley Moody
16th NEED VOLUNTEERS
23rd Janet Schmidt / Haley Brown

Children's Worship

(2nd & 4th Sundays only)
9th Betty Miller
23rd Sandy Clark