

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Nathan Brooks, Pastor

August 4, 2019 ~ 10:45 a.m.

Welcome/Scripture/Lord's Prayer Jeff Coffin

Hymn *"To God Be the Glory"* #56

Baptism

Praise Singing *"Everlasting God"* Worship Team
"Jesus, Son of God"
"At the Cross/Love Ran Red"

Offering

Doxology* #815

Video Clip *(See insert for transcript)* Ellie Barkley

Morning Prayer

Special Music *"Ain't No Grave"* Carolyn Burgess

Scripture Reading Matthew 27:32-44

Message *"What Is the Cross?"* Nathan Brooks

Communion *(Deacons serving communion today are: Jeff Coffin,
Debra Hudson, James Malone, Kathy Ham and Bob Weeks.)*

Closing Hymn* *"The Old Rugged Cross"* #327

Benediction*

Postlude*

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*\*You are invited to stand if able*

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

## This Week's Calendar

**Today**                    9:30 a.m..... Sunday School  
*August 4*                10:30 a.m..... Prayer in Nathan's office  
                              10:45 a.m..... Morning Worship  
                              3:00 p.m..... Faithful Fitness

**Tuesday**                6:30 p.m..... Trustees  
*August 6*

**Wednesday**        9:00 a.m..... Bible Study  
*August 7*

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**Scripture Reading Next Week:**

1 John 4:7-18  
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**Birthdays this Week**

August 4    Mary Putney  
August 7    Bert Terrell  
August 8    Sandy Mead  
August 10   Barb Frye  
                  Charlie Cardinal  
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**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

The food pantry is in need of spaghetti, spaghetti sauce and ramen noodles.

**BLESSING BOX NEEDS**

Please place non-perishable food; paper goods; toiletries; and baby items in the tote by the Library Counter

**Save the Date!**

Sunday, September 22: FBC 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

*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.*

## Next Week's Volunteers – August 11

Prayer ..... TBD  
 Sound System..... TBD  
 Children's Worship.....No Children's Worship  
 Nursery..... Sandy Clark

### August Volunteers

Deacon of the Month .....Jeff Coffin  
 Trustee of the Month.....Bert Terrell  
 Usher of the Month ..... Kathy Ham  
 Greeters ..... Maryanne Snow/Debra Hudson

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

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*FBC sermons are available online. Visit our church website, 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.....  
 Morning Worship Service ..... 118

**Last Week's Giving**

General Fund..... \$3,204.50  
 Food Pantry (In Memory of David Hunter)..... \$25.00  
 FBC (In Memory of David Hunter) ..... \$175.00

**Year to Date Giving**

Income ..... \$136,890.94  
 Budget Requirements ..... \$151,493.10  
 Net Income vs. Budget.....(-\$14,602.16)



# **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



*Welcome to worship! If you are a first-time guest, we have a small gift for you; please just ask. We invite all worshipers to sign the black book to help us better minister to you. If you'd like a prayer request announced, please use an orange card*

*from your pew and place it in the offering plate. Guests, your presence is a gift to us; please feel no pressure to participate in the offering.*

**New prayer requests**

Tammy Kirkman

Jerry Hanner

Eleanor Kingsley

Don LeGrand (*Paula Bartlett's neighbor*)

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*If you have a request for the prayer chain, please call  
Kathy Ham (863-7702), Eleanor Kingsley (384-8329)  
or the current Deacon of the Month.*

### ***Congregational Meeting – August 8***

The next quarterly FBC Congregational meeting will be August 8 at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. While there will be no issues to vote on, the Council has been very busy and we will be presenting updates on the major business issues. We invite all to come so we can stay informed of key church activities beyond Sunday morning worship.

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## First Baptist Church Anniversary Trivial!

August: What was the cost of our church bell in 1878?

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### ***You Asked for It! 2019 Summer Sermon Series Schedule***

August 11 – What Is Love?

August 18 – Who Are Angels?

August 25 – How Do I Share My Testimony?

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### ***Choir Season is Upon Us***

The Adult Choir music season will be starting soon. Choir practice, which is on Monday evenings at 6:30, is tentatively scheduled to start on August 19. If you are interested singing and sharing in fun fellowship, please consider joining the Choir. See Andrew Sohn or any Choir member for more information.

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

The America for Christ offering will be received during the month of August. Our generous gifts impact thousands and will be used to cultivate leaders, equip disciples, and heal communities. The theme for this year’s offering is based on Galatians 6:9-10....”Let us not become weary in doing good.” Thank you for your prayers and generous support of this special offering. Donation envelopes may be found in the pews.

***Excerpt from Eleanor Barkley's FBC History read on Mortgage Burning Day, September 15, 1985...***

Our history of our church continued, we had a lot of ministers and a lot of changeover, because we were still struggling in finances. And in 1912, we actually called our first woman pastor, a Mrs. Lesley. Talk about being ahead of time! We not only took a civil rights stand in 1894, but in 1912, before the equal rights amendment was even thought about, we had a woman pastor. She was allowed to preach and she was allowed to receive new members into the church, but she was not allowed to baptize. And maybe one of the reasons for that is because at that time there was no baptistery in the church. We baptized at White River, or in White River. Now, the feeling was so strong that no one, no matter how cold it was, would catch pneumonia, or a cold, if they were baptized in the White River. And so that practice was they would go down to the river and baptize that person, when the person was brought up out of the river, they would wrap them in blankets and the rest of the congregation would stand on the banks and sing the old hymn, "Meeting at the River." Now, I know of one person in this congregation, I can see one person sitting over in one place, that was baptized in the White River. How many more were baptized in White River? Come on, raise your hands. I know Gretchen Rowe was baptized in the White River. Anybody else? ... Pearl, were you? Yes! Ok, good... Oh, there is another person... See it did happen!