

The First Baptist Connection

May 2016

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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Birthdays

5th Mark Kirkman
7th Gracie Hudson
Cannon Roark
8th Marlen Flynn
9th Mandy Rollison
13th Monica Hudson
16th Samantha Groomer
25th Johnny Cummings
26th Jason Brown
29th Derek Rollison
30th Betty Sullivan

Prayer Concerns

On-Going Prayer Concerns

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

Bloomington Nursing & Rehab

(120 E Miller Road, Bloomington)
Steve Buccola

Glenburn Nursing Home

Charlie Farmer

Owen Valley Health Campus

(W State Road 46, Spencer)
Charlotte Humerickhouse

Anniversaries

11th David & Shannon Dean
12th Paul & Ginger Stewart
18th Aaron & Tasha Campbell
21st Laverne & Miriam Rollison
24th Braden & Tasha Hudson

FBC News & Activities

Quarterly Congregational Meeting – Wednesday, May 11

Please plan on attending this month's Congregational Meeting. We will be presenting two important actions that we are working on. First we will be presenting our plan on what to do with the generous financial gift that our church has received from the Eleanor Barkley estate as well as a special gift from Joan Vaughn. Secondly we will be presenting our progress on updating our Church Constitution and Handbook to get them to match what we are doing and what we are doing to match what they state.

An important note to make sure you make the meeting, it will not be held on the regular second Thursday of the month due to scheduling conflicts with other FBC and community events. Instead our May meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 11 @ 6:30pm. Please mark your calendar accordingly!

Preschool Enrollment

Bright Beginnings Preschool is taking registrations for the 3 to 4-year-old class beginning in September 2016. Students should be 3 years old BY August 1 and must be fully potty trained. If you have any questions please call the Preschool directly at 812-384-0400 x28.

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

The Easter Party was a lot of fun. We hunted for eggs and heard the Story of Jesus rising from the dead while working on a sticker art of the tomb with the stone rolled away. Each child received a special stone as a reminder of what Jesus did for us.

Some of the 3 - 5 year olds took turns washing each other's feet while hearing the story of Jesus washing his disciple's feet.

While the 2 year old class was hunting eggs on their playground I noticed that one little boy's basket was full while other children had none. So I discretely (or so I thought) took a couple eggs out of his basket and put them in another child's basket. Well...he noticed. I waited for the melt down but instead he looked up and gave me a huge grin when I praised him for sharing. He then proceeded to walk around and share his eggs with the other children! What a sweet little boy.

Thank you to all who purchased flowers for our fund raiser. It is greatly appreciated.

Tammy Kirkman, Director



Worthington City Park

June 4, 2016

Registration Begins: 7 am

Fun Run: 8 am

Runners/Walkers: 8:30 am



The winner's cup (the Holy Grail) will be presented to the church or group with the most registered participants at the event.

For more information or to register:
openarmschristian.com

A Note from Pastor Nathan

St. Louis Post-Dispatch photographer Lynn Spence took what may have been the shot of his career while covering a baseball game between the Dodgers and Cardinals at Busch Stadium on May 12, 1969.

The picture features four men: (1) Second-base umpire John Kibler, who has just returned to his proper position after hustling to the outfield to see if a fly ball would be caught; (2) Cardinals' third-baseman Mike Shannon, who is covering second base because his teammates had gone after the ball; (3) Bill Sudakis of the Dodgers, who hit the ball and was trying to reach second base safely; and (4) First-base umpire Ed Vargo, who has hurried over to watch second base in case his colleague doesn't make it back in time.

In the photo, Shannon has just tagged the sliding Sudakis. Vargo is emphatically signaling that Sudakis is "SAFE!" while Kibler is in the process of enthusiastically calling him "OUT!" The image is classic.¹

Two umpires arrive at opposite conclusions while looking at the very same play. Both men are paid to make correct calls consistently. Each seems certain of his opinion. Yet obviously one is right and the other is wrong. But they are looking at the play from different perspectives. It is understandable that one man (not sure which one) gets it wrong. If you or I had been standing in his shoes, we probably would have gotten it wrong, too.¹

We are a people who are very interested in truth, and rightly so. We believe Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6). But we also must remember that Jesus came "full of *grace and truth*" (John 1:14). As His followers we are interested not only in truth, but also in grace. We can't have one without the other.

We live in a world where people have a variety of perspectives and opinions. In many cases, somebody is right and somebody else is wrong. This is true not only with issues of faith and salvation, but also with a bunch of everyday subjects and decisions. We must be a people who speak – and listen – with grace.

Consider the cases of Kibler and Vargo. If Kibler was wrong, we remember he had just rushed back to his position and may not have had a good angle on the play. If Vargo was wrong, we know that he too had scampered quickly to a new location. And there were obstructions – two bodies and a batting helmet and an infielder's glove which could have blocked either umpire's view. We also know the events unfolded rapidly. There are plenty of reasons to have "compassion" on the guy who got it wrong. Consider his perspective.

What if we sought to understand first, and to be understood second? What if we heeded James' advice (1:19) and were *quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger*? What if there are some situations when the Lord calls us to restrain ourselves and say nothing? (Remember Jesus in Mark 14!) What if, even while it is important to speak the truth, it is more important for us to convey grace to the person with whom we disagree?

You may object. "Nathan, I don't believe in sugar-coating things." Neither do I. But grace is sugar-free! Let's imagine that I am totally wrong but fully convinced about some matter. Am I more likely to "come around" if you are determined to change me, or if you genuinely want to understand my perspective? Are you better equipped to correct me if you understand me well or poorly? What if I'm not entirely wrong and there is something you can learn from me? For whose sake are you setting me straight?

All of this brings us back to the surrender James has been preaching. We must humbly submit ourselves to God. If our Father is good and all things are possible for Him, then the truth will ultimately prevail, and we are set free to listen and speak with grace. *Holy Spirit, help us!*

Pressing on with you,
Nathan

¹ I don't have permission to print the image here, but you can find it with an Internet search using the names and date above.

² According to rules of the era, Kibler's call automatically prevailed and Sudakis was ruled "out." The Cardinals won, 6-2.

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Bright Beginnings Daycare & Preschool: 384-0400

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion	2	3 6:30 Trustees	4	5 6:30 Deacons	6	7
8 9am Kingdom Kids	9	10	11 6:30 Congregational Meeting	12 6:30 Preschool Graduation	13	14
15 12:00 Senior Luncheon	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 6:30 Church Council	27	28
29 6:30 CGCMA Songfest @ FBC	30	31				

Deacon of the Month <i>Jason Nicholson</i>	Trustee of the Month <i>Eric Moody</i>	Usher of the Month <i>Casey Rice</i>	Greeter <i>Mike & Barb Stoner</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 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts – FH 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	Thursdays: 6:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast - Dairy Queen 10:30 a.m. Enhanced Fitness - FH 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - FH 6:30 p.m. Gideons (3 rd Thurs. each month) – FH		
Tuesdays: 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts - FH 6:30 p.m. Cottage Prayer Group			

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