

**The First Baptist Connection**

**June 2016**

**News and Updates for our Family in Christ**

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## *Birthdays*

1 <sup>st</sup>	Shelia McBride	15 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Bailey
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Maran Nicholson	18 <sup>th</sup>	Max Terrell
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Becky Dayhoff		Sydney Terrell
	Brenda Pridemore	20 <sup>th</sup>	Tammy Kirkman
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ansley Ross	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Taylor Templeton
6 <sup>th</sup>	Julie Hudson	24 <sup>th</sup>	JR Ross
8 <sup>th</sup>	Gabby Weeks	25 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy Covey
	Tonya Hudson	27 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Allen
9 <sup>th</sup>	Karlie Thompson		Charlie Farmer
12 <sup>th</sup>	Savannah Roark	28 <sup>th</sup>	Tyler Blakley
14 <sup>th</sup>	Heather Malone		Emma Resler
	Austin Rollison	30 <sup>th</sup>	George Dallaire

## *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*

1 <sup>st</sup>	Norm & Nancy Sullivan
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Joe & Jean Burcham
	George & Marilyn Dallaire
9 <sup>th</sup>	Bill & Debra Hudson
	Dave & Nancy Larr
10 <sup>th</sup>	Donald & Betty Sullivan
11 <sup>th</sup>	Charles & Kimberly Porter
12 <sup>th</sup>	Eric & Jennifer Moody
19 <sup>th</sup>	Gary & Carolyn Sullivan
21 <sup>st</sup>	Bob & Sherry Weeks
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Marc & Sandy Meade
24 <sup>th</sup>	Nathan & Liz Brooks

# ***FBC News & Activities***

## **Outreach Indiana**

This is the mission project we have done for the homeless students in Indianapolis for the past several years. The Out Reach Inc website gives names of the students and the information for where to send the letters and gift cards. Just pick a student to write a note of encouragement. How meaningful for a student to receive a card from a stranger. It is so easy to take a few moments to demonstrate God's love for them. They are needed by June 4th, so everyone needs to send them by the end of this week. If anyone has questions, please call Cheri Graf at 812-384-8980. <http://www.outreachindiana.org/we-are-kicking-off-our-graduation-letter-writing-campaign/>

## **Bright Beginnings Preschool**

Bright Beginnings Preschool is currently accepting registrations for the 3 to 4-year-old class which begins in September 2016. Students should be at least 3 years old by August 1, 2016 and must be fully potty trained. If you have any questions please call Bright Beginnings directly at 812-384-8459 x28.

## **From the Church Moderator**

God is so good! We now have a second automatic door opener system installed. The Trustees were quick to respond to the Church Council plan, that the Congregation approved, to purchase and install another door opener using funds from the Barkley estate gift that our church received. We would like to get two more funded to be installed, one for the other upstairs church door and one for the CLC door under the overhang. We ask that you prayerfully consider whether God is leading you to provide the funds for one of the doors or find someone else to go in with you to fund one of the doors. One system for a door costs \$2,750.00 installed.

We also added some of the estate gift to our Church Endowment managed by the Greene County Foundation to increase our annual payout. The Congregation approved taking the rest and starting a Local Neighbors Mission Fund. The purpose of the Local Neighbors Mission Fund is to provide materials funding for local projects identified by any of us to meet a neighbor's need whether that neighbor is part of our First Baptist Church family or not. The Congregation also approved to take the Church Endowment annual payout and annual proceeds received from our Apple Festival booth each year to come and put them into the Local Neighbors Mission Fund (unless redirected by the Church Council to meet an urgent requirement on a one-time basis) to provide continual funding in perpetuity. Anyone feeling the Lord's leading can also donate to this special fund. If you have a neighbor in need please notify one of the Youth Ministry leaders or Pastor Nathan and they will be added to the list for the Deacons to prioritize and approve funding for. Then the Youth Group will organize adults and youth from our church to accomplish the funded project(s). Please plan on becoming a part of this new exciting ministry for our church family to take Christ to our community.

Your Church Moderator,  
Bob Weeks

### **Summer Special Music**

As the season for the choir ensembles winds down it is once again time again for special music in the worship service! All musicians are invited to share your talents with music that adds to meaningful worship. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Choir room. Alternatively, you may contact Younkyung Kim, Brenda Flanagin, or Steve Clark.



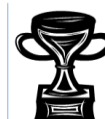
**Registration Begins: 7 am**

**Fun Run: 8 am**

**Runners/Walkers: 8:30 am**

**Worthington City Park**

**June 4, 2016**



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](http://openarmschristian.com)

# A Note from Pastor Nathan

*Human anger does not produce the righteousness of God.*  
James 1:20

*The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.*  
James 5:16

Consider this a bonus to our recently concluded sermon series on the book of James. I found myself getting angry the other day at a particular news story. Somebody did something that I thought was a bad idea with bad consequences. And I thought the people who supported the bad idea were wrong. And I was angry.

The inconvenient thing about preaching and writing articles like this is that I remember (sometimes) what I've said previously. And in last month's newsletter, I wrote that we must seek to understand first, and only to be understood after that. Perhaps if I understood another person's perspective better, even if I did not come to agree with him or her, I would at least have more compassion for that person.

Yet here I was, the particular news item broke, and I was angry. And at some point in the course of my being angry, the Lord brought a couple of questions to my mind...

1. Do I know anyone who supports the bad idea and have I made any effort to understand their perspective?
2. How is my anger helping to make this situation better?

With the second question I immediately thought of James 1:20. My anger doesn't make things right. Lord, help me to release my anger to You so that I can settle down. (The Lord can handle this, by the way. There is nothing wrong with venting our anger to our loving God. Just look at the Psalms!)

But while my anger is ineffective, something else is quite effective: prayer. The Lord who is capable of making us righteous in His sight has called us to pray. When the righteous pray, our prayers are powerful and effective.

This effective power extends in at least two directions. First, it has the potential to change circumstances. This has happened throughout history. The people of God have prayed, and things have changed.

But secondly, and just as importantly, this effective prayer has the power to change *me*. It has the power to change *you*. Any given circumstance about which I am praying may not change. But my attitude (toward the people who are responsible for the undesirable circumstance) can change. Jesus calls us to love our enemies and to pray for them.

*So while my anger is guaranteed not to make things right, my prayer is guaranteed to make things better.* Even if my prayer does not bring changes to the things around me, my prayer will, by the grace of God, bring changes to the attitude within me. The Spirit of God changes hearts, including yours and mine.

For the record, my opinions regarding the situation I referred to above have not changed. But by the grace of God my attitude toward those with whom I disagree is changing. I am challenged by Paul in Philippians (3:18-19), who is at the point of tears about the world around him. He has good reason to blast the world for being so worldly. Yet the worldliness brings him to weeping, not wrath.

The world needs Christians whose compassion outweighs our anger and whose prayer outlasts our wrath. *Holy Spirit, help us!*

Nathan

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**JUNE  
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Bright Beginnings Daycare & Preschool: 384-0400

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 6:00 Softball game 6:30 Deacons	3	4
5 Communion	6	7 6:30 Trustees	8	9 7:10 Softball game	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 7:10 Softball game	18
19	20	21	22	23 6:30 Church Council	24 8:20 Softball game	25
26	27	28	29	30		

<b>Deacon of the Month</b> <i>Tasha Hudson</i>	<b>Trustee of the Month</b> <i>Greg Flinn</i>	<b>Usher of the Month</b> <i>Charles Porter</i>	<b>Greeter</b> <i>Brad &amp; Anne Ellis</i>
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<u>Reoccurring Weekly Activities @ FBC</u>			
<b>Sundays:</b> 8:00 a.m.	Handbell Practice	<b>Wednesdays:</b> 10:30 a.m.	Enhanced Fitness - FH
		6:15 p.m.	FLAMES - CLC
<b>Mondays:</b> 10:30 a.m.	Enhanced Fitness - FH	<b>Thursdays:</b> 6:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast - Dairy Queen
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
<b>Tuesdays:</b> 6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts - FH	6:30 p.m.	Gideons (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs. each month) - FH
6:30 p.m.	Cottage Prayer Group		

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