

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Nathan Brooks, Pastor

February 7, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Prelude		Andrew Sohn
Welcome/Announcements/Lord's Prayer		Deacon Jeff Hughes
Praise Singing	<i>"The Power of Your Love"</i> <i>"At The Cross/Love Ran Red"</i>	Worship Team
Offering Invitation		
Gloria Patri*		#812
Morning Prayer		Pastor Nathan
Special Music		Andrew Sohn
Scripture Reading		1 Kings 19:1-21
Message	<i>"Not Alone"</i>	Pastor Nathan
Communion		
Closing Hymn*	<i>"How Firm a Foundation"</i>	#408
Benediction* / Postlude*		

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## ***Prayer Concerns for this week:***

The families of Billie Blakley and Arnold Graves

Judy Stahl, Alan Brown, Norm Sullivan, Miriam Rollison

Unity among Christians during this pandemic

Prayers for our new President, the administration, and our country in a peaceful transition

Peace, healing and justice in our nation

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### ***This Week @ FBC***

**Today**                    9:30 a.m..... Sunday School  
*February 7*                10:40 a.m..... Morning worship

**Monday**                10:00 a.m..... Cottage Prayer Group  
*February 8*

**Wednesday**        9:00 a.m..... Bible Study  
*February 10*

**Thursday**            6:30 p.m..... Congregational Meeting  
*February 11*

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Birthdays this Week

February 9: Casey Porter
February 10: Lindsey Sullivan
February 11: Kay Pierce
February 12: Nancy Sullivan
February 13: Janet Schmidt

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### ***Congregational Meeting – February 11***

The first FBC Congregational Meeting of 2021 will be February 11 at 6:30 pm. As we did with the November 2020 Congregational Meeting, attendees will have the option of participating either in-person or on-line. Those attending in-person, we will be meeting in the Sanctuary, taking appropriate safety precautions, including masks and distancing. For those attending on-line, we will be broadcasting on the FBC Facebook/YouTube channel.

In the meeting, members will be updated on developments in the church. We have one action, approving the changes to the Personnel, Policies, and Procedures Handbook, which requires a vote. On line votes can be texted to 384-7215; in-person attendees will vote as normal.

Copies of minutes of the November Congregational Meeting and the Personnel, Policies, and Procedures Handbook are attached to this email. If desired, written copies will be available.

We encourage all to participate in the meeting to learn of the activities and developments in your church!

## ***COVID-19 Vaccine***

COVID-19 vaccinations are being hosted by our church. The Greene County Health Department will be administering the vaccinations in the Fellowship Hall. We can expect the Fellowship Hall to be occupied for several weeks. **The vaccine is currently available to Hoosiers who are 65 years of age or older.** If you need to schedule an appointment, you or a representative may call 2-1-1 or visit [ourshot.in.gov](https://ourshot.in.gov). Please call the Greene County Health Department @ 812-384-4496 with any questions.

## ***Pastoral Relations Committee***

Our congregation has established the Pastoral Relations Committee as a means to encourage our Pastor. If you have stories praising him as he carries out his ministry, please share them with one of the members of the committee so that we may share them with him. Similarly, if you have concerns about how he is conducting his ministry, please share that (lovingly). The members of the committee are Bob Templeton, Barb Frye, Brenda Flanagan, and Casey Rice. As always, please pray for Pastor Nathan and our church leaders.

## ***Cottage Prayer Group***

The Cottage Prayer Group has resumed meeting on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in the church library. Everyone is invited to participate. Remember to wear a mask. We will move into the sanctuary, if needed, to social distance since our Fellowship Hall is being used as a vaccination site.

## ***Reshaping Church Small Groups***

Sign-ups for small groups are on the table in the Narthex. Please look over the times and select a group where you can participate. We are beginning a process for discerning God's will for our church, and we desire for everyone to have the opportunity to give input. The small groups will meet for eight weeks in late spring. There are groups during Sunday School, Monday night, on Tuesday and Friday mornings, and another evening yet to be selected. There will be online options as well as in person. Prayerfully consider where you can participate! To sign up online, see the church's website [fbcbloom.org](https://fbcbloom.org) or facebook page. For Small Group questions, please ask Tasha Hudson or Pastor Nathan.

# Summer Mission Trip

Attention all interested persons, youth and adults. Registration deadline for the Mission Serve Mission Trip this summer is fast approaching. It will be in Cincinnati, Ohio July 18-24, 2021. There will be some light construction involved, painting, building handicapped ramps, etc. There will be 10-15 in a group which will involve working with other church groups. So if you are interested, please let me know as soon as possible. I need to know by Jan. 25th to get our deposits made. There will be fund raisers to help pay for the youth who go. If interested, call Debra Hudson at 812-384-4779.

# Blessing Box Needs

As we transition to colder temperatures, new or “gently used” hats, gloves, scarfs, or small throws are a welcome addition to our Blessing Box. Baby, hygiene and cleaning supplies are still in great demand. Please add one or more of these items to your shopping list and leave in the tote by the library counter. For convenience, donations can also be made by check or on line giving at [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly). Your prayers and support of this ministry are greatly appreciated. Please contact Cheri Graf (812-384-8980) with questions or suggestions.

## A Look at Last Week

(On-line giving is available here: [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly))

**Sunday Morning Worship Service** .....64

### Last Week's Giving

General Fund .....\$4,440.00  
Food Pantry.....\$30.00  
Children's Ministry IMO Betty Sullivan.....\$55.00  
Blessing Box .....\$58.25

### Year to Date Giving

Income (undesignated giving) .....\$28,270.00  
Budget Requirements .....\$24,680.15  
Net Income vs. Budget.....\$3,589.85

### ***Guidance for those gathering in-person at FBC:***

- Please wear a face covering for worship as a gift of love to those around you. Exceptions include:
  - Children under age 5 in worship services.
  - Worship service leaders and Sunday school teachers only while leading/teaching.
  - All children's SS classes while in SS classrooms.
  - Outdoor gatherings.
- Please observe social distancing when possible and move conversations outdoors.
  - Sanctuary seating is every-other-row. Please allow six feet between families/households.
  - No food or drink is available in the narthex.
- Please do not attend if you or someone in your immediate household has symptoms of COVID-19 or has recently tested positive.
- An offering box is available in the narthex but is not being passed during the service.

### ***We encourage anyone who is unable to attend in-person to participate online:***

- Links for live worship services are posted weekly at [Facebook.com/groups/fbcbloom](https://www.facebook.com/groups/fbcbloom).
- Recorded worship services are available to the public at [YouTube.com/fbcbloomfield](https://www.youtube.com/fbcbloomfield)