

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Nathan Brooks, Pastor

May 10, 2015 ~ 10:45 a.m.

Welcome, Registration & Announcements

Call to Worship *“Will You Pray For Me?”* Kingdom Kids

Baby Dedication *Tiffany Grace Brooks* Nathan Brooks
 Gavin Herbert Rice
 Kylene Nicole Wilson

Hymns *“To God Be the Glory”* #56
 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” #90

Invocation and Lord’s Prayer Deacon John Bailey

Offering

***Gloria Patri** #812

Morning Prayer

Anthem *“Eyes of Love”* Kingdom Kids

Scripture Psalm 139

Message *“Search Me, O God”* Nathan Brooks

***Closing Hymn** *“Cleanse Me”* #657

*Benediction

*Postlude

** You are invited to stand if able*

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

*\*\*\* Hearing aid devices are available at the Greeter’s table. Just turn it on and adjust the volume. \*\*\**

## This Week's Calendar

**Today**            9:30 a.m. .... Sunday School  
*May 10*            10:40 a.m. .... Morning Announcements  
                      10:45 a.m. .... Morning Worship

**Monday**        6:30 p.m. .... Faithful Workouts  
*May 11*

**Tuesday**      7:00 p.m. .... Cottage Prayer Group  
*May 12*

**Wednesday** 6:00 p.m. .... FLAMES  
*May 13*            6:30 p.m. .... Choir Practice

**Thursday**     6:30 p.m. .... Congregational Meeting  
*May 14*

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Next Week is Youth Sunday
Athan Lamson will be preaching!

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### ***Birthdays This Week***

May 13    Monica Hudson  
May 15    Roberta Neill  
May 16    Samantha Groomer

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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.

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## Next Week's Volunteers – May 17, 2015

Sound System..... Mark Kirkman  
Prayer ..... Heather Malone  
Children's Worship.....No Children's Worship

### May Volunteers

Greeters ..... Nancy Covey & Charlotte Humerickhouse  
Usher of the Month ..... Braden Hudson  
Deacon of the Month .....John Bailey  
Trustee of the Month.....Bert Terrell

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



*FBC sermons are available online. Visit our church website, [fcbloom.org](http://fcbloom.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 ..... 68  
Morning Worship Service ..... 115

#### **Last Week's Giving**

General Fund..... \$8,747.50  
One Great Hour of Sharing: Nepal ..... \$75.00



# **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 endeavor.



We invite you to sign the attendance register as it is passed your way and, if you are visiting with us for the first time, we have information for you regarding life at First Baptist.

## Prayer Concerns of the Week

Persecuted Christians around the world

The family of Virgil Bland (*Friend of Paul Stewart*)

Phoenix Bridegroom (*Barb Stoner*)

Steve Buccola

Ronald "Skip" Campos (*Sandy Mead*)

Teresa Coffin

Mason Ellis (*grandson of Brad & Anne*)

Bub Emery (*Cheri Graf*)

Greg Flinn

Zach Gray (*Robin Lamson*)

Jimmy Hensley (*Nephew of Sue Sanford*)

Carla Hovey (*Friend of Cheri Graf*)

Donna Jones (*Nancy Covey's niece*)

Diana Lahmann (*friend of Cheri Graf*)

Terry Merrill (*Nancy Covey's nephew*)

Brent Myers (*grandson of Donna Miller*)

Beth Martin-Orman

Roberta Neill

Deni Pegg (*cousin of Becky Dayhoff*)

Kay & Don Pierce

Clarence Rudolph (*Nancy Covey's brother*)

Layton Runyon (*Cindy Allgood*)

Barb Stoner

Jessie Terrell

Kyle Witmer & Family (*ABC Missionaries to Thailand*)

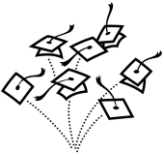
For Peace on Earth— Psalm 46:9

US Military personnel around the world

## **Congregational Meeting Agenda Items – May 14**

Our next FBC Congregational Meeting will be Thursday, May 14, at 6:30 p.m. We have two main items on the agenda. First, the Trustees have identified costly ceiling insulation damage which cannot be repaired until fall. We need to begin discussing our options to pay for this project. Second, after functioning without a Clerk for the last 16 ½ months, the Council recommends that we change the Constitution so that our paid church Secretary can attend all Council and Congregational meetings as a non-voting Recording Secretary. Please be praying about both of these matters and then join us for the meeting on May 14. Thank you!

## **Youth Sunday and Graduate Lunch – May 17**



Please join us Sun. May 17th as the Youth of the church lead us in worship. Athan Lamson will bring the sermon. We will recognize our graduating Seniors: Rosie Allgood, Chrissy Buccola, Monica Hudson, Athan Lamson, Taylor Templeton, and possibly Danielle Jackson. We will have a Taco Salad Lunch following church.

## **Directory Photo Shoots - May 16 & 17 – 1:00-5:00pm**

Please remember to sign up for your directory photo; sheets are on the library counter. If you prefer, you may also submit your own photo to Brenda at [secretary@fcbloom.org](mailto:secretary@fcbloom.org). Future dates may be available.

## **Let's Go Camping!**

Camp schedules and reservation forms are located on the library counter or you can print them directly from the camp website at [www.indiancreek.com](http://www.indiancreek.com).

Our church will pay one half of the registration fee for children attending FBC. Registration forms and your half of the fee need to be turned in **THREE WEEKS** before your camp date. Checks should be made out to First Baptist Church. If a camp scholarship is needed see Pastor Nathan or Jeff Coffin.



## Summer Special Music

As the season for the choir ensembles winds down it is once again time for a summer of special music! 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 either Brenda Flanagin or Steve Clark.

## Festival of Music – June 7

The annual First Baptist Church Festival of Music, to celebrate the completion of the music season for the choirs, will be on June 7. Following a light lunch in the Fellowship Hall we will gather in the Sanctuary for the celebration. We anticipate the music to begin by 1:00 pm. Plan to attend and enjoy ensemble music presented by the Kingdom Kids, the Adult Choir, the Handbell Choir, and the Trio. Additionally, there will be instrumental solos by a number of the church family, including James Maverick on piano. We welcome any and all musicians to participate! If you have an instrumental piece, a song you'd like to sing, or a signing please contact Brenda Flanagin or Steve Clark.

## Family Camp & Alumni Picnic at Indian Creek

Family camp is open to a wide variety of family shapes and sizes. It will run from June 26-28. There will be activities for all ages; group and family activities; and situation specific sessions on adoption, parenting young adults and more.

The Alumni Picnic is open to anyone who has ever camped at Indian Creek. It will be held on Saturday, August 1 with opening chapel beginning at 9:00am. Join us for a day of fun, fellowship, and memories.

For more information on these or any other Indian Creek camp sessions, please visit the website at <http://www.campindiancreek.com>.

## Thank You

Georgia and I would like to thank everyone for your thoughts and prayers during my recent open-heart surgery. The surgery went well and I could tell that the hand of God was present. Please continue to pray for both of us during the upcoming weeks of recovery and rehab.



Yours in Christ, Greg





## **Psalm 139** **Search Me, O God**

What is something that you never get tired of “searching”? It could be a hobby, a subject matter, or anything you love to study or learn more about. What is it about that something that motivates you to keep searching?

In our culture we value private property and we don't like the idea of “search and seizure” unless there's a really good reason for it (especially if it is our own property in question!). How might our feelings about these things influence the way we pray Psalm 139:23-24?

If you have asked the Lord to search your heart before, describe what that experience was like. What was difficult about it? What was positive about it?

Exercise for the week: Begin your regular prayer time every day by praying Psalm 139:23-24, *“Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”* See what the Lord brings to mind, and follow where the Spirit leads.



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## **Psalm 139 (NIV 1984)**

For the director of music. Of David. A psalm.

**LEADER:** O LORD, you have searched me and you know me.

**PEOPLE:** You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

**LEADER:** You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

**PEOPLE:** Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD.

**LEADER:** You hem me in—behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me.

**PEOPLE:** Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

**LEADER:** Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

**PEOPLE:** If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

**LEADER:** If I say, “Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,”

**PEOPLE:** even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

**LEADER:** For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**PEOPLE:** I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

**LEADER:** My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

**PEOPLE:** How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with you.

**LEADER:** If only you would slay the wicked, O God! Away from me, you bloodthirsty men!

**PEOPLE:** They speak of you with evil intent; your adversaries misuse your name.

**LEADER:** Do I not hate those who hate you, O Lord, and abhor those who rise up against you?

**PEOPLE:** I have nothing but hatred for them; I count them my enemies.

**ALL:** Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.