

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Nathan Brooks, Pastor

May 10, 2020

10:40 a.m.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 23

Message

"The Darkest Valley"

Nathan Brooks

Closing Hymn

"How Firm a Foundation" (v. 2)

Words below

Benediction

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## *How Firm a Foundation*

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V. 2

*"Fear not! I am with thee; O be not dismayed,*

*For I am thy God and will still give thee aid.*

*I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,*

*Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand."*

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Prayer Concerns for this week:

- Blanche, Weston, Aunt Jo, Kathleen, Ellie, Anne, Riley, Jason, Charles, Mary Jane, Randy, Maryanne, Weston.
- Friends and family with COVID-19
- Workers at grocery stores, etc.
- Nursing home and staff at Glenburn
- Tucker at boot camp.
- A daughter who has lost her job.
- FBC friends and family working in the medical field: Amanda, Annette, Art, Auby, Brooklyn (pregnant), David, Dustin, Erin, Grant, Jacqueline, Jamie, Jen, Jennifer, Jessica, Jo, Jodie, Joe, Kala, Kelsey, Kevin, Kylee, Leslie, Linda, Lori, Mariah, Megan, Melissa, Miriam, Nanette, Naomi, Owen, Phil, Rachel, RN with COVID whose wife is pregnant; Ricky, Sarah, Scott, Shelbi, Tasha, Tonya, Tyler and Wally.

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## *Birthdays this Week*

May 13 Monica Hudson

May 16 Samantha Groomer

## **COVID-19 UPDATE**

Bright Beginnings Daycare is CLOSED until further notice.  
Bright Beginnings Preschool is CLOSED as long as schools are closed.

The Food Pantry is OPEN normal hours as a drive-thru operation:  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9-11 a.m.; Tuesday 4:30-6 p.m.

All Sunday Morning Worship Services (10:40 a.m.); Wednesday Morning Bible Studies (9:00 a.m.); and Thursday morning Bright Beginnings Bible Story readings (8:30 a.m.) will be livestreamed at  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuANdmBC\\_mhjyNn8A--xtw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuANdmBC_mhjyNn8A--xtw)

In-person gatherings are suspended.  
Archived sermon audio and video is available at [fcbloom.org](http://fcbloom.org).

The church office is closed until further notice. All calls and emails to the church are being forwarded to the church secretary at her home.  
Please stay safe and let us know if you need anything.

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

### **A Look at Last Week**

#### **Livestream Views**

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|-----------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Sunday Morning Worship Service .....                | 239 |
| Wednesday Morning Bible Study .....                 | 62  |
| Thursday Morning Bright Beginnings Story Time ..... | 28  |

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

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|----------------------------------------------------|------------|
| General Fund.....                                  | \$6,281.73 |
| Food Pantry .....                                  | \$485.00   |
| Music (In Memory of Charlotte Humerickhouse) ..... | \$20.00    |
| Daycare .....                                      | \$50.00    |
| Blessing Box.....                                  | \$40.00    |

#### **Year to Date Giving**

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Income .....                | \$78,095.73                  |
| Budget Requirements.....    | \$89,310.78                  |
| Net Income vs. Budget ..... | <b><i>\$(-11,215.05)</i></b> |

## ***Here are the latest updates on services at First Baptist Church:***

- In-person Worship Services will begin *no sooner than* Sunday, June 14. Some restrictions may apply.
- In-person Sunday School will not resume until some later date, beyond June 14.
- In-person VBS has been cancelled. Online resources will be made available.
- The May Congregational Meeting has been postponed.
- The Church Council will meet virtually on Thursday, May 14, at 6:30 p.m. Link will be sent by email.

The Deacons will reassess the situation in early June. The Trustees are working on plans for cleaning the sanctuary. Please be aware that when in-person services do resume, we will probably be asking those who attend to abide by certain social-distancing practices. We will ask all attendees to abide by those practices, so that everyone who comes can feel safe. Thank you for your understanding and your prayers during this challenging time. In the meantime, please continue to join us for worship on FBC's YouTube channel.

Also, if you are a Sunday School teacher, please consider creative ways that you can reach out to your class during these days. I know that many of you are already doing this and it is greatly appreciated. I am personally encouraged to hear of all of the ways our church family has been "loving one another" and "loving our neighbors" during this season.

If you have questions, you may contact Steve Clark, Moderator, or Bob Weeks, Deacon Chairperson, or me.

## ***Scholarship Opportunities***

Bloomfield 1st Baptist Church offers three scholarship opportunities to assist active members as they pursue their college goals. The scholarships are the Brad Pridemore Memorial Scholarship, the Bloomfield First Baptist Memorial Scholarship, and the Headley Memorial Scholarship. To request an application for any of these scholarships, please email our church secretary at [Brenda.nichols@fbcbloom.org](mailto:Brenda.nichols@fbcbloom.org). The applications are due to the Secretary by May 29 and will be announced on May 31. Details and requirements are on the application forms.

## ***Church Camp***

The camp directors and leadership teams have made the difficult decision to suspend all summer camps for 2020. You are encouraged to complete your registration as normal so that you may access online camp resources. All campers/caregivers who have made a payment already will be offered a full refund. Please visit the following link to read the full announcement:

<https://abc-indiana.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Letter-for-2020-camp-season.pdf>

### ***BLESSING BOX NEEDS***

A big "Thank You" to our church family for your monetary donations we have received for our Blessing Box Ministry. The hygiene, baby and cleaning products continue to be in great demand. I am thankful our congregation is providing for others in the name of Jesus. If you have any questions about our mission, call Cheri Campbell Graf @ 812-227-0117

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FBC sermons are available online. Visit our church website, fbcbloom.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.



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## *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.