

# THE FIRST BAPTIST CONNECTION

## *November 2019*

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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***DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS SUNDAY, NOV 3!***

***Don't forget to turn your clocks back.***

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### BIRTHDAYS

4 <sup>th</sup> Nolan Hughes	17 <sup>th</sup> Liz Brooks
7 <sup>th</sup> Nathan Brooks	18 <sup>th</sup> Cole Thompson
9 <sup>th</sup> Randy Flanagan	21 <sup>st</sup> Andrew Weeks
10 <sup>th</sup> Mary Jane Parker	23 <sup>rd</sup> James Malone
12 <sup>th</sup> Mylee Manuel	Mike Stoner
13 <sup>th</sup> Marilyn Dallaire	29 <sup>th</sup> Anne Ellis
Adam Dean	
16 <sup>th</sup> Brad Ellis	
Charles Porter	

### PRAYER CONCERNS

#### On-Going Prayer Concerns

Bright Beginnings Daycare and Preschool  
Tyler & Georgene Lunberry  
Charles & Mary Jane Parker  
Betty Sullivan

#### Hearthstone (Bloomington)

Charlotte Humerickhouse

### ANNIVERSARIES

16<sup>th</sup> Don & Virginia Hendrix

### ***Wednesday Morning Bible Study***

The Wednesday morning Bible study group will conclude our journey through Mark's Gospel on Wednesday, November 6, at 11:30 a.m. at Casa Sevilla. In the meantime, join us for Bible study fun on Oct. 30 and Nov. 6, 9:00 a.m. in the church narthex. We will resume with a fresh topic of study in January, 2020.

### ***World Mission Offering – Silent Auction 2019***

We will be receiving the World Mission Offering in November. As the body of Christ, we are in partnership with those in the field, those in the home office, those in the local churches and individual donors. When each area contributes, no one group carries the full burden of expense. In order to maximize our giving, the Deacons will again sponsor a silent auction of goods or services at our Love Feast on November 3 in the CLC.

### ***Love Feast – November 3***

You are invited to join us for a time of fellowship on November 3 @ 6:00pm in the Christian Life Center. The Social Committee will provide meat and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert. They are needed and appreciated.

### ***Chamber of Commerce to Honor Ron McBride – November 7***

On Thursday, November 7, the Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce will host a dinner honoring Ron McBride with the Harvey Hannah award and Hi-Lift Jack as business of the year. Guest speakers are Steve and Lorri Zeller, parents of three Indiana basketball stars and authors of the book "Raising Boys the Zeller Way." The event will be at the Greene County Event Center at the 4H Fairground. Doors open at 5:30 with awards and dinner to follow. The cost is \$20 per person and can be paid at the door. For reservations please contact Tasha Hudson.

### ***Operation Christmas Child – November 8***

Please help us fill shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. At our final YeeHaw on Friday, November 8, the kids will be filling the shoeboxes. We would like for you to provide goodies to be used. There will be a box in the narthex for all donated items. Some suggestions include: toys, personal care items, clothing, hair bows, bracelets, stuffed animal, arts and crafts, a blanket, play dough, small musical instrument, flashlight, sunglasses, etc. Remember: Do not provide anything liquid or breakable. Food is also not allowed. Please ask Tasha or Kimberly if you have any questions! Thank you for your help!

### ***Congregational Meeting – November 14***

The next Congregational meeting will be November 14 at 6:30, in the Fellowship Hall. Voting is planned for church officer and deacon nominations, the 2020 budget, and safety/security systems. We encourage all members to plan to attend and participate.

### ***2019 Festival of Trees Schedule of Events***

Friday, November 22 – Wine, Cheese & Chocolate – 6:00pm-9:00pm

*Tickets for this special event are \$10 per person and may be purchased in advance from any Shawnee Board Member.*

Saturday, November 23 – 11:00am-7:00pm (Santa will be there from 12-1)

Sunday, November 24 – 1:00pm-5:00pm

Monday, November 25 – 2:00pm-4:00pm

*Open to local nursing homes, assisted living and disabled patrons only.*

Thursday, November 28 – 3:00pm-6:00pm

Friday, November 29 – 11:00am-7:00pm

Saturday, November 30 – 11:00am-7:00pm

Sunday, December 1 – 1:00pm-3:00pm (bidding closes)

Please join us and bring any donations to the Shawnee Theatre on November 14/15 and 18/19 between the hours of 4:00-8:00pm. If you have any questions or need to make special arrangements for donations, please contact one of the following committee members:

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# A Note from Pastor Nathan

*"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*

1 Thess. 5:16-18 (NIV 1984)

Thanksgiving is necessary for the Christian life. Remember Moses' warning to ancient Israel: there's a danger that you'll get into the land God is giving you, you'll enjoy all sorts of stuff that's not really to your own credit, and you might begin to forget the Lord. The remedy was to create built-in reminders for their space and routine, so that they wouldn't forget who the Lord was and what the Lord had done for them (see: Dt. 6:1-12). Remember.

Thanksgiving involves remembering from a vantage point of gratitude. This is healthy for us. It combats spiritual decay and promotes closeness with God. Thanksgiving is really a wonderful and good practice.

It is also, at times, difficult beyond words. Consider what we, collectively, as members of FBC, have endured this year:

Cancer.  
Abuse.  
Divorce.  
Job Loss.  
Loss of Home.  
Miscarriage.  
Death.  
Loneliness.

The list could be longer. The above terms may expose deep pain and sorrow in our hearts as we read them. It would be understandable if we were to feel less-than-grateful after enduring such a slate of sins and struggles.

The command "give thanks" might sound quite condescending. *Who does God think He is, telling me to give thanks? Does God have any idea how hard this is? How can I possibly be grateful about \_\_\_\_\_?*

Paul writes from his experience of hardship incurred precisely because of his faithfulness to Jesus. He is not writing coldly here, "Come on, be a good Christian, get over it, and put a smile on your face." Rather, he is writing with empathy, from experience, "I know you may be hurting and sad and angry and ready to give up. Here's a path that leads to healing: give thanks in all circumstances."

There are things that I have endured for which I simply cannot give thanks, not in and of themselves. At least not yet. Some stuff is just too hard. But even regarding the most difficult experiences, I can eventually look back and be thankful for God's presence, or something God did, or something I learned about God, or someone who showed me God's love.

If nothing else, I can give thanks for the God who has entered into my pain in advance, and is with me there. That's the good news of Christmas and of the cross. My pain might not make sense. Your pain might not. But God is with us.

And my prayer as I write this is that we, looking back at the pains of this last year and beyond, might have the grace to begin to give thanks, or to give thanks again, at least for this: *that God is with us*. The good news begins here.

Pressing on,  
Nathan

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Communion Daylight Saving!!  6:00 Love Feast	4	5  6:30 Trustees	6  9:00 Bible Study	7  6:30 Deacons	8  5:30 Family Friday	9
10  8:30 Fellowship Breakfast 9:00 Kingdom Kids	11	12	13	14  6:30 Congregational Meeting	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 9:00 Kingdom Kids	25	26	27	28  Thanksgiving Church Office Closed	29  Church Office Closed	30

#### Reoccurring Weekly Activities @ FBC

**Mondays:** 6:30p.m. CubScouts-FH  
**Tuesdays:** 6:30p.m. GirlScouts-FH  
**Thursdays:** 6:00a.m. Men's Breakfast  
6:30p.m. BoyScouts-FH  
6:30p.m. Gideons(3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs.each month)-FH

#### Deacon of the Month

*Jeff Coffin*

#### Trustee of the Month

*Steve Ham*

#### Usher of the Month

*Cheri Graf*

#### Greeters of the Month

*Rex & Lois Kirchoff*

#### **Sound System**

3<sup>rd</sup> Paul Schmidt  
10<sup>th</sup> Braden Hudson  
17<sup>th</sup> TBD  
24<sup>th</sup> Eric Moody

#### **Prayers**

3<sup>rd</sup>  
10<sup>th</sup>  
17<sup>th</sup>  
24<sup>th</sup>

#### **Nursery Care**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sandy Clark  
10<sup>th</sup> Need Volunteers  
17<sup>th</sup> Michelle & Ivy Foxworthy  
24<sup>th</sup> Need Volunteers

#### **Children's Worship**

3<sup>rd</sup>  
10<sup>th</sup> Betty Miller  
22<sup>th</sup>  
24<sup>th</sup> Sandy Clark