

**The First Baptist Connection**

**December 2016**

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

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**Nursery Care**

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11 <sup>th</sup>	Jennifer & Kelsey Moody
18 <sup>th</sup>	Chris & Erin Wilson
25 <sup>th</sup>	John & Mary Bailey

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**Prayers**

4 <sup>th</sup>	Ginger Stewart
11 <sup>th</sup>	Tasha Hudson
18 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Templeton
25 <sup>th</sup>	John Cummings

**Children's Worship**

*(2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays only)*

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# December 2016

## *Birthdays*

3<sup>rd</sup> Jeff Coffin  
John Cummings  
5<sup>th</sup> John Bailey  
Rachel Katchmar  
Leslie Ayers  
11<sup>th</sup> Carolyn Sullivan  
12<sup>th</sup> Lois Kirchoff  
13<sup>th</sup> Betty Dean  
15<sup>th</sup> Lydia Hunter  
16<sup>th</sup> Caleb Schmidt  
17<sup>th</sup> Steve Clark  
Tony Resler  
18<sup>th</sup> Virginia Hendrix  
19<sup>th</sup> Shawn Hughes  
20<sup>th</sup> Paul Stewart  
22<sup>nd</sup> Brandt Hudson  
24<sup>th</sup> Sue Eccles  
28<sup>th</sup> Donna Miller  
Mark Mullins  
31<sup>st</sup> Bruce Porter  
Dave Larr

## *Prayer Concerns*

### **On-Going Prayer Concerns**

Bright Beginnings Daycare and Preschool  
Jerry & Jean Boyer  
David & Lydia Hunter  
Lois Kirchoff  
Tyler & Georgene Lunberry  
Mary Jane Parker  
Kay & Don Pierce  
Peace seeking in Iraq & Afghanistan  
American Baptist missionaries

### **Glenburn Nursing Home**

Charlie Farmer

### **Autumn Hills (Bloomington)**

Charlotte Humerickhouse

### **Lyons Rehab Center**

Nancy Canty

## *Anniversaries*

17<sup>th</sup> Scott & Becky Dayhoff  
18<sup>th</sup> Bruce & Carla Porter  
26<sup>th</sup> Alan & Janet Brown  
31<sup>st</sup> Richard & Brenda Nichols

# ***FBC News & Activities***

## ***Bloomfield Hometown Christmas***

**Sunday, December 4, 2016 1-6 pm** on the Square

Several merchants open for business

**Vendors located at various buildings downtown.**

Bloomfield United Methodist Church will serve chili and host vendors in the church basement

Angels & Nativity Scenes on display by the Presbyterian Women

Old Fashioned Carriage Rides around town

Christmas carols with live music on courthouse steps (Rain location: Methodist Church)

Santa arrives by fire truck 3pm – Photos available with Santa!

Coloring Contest on display at Harrah Realty, Todd Corn Law Office – winners at 4 pm

**[www.facebook.com/bloomfieldhometownchristmas](http://www.facebook.com/bloomfieldhometownchristmas)**



### **2016 Christmas Cantata – December 11**

The First Baptist Church will present our annual Christmas Cantata at 6:00pm Sunday, December 11. There will be three parts to the program. Starting with instrumental pieces featuring IU Jacobs School of Music students, this part will feature bassoon, oboe, and piano combinations. Following that the Kingdom Kids choir will sing several Christmas songs. Then, the Adult Choir will present the cantata, "One King". The cantata will include solos from John Bailey, Carolyn Burgess, and Leslie Ayers with narration by Clifton Beck, Tasha Hudson, and Kinley Moody. A reception in the Fellowship Hall will follow the Cantata. It will consist of a wide selection of tasty delights and a time of fellowship. As in the past, this program will be a blessing as we celebrate Christ's birth. Please plan to attend, along with your friends and family and join us as we musically celebrate our Savior's birth.



### **In-Home Caregiver Needed**

Norm and Nancy Sullivan are looking for someone to provide overnight care for Jean 5-6 nights a week. Financial compensation and a place to sleep will be provided. Please contact Norm Sullivan to discuss details. 812-384-6725.

# Family Fridays

Friday, December 9

God's Great Gift!

Come as a family! Enjoy dinner, devotions, discussion, and fun activities together as a family!

Registration @ 6:00 PM

Dinner @ 6:15 PM

Closing @ 8:15 PM

"...we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD..." Psalm 78:4, NIV

## First Baptist

500 Lincoln Dr.

812-384-8459

Call the church by 12:00 PM Thursday to schedule transportation!

### Hoops for Him - 2017

The 2017 Hoops for Him Basketball Program will be held at the Bloomfield First Baptist Christian Life Center beginning January 21 and ending March 18, 2017. Any boy or girl age 4 through 6th Grade is invited to participate. Session 1 for Preschool and Kindergarten age kids will be 9:00-10:00am, Session 2 for Grades 1-3 will be 10:00-11:30am, and Session 3 for Grades 4-6 will be 11:30am-1:00pm each Saturday. The season will conclude with an Awards Banquet on March 18th at 6:00pm. Sign-ups will be available soon via the church website.



Many volunteers are needed every Saturday to lead each session, coach the kids, work the concession stand, and provide devotions. Please prayerfully consider how you can help make our 7th season successful. Contact Eric Moody (email [eric.moody@navy.mil](mailto:eric.moody@navy.mil) or text 812-227-0700) if you are willing to assist.

# BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

We were talking about how much God loves us and that he sent Jesus and Jesus' Birthday is on Christmas Day. We talked about how Jesus told Santa to bring us a present. These are the responses the children gave when asked what they were going to ask Santa for.

## 2 year olds

Wesley - wants books

Mia - wants a baby

Eli - wants a cow and a dog

Austin - wants Ms. Tammy 😊

Kylene - wants a baby

Joshua - wants books

Tyler - wants Mickey

Brynn - wants scissors, sticker books, playdough, and pickles.

Toby - wants a car and a house

## 3 year olds

Bradley - wants a Camaro, 3 Camaros, a race car, a bat, a boat, a big glove and 11 Camaros.

Brooklyn - wants a baby doll, a car a brown one, a kitty cat, 2 baby dolls, 2 kitty cat, and a giraffe.

Brody - wants dinosaurs, zebra's, and lions.

Weston - wants a T-rex, a home, and a motorcycle.

Katlind - wants a baby carriage and playdough.

Kennedy - wants "Hazel she's a type of a girl, bears, I got girl bears I need a Daddy bear for Christmas".

Ava - wants Jessie, bullseye the horse and Woody.

## 4 year olds

Amelia - "Baby doll. My Grandma has my makeup at her house. My Daddy said I'm not allowed to have it at my home. A stroller that you stroll babies in. I have a lot of toys in my room. Santa will bring me toys but my Mamma will bring me toys too. My Mamma likes me."

Turner - wants a T-rex, race cars, a baby giraffe, a baby bear and a baby owl.

Reba - wants a carriage

Keegan - wants a toy and a batman and superman and that's all.

Emily - "I just want what Santa is going to bring me. Santa's house is in Bloomington."

Wyatt - "A motorcycle, and give my Daddy a new wallet so he can put all his money in his new wallet, and give my Mommy a ring to put on her finger."

Ellie - "I love Jesus and I love my family." I want a stuffed animal, it's a giraffe and I will bring them all to you. I want toys."

Laynie - wants "a robot and a giraffe and a monkey and a flamingo and a bear."

Nathan - "I want 3 things: A walkie talkie, a hula hoop and I don't remember what else."

Keaton H. - wants a lego RV and a stuffed animal.

Leo - wants "a batman figure, captain America figure, a Lego ghost buster set, a lego mine craft set, and that's not all of it, a WWE crane and it comes with 1 figure, a thing that's a dinosaur thing that has fake bones and a nail that makes it come out with a hammer, I want the T-rex one. I have a lot of stuff on my list".

## 5 year olds

Avalyn - wants 2 robot pets and a doll house with princesses in it.

Keaton W - "I don't need to tell you my list 'cause my Mom already knows it, but I want a pie in the face. It's a game you stick your head in it and a fake hand smacks you in the face, walkie talkies, helicopters that I can fly easily not the ones that fall and are hard to do. That's all."

Dylan - wants a "big work truck, maybe a wagon, maybe a pick up tractor, and a fishing boat."

Aliza - wants "A crystal empire castle. You got to build it. It comes with 2 figures. A pink pony a stuffed animal one. I really wanted a lot of stuff on my Christmas list. A big giraffe like yours. A giraffe stick with little hookies that you can put whatever you want on it. I'm really a spoiled girl. I know you are laughing".

# A Note from Pastor Nathan

*"...see that you also excel in this grace of giving... for you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich... for God loves a cheerful giver."*

2 Corinthians 8:7, 9; 9:7 (NIV '84)

Most of the giving and receiving I am involved in at Christmas happens between people who already have everything we need. We have roofs over our heads, clothes on our backs, and money in the bank. Most of what we ask for – and ordinarily receive – at Christmas is stuff that technically we could go out and buy ourselves.

I don't want you to read this and feel guilty. There is nothing wrong with giving gifts to people whom we love in order to demonstrate our love for them. This is a meaningful and good practice.

But consider that some of the gift-giving we do is just a matter of going through the motions. We sit around trying to figure out what in the world we're going to give So-and-So, to whom feel like we should give a gift. But So-and-So seems to have everything already and doesn't really need anything. So-and-So probably won't really like whatever we come up with anyway. We end up giving So-and-So another default, generic Christmas gift, but neither the giver nor the receiver is particularly thrilled with the experience. We did it just to do it.

We have an opportunity to inject meaning back into this process by fulfilling our calling to be cheerfully generous to those in need (read the rest of 2 Corinthians 8-9, which is only briefly quoted above). There are people around our community and around the world who are in desperate need. We might not know them, but we can give to them at Christmas time.

Liz and I have developed the habit in recent years of giving to charitable organizations *on behalf of* our loved ones. Rather than giving some of our family-members gifts that we're not quite sure they'd like anyway, we give to a cause we know they would be delighted to support. Two of our favorite organizations are *Voice of the Martyrs* and *Compassion International*, but there are dozens more, both international and local.

Many of these groups have Christmas catalogues. You can buy a cow for a needy family in Africa, or a care package for the family of someone who was killed for professing faith in Christ. You can purchase Bibles to send to Christians in dangerous areas, or send mosquito nets to a region that needs them.

This catalogue process actually enables us to recover some of the thoughtfulness that gets lost in the default gift-giving to which we often resort. If you've got a nurse in the family, send medical supplies in her honor. If you've got a sports fan in the family, send athletic equipment to an impoverished village in his honor. Then write your loved one a personal note and explain what you're giving on their behalf, and why. Our experience is that this has been well-received and appreciated. It's way better than another three-flavor can of popcorn!

I invite you to pray about your gift-giving this season. If you find yourself about to make one of those default purchases just to check another person off of your list, stop. Rather than giving generic gifts to loved ones who don't really need them, you might give a greatly needed gift to someone else on their behalf. Do this while "remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'" (Acts 20:35, NIV '84).

Grace and peace,  
Nathan

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**December  
2016**

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Bright Beginnings Daycare & Preschool: 384-0400

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:30 Deacons	2	3
4	5	6 6:30 Trustees	7	8 6:30 Church Council	9 6:00 Family Friday	10
11 6:30 Cantata	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 4:30 Caroling	19	20	21	22	23 Church Office Closed	24 6:30 Christmas Eve Service
25 CHRISTMAS NO Sunday School 10:40 Worship	26 Church Office Closed	27	28	29	30	31

<b>Deacon of the Month</b> <i>John Bailey</i>	<b>Trustee of the Month</b> <i>Greg Flinn</i>	<b>Usher of the Month</b> <i>Norm Sullivan</i>	<b>Greeter</b> <i>Paul &amp; Ginger Stewart</i>
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**Reoccurring Weekly Activities @ FBC**

<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 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts – FH 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	<b>Thursdays:</b> 6:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:30 a.m. Enhanced Fitness - FH 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - FH 6:30 p.m. Gideons (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs. each month) – FH
<b>Tuesdays:</b> 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts - FH 6:30 p.m. Cottage Prayer Group	

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