

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

*Rev. Nathan Brooks, Pastor*

February 14, 2021

10:30 a.m.

<b>Prelude</b>		Andrew Sohn
<b>Welcome/Announcements/Lord's Prayer</b>		Deacon Jeff Hughes
<b>Hymns</b>	<i>"Rock of Ages"</i>	#342
	<i>"We'll Understand It Better By and By"</i>	#771
<b>Offering Invitation</b>		
<b>Gloria Patri*</b>		#812
<b>Morning Prayer</b>		Pastor Nathan
<b>Special Music</b>	<i>"It's No Secret What God Can Do"</i>	Steve Kirby Brenda Flanagin
<b>Scripture Reading</b>		1 Kings 21:17-29
<b>Message</b>	<i>"Calling off the Dogs?"</i>	Pastor Nathan
<b>Closing Hymn*</b>	<i>"Change My Heart, O God"</i>	#654
<b>Benediction* / Postlude*</b>		

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

The families of Doneva Ely and Mick Mullins

Alan Brown

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 14*    10:40 a.m..... Morning worship

**Monday**                10:00 a.m..... Cottage Prayer Group  
*February 15*

**Wednesday**        9:00 a.m..... Bible Study  
*February 17*

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### ***Birthdays this Week***

February 14: Lucy Foxworthy

February 20: Mike Canty

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### ***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](http://ourshot.in.gov). Please call the Greene County Health Department @ 812-384-4496 with any questions.

### ***Ash Wednesday***

The sanctuary will be open for prayer throughout Ash Wednesday, February 17, with the exception of 9:00-10:00 a.m. when we have Bible Study. A reflection guide will be made available at [Facebook.com/groups/fbcbbloom](https://www.facebook.com/groups/fbcbbloom) and at [fbcbbloom.org](http://fbcbbloom.org). A limited number of printed copies will be available in the narthex as well.

### ***Thank You***

Thank you for the prayers during my loss of hearing. The prayers were answered and most of my hearing has returned. Praise the loving God.

Norm Sullivan

## A Look at Last Week

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

**Sunday Morning Worship Service** .....63

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

|                                             |            |
|---------------------------------------------|------------|
| General Fund .....                          | \$7,171.00 |
| Food Pantry.....                            | \$175.00   |
| Children's Ministry IMO Betty Sullivan..... | \$100.00   |
| Blessing Box .....                          | \$75.00    |

### **Year to Date Giving**

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|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Income (undesignated giving) ..... | \$35,441.00 |
| Budget Requirements .....          | \$29,616.18 |
| Net Income vs. Budget.....         | \$5,824.82  |

## ***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.

## ***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 [www.fbcblloom.org](https://www.fbcblloom.org) or facebook page. For Small Group questions, please ask Tasha Hudson or Pastor Nathan.

## ***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.

## ***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)

# 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.*

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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.