# THE FIRST BAPTIST CONNECTION

### **March 2019**

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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#### **BIRTHDAYS**

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Miriam Rollison

6<sup>th</sup> Carla Porter

7<sup>th</sup> David Dean

11th Brennan Hughes

14<sup>th</sup> Taylor Rollison Ava Manuel

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18<sup>th</sup> Andrew Templeton Aiden Malone

26<sup>th</sup> Doug Frye

31st Joan Vaughn

#### PRAYER CONCERNS

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

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

#### **Hearthstone (Bloomington)**

Charlotte Humerickhouse

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

6<sup>th</sup> Alan & Tammy Kirkman 14<sup>th</sup> Steve & Cheri Graf

20<sup>th</sup> Tony & Lori Resler

24th Rex & Lois Kirchoff



#### **2019 Lenten Activities Schedule**

#### Lenten Breakfasts, Saturdays, 8:00 AM

March 9 – Holy Name Catholic Church, 700 Lincoln Drive

March 16 – First Christian Church, Corner of Spring and Jefferson

March 23 – Word of Life Fellowship, 4713 E SR 54

March 30 – NO BREAKFAST

April 6 – First Presbyterian, 401 Shyla Lane

April 13 – First Baptist Church, 500 Lincoln Drive

#### **Good Friday, April 19**

First Baptist Church - 7:00 PM

#### **Easter Sunrise, April 21**

Bloomfield United Methodist Church, 7:00 AM, Breakfast Following





#### **Schedule of FBC Anniversary Celebrations in 2019**

Sunday, June 30 – Celebrating 40 Years of Ministry from Lincoln Drive Facility Sundays, September 1, 8, and 15 – Preliminary 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Events Sunday, September 22 – 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Sunday, September 29 – Day of Prayer for the Next 150 Years

Please join us and invite others to participate in these celebrations of God's great faithfulness!

#### **Photos Needed**

In preparation for our 150th church anniversary: If you have any pictures from any event in the First Baptist Bloomfield history, and you are willing to share, please get it to Judy Stahl. We are especially interested in wedding pictures with the couple AND the pastor who married them.



#### COMING SOON!

Here are a few upcoming dates you may want to pencil in:

Sunday, May 5: Healing Service Sunday, May 19: Senior Recognition

Sunday, June 30: 40 years at Lincoln Drive

Sunday July 7 – Thursday, July 11: Vacation Bible School Sunday, September 22: FBC 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

### A Note from Pastor Nathan

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."

Hebrews 12:1-3 (NIV '84)

I am tremendously enjoying the process of digging into our church's history in order to plan our celebrations of 40 years of ministry from Lincoln Drive (June 30) and 150 years of ministry overall (September 22). In the coming months you will hopefully be treated to some excerpts, photos, videos, and audio clips during our regular Sunday morning worship services. We have some really interesting – and funny – stories to tell. (If you have any pictures to share, please tell Judy Stahl, and if you have any good audio or video recordings of FBC moments, please let Norm Sullivan know. We intend to digitally preserve as much of our history as we can.)

Who knows how many people have played a role in the ministries of our church over the last 150 years? How many of those folks were people you and I have never met? Yet here we stand on their faithfulness.

What would they think of where we are now? The world and the church have changed so much since 1869. When the Baptists started meeting in Bloomfield, the Transcontinental Railroad wasn't even completed yet! The first all-professional baseball team had yet to play a game! President Andrew Johnson was in office! And nobody had a selfie taken with him on Inauguration Day! He didn't offer any presidential wisdom on Twitter!

The realities of 2019 would be a shock to our spiritual ancestors here at First Baptist, but the fact that our church still exists, loves Jesus, and pursues the advancement of His Kingdom here in Bloomfield would certainly delight them all. Their labor was not in vain. Their legacy carries on, in us.

All of this is rather overwhelming when I stop to think about it. People I've never met worked so hard to establish and support this church for more than one-hundred and thirteen years prior to my birth! I don't know much about most of them, other than that we share a common faith in Jesus Christ. Therefore, we are citizens of the same Kingdom. We will meet someday. And, as the song says, what a glorious day that will be!

Multiply this thought to include all of the followers of Jesus in the history of the world! I can't even put a number on that. Yet here we are, the fruit of their labor. We have the opportunity and responsibility to faithfully carry on what they have started.

It is not a trivial thing that we are here, members of First Baptist Church, followers of Christ in Bloomfield, for such a time as this. Holy Spirit, help us. Lead us. Guide us. Rekindle in us a vision and a desire to see the Kingdom of God expand in this community. Show us new opportunities. Grant us the courage and passion to obey. May the love of Jesus Christ compel us.

Grace and peace,

Nathan

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	9:00 Hoops for Him
3 Communion	4	5 6:30 Trustees	6 9:00 Bible Study	7 11:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:30 Deacons	8	9 9:00 Hoops for Him
8:30 Fellowship Breakfast 9:00 Kingdom Kids	11	12	9:00 Bible Study	14 11:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:30 Ch Council	15	9:00 Hoops for Him 6:00 Hoops for Him Banquet
17	18	19	9:00 Bible Study	21 11:00 Cottage Prayer Group	22	23
24 9:00 Kingdom Kids	25	26	27 9:00 Bible Study	28 11:00 Cottage Prayer Group	29	30
31 Gideon Speaker						

#### Reoccurring Weekly Activities @ FBC

Sundays: 6:00 p.m. FLAMES - CLC

Mondays: 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts - FH

Tuesdays: 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts - FH

Thursdays: 6:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

11:00 a.m. Cottage Prayer Group

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - FH

6:30 p.m. Gideons (3rd Thurs. each month) - FH

#### **Deacon of the Month**

Brad Ellis

**Trustee of the Month** 

Bert Terrell

**Usher of the Month** 

Jason Nicholson

**Greeters of the Month** 

Debra Hudson & Cheri Graf

Sound System				
$3^{\text{rd}}$	Paul Schmidt			
10 <sup>th</sup>	Braden Hudson			
17 <sup>th</sup>	TBD			
24 <sup>th</sup>	Eric Moody			
31 <sup>st</sup>	Eric Moody			

Prayers				
3 <sup>rd</sup>				
10 <sup>th</sup>				
17 <sup>th</sup>				
24 <sup>th</sup>				
31 <sup>st</sup>				

## Nursery Care 3rd Sandy Clark 10th Need volunteers!!! 17th Michelle & Ivy Foxworthy 24th Stephanie Henry 31st Need Volunteers!!!

#### Children's Worship (2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays only) 10<sup>th</sup> Betty Miller 17<sup>th</sup> Janet Schmidt 24<sup>th</sup> Kim Schulte