

THE FIRST BAPTIST CONNECTION

March 2019

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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BIRTHDAYS

1st Miriam Rollison
6th Carla Porter
7th David Dean
11th Brennan Hughes
14th Taylor Rollison
Ava Manuel
18th Andrew Templeton
Aiden Malone
26th 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

6th Alan & Tammy Kirkman
14th Steve & Cheri Graf
20th Tony & Lori Resler
24th Rex & Lois Kirchoff

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	2 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
10 8:30 Fellowship Breakfast 9:00 Kingdom Kids	11	12	13 9:00 Bible Study	14 11:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:30 Ch Council	15	16 9:00 Hoops for Him 6:00 Hoops for Him Banquet
17	18	19	20 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

3rd Paul Schmidt
10th Braden Hudson
17th TBD
24th Eric Moody
31st Eric Moody

Prayers

3rd
10th
17th
24th
31st

Nursery Care

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

Children's Worship

(2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays only)

10th Betty Miller
17th Janet Schmidt
24th Kim Schulte