

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Nathan Brooks, Pastor

December 23, 2018 ~ 10:45 a.m.



Welcome/Invocation/Lord's Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candle: LOVE

Candle Lighters: The Foxworthy Family

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 16:5

Hymns	<i>"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"</i>	#271
	<i>"Good Christian Men Rejoice"</i>	#273
	<i>"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"</i>	#277

Offering

Doxology*		#815
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Morning Prayer

Special Music	<i>"A Labour of Love"</i>	Aaron Campbell
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Scripture Reading		Isaiah 61:1-3
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Message	<i>"Planting Trees"</i>	Nathan Brooks
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Closing Hymn*	<i>"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"</i>	#258
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Benediction*

Postlude*

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\* You are invited to stand if able

*The kneeling rails at the front of the sanctuary are open throughout the service for prayer.*

*If you are interested in becoming a member of First Baptist Church or if you have questions about what membership means, please feel free to contact Pastor Nathan or one of the Deacons. We would be happy to talk and pray with you.*



## Next Week's Volunteers – December 30

|                         |                       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Prayer .....            | TBD                   |
| Sound System.....       | Eric Moody            |
| Children's Worship..... | No Children's Worship |
| Nursery.....            | Open but unstaffed    |

## January Volunteers

|                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Deacon of the Month ..... | TBD                |
| Trustee of the Month..... | John Bailey        |
| Usher of the Month .....  | TBD                |
| Greeters .....            | John & Mary Bailey |

***If you are unable to work on your scheduled week,  
PLEASE find someone to take your place!***

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*FBC sermons are available online. Visit our church website, [fcbloom.org](http://fcbloom.org), and click on "Featured Media." Or scan this QR code with your smart phone to go directly to the Featured Media page. From there you may select Sermons, Newsletters or Bulletins.*



### A Look at Last Week

**Attendance**

|                               |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Sunday School.....            | 69  |
| Morning Worship Service ..... | 125 |

**Last Week's Giving**

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|------------------------------------------------|------------|
| General Fund.....                              | \$5,078.55 |
| White Christmas .....                          | \$75.00    |
| Food Pantry in Memory of Warren Bartlett ..... | \$500.00   |
| Food Pantry.....                               | \$100.00   |

**Year to Date Giving**

|                            |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Income .....               | \$237,847.66 |
| Budget Requirements .....  | \$239,387.72 |
| Net Income vs. Budget..... | -\$1,540.06  |



# **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.*



## **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.



## Leadership Retreat – January 12

We will have a church leadership retreat on Saturday, January 12, beginning at 9:00 a.m. here at the church. If you anticipate serving on the Deacons, Council, Trustees, or Bright Beginnings Board, please mark the date on your calendar. ALL FBC committees are encouraged to send a representative to this retreat. (Snow date is January 19.)

## Hoops for Him Begins January 26



The 2019 Hoops for Him Basketball Program will be held at the Bloomfield First Baptist Christian Life Center beginning January 26 and ending March 16, 2019. 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 Ceremony on March 16th. Online Registrations will be available through our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/HoopsforHim/>.

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 9th consecutive season successful. The volunteer sign-up sheet will be circulated at church or you may contact Eric Moody (email [eric.moody@navy.mil](mailto:eric.moody@navy.mil) or text 812-227-0700) if you are willing to assist.

## Church Directory Updates



Copies of the non-pictorial directory will be placed in each adult Sunday School classroom and on the library counter. Please take a moment to check your information and makes changes as necessary.

Please use the RED pen that will be provided as it makes it easier for the church secretary to find the changes.

## 2018 Annual Report



It is also that time of year when the church secretary starts to hound people for year-end reports. 😊 So...if you are the chairperson of a committee or team and would like to submit a report for the big “FBC Annual Report” please email it to the church office. If you would like to see what your committee submitted for last year’s report I will be happy to email that to you. The office email is [brenda.nichols@fcbloom.org](mailto:brenda.nichols@fcbloom.org)

## Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all you have done for us at Warren’s passing. For the food, flowers, card and words of encouragement, support and love, we appreciate you all so much.

A special thank you to Nathan for being there as a pastor and friend. You are the best!

In His name and for His glory.  
Love and blessings always,  
Paula and family



Thank you everyone for the package. It was really good and tasty. I had to share with everyone in the room!

Cail Brown



Thank you so much for the kind Christmas gift, and most of all for your encouragement, friendship and support throughout the year. Merry Christmas and May God bless each of you in the coming year!

Brenda Nichols