

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Nathan Brooks, Pastor

April 29, 2018 ~ 10:45 a.m.

Welcome/Invocation/Lord's Prayer		Jason Nicholson
Praise Singing	<i>"Bless the Lord/10,000 Reasons" "How Great Is Our God" "Here I Am To Worship"</i>	Worship Team
Doxology*		#815
Morning Prayer		
Anthem	<i>"May the Peace of the Lord"</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Scripture Reading		John 20:29-31
Message	<i>"Not Enough Books"</i>	Nathan Brooks
Closing Hymn*	<i>"Pass Me Not"</i>	#489
Benediction*		
Postlude*		

** 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 have any pictures from FBC events and ministries, please send them to Carolyn Burgess to be included in the morning slideshow. ****

This Week's Calendar

Today 9:30 a.m..... Sunday School
April 29 10:30 a.m..... Prayer in Nathan's office
 10:45 a.m..... Morning Worship
 3:00 p.m..... Softball Practice
 6:30 p.m..... CGCMA Community Songfest

Monday 7:30 p.m..... Worship Committee
April 30

Tuesday 6:00 p.m..... Cottage Prayer Group
May 1 6:30 p.m..... Trustees

Wednesday 9:00 a.m..... Bible Study
May 2

Thursday 6:30 p.m..... Deacons
May 3

Next Week's Scripture

Healing Service next week

Birthdays this week

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.

Sunday Morning Refreshments

Thank you to everyone who has graciously brought snacks for the Sunday morning fellowship time. I would like to invite others to sign up. The sheet is on the table by the coffee area. Thanks in advance for your generosity. If you have any questions, please see Kathy Ham.

Next Week's Volunteers – May 6

Prayer Jeff Hughes
 Sound System..... Paul Schmidt
 Children's Worship..... No Children's Worship
 Nursery..... Open/Unstaffed

May Volunteers

Deacon of the Month James Malone
 Trustee of the Month..... Greg Flinn
 Usher of the Month Paul Schmidt
 Greeters Jeff & Adrienne Hughes

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

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A Look at Last Week

Attendance

Sunday School 72
 Morning Worship Service..... 131

Last Week's Giving

General Fund..... \$2,622.75

Year to Date Giving

Income \$89,587.97
 Budget Requirement..... \$78,820.48
 Net Income..... \$10,767.49

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THOSE SEEKING HEALING:

- Ask the Lord to help you examine your heart and your relationship with Him. If the Holy Spirit brings something to mind that requires repentance and forgiveness, address this need before asking for healing. As far as you are able, make sure that your heart is clear before God.
- Take a green card from one of the tables or your bulletin and put on it your first name and the one thing for which you are asking. Your need will be kept confidential unless you circle “no” on the card.
- Approach one of the prayers for anointing and prayer. Come humbly, yet with confidence that Christ can heal. You may kneel or sit as is comfortable for you.
- If you are unable to come forward, raise your hand and we will come to you.
- Visualize yourself in the presence of Christ, for He is present with you. Reach out to Him in heart and spirit - believe in His ability to heal.
- After your anointing, give thanks to God for hearing your prayers, and express your confidence in Him and in His timing in all things.
- Arise in faith and return to your seat to reflect upon the Lord's love for you and what you have just experienced, and join in with the prayers of the congregation for other seekers.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION:

- Ask the Lord to help you examine your heart and your relationship with Him. If the Holy Spirit brings something to mind that requires repentance and forgiveness, address this need before asking for healing. As far as you are able, make sure that your heart is clear before God.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom in discerning how to pray.
- As the seekers come forward, focus your prayers on each one. Pray for their healing, for their faith, for their trust in Christ.
- Pray that the Lord would meet and touch each seeker, that He would lift their burden or give them the strength to bear it.
- Pray for the family of the seeker.

SCRIPTURES FOR REFLECTION:

Romans 8:21-27	Acts 10:38	Isaiah 53	Romans 12:1
James 5:14-16	Psalms 30:2	John 6:33	Matthew 9:20-22
Luke 8:43-48	Luke 18:35-43	Matthew 12:13	Matthew 8:16-17
Psalms 103:3	Hebrews 7:23-28		

Let's Play Ball!!!!

Softball practices will start today at 3:00. We will also try for May 6 & 20. With all the rain and cold temps we are about out of "spring time" to practice before the league starts up again!

Healing Service – May 6

Next Sunday, we will have a healing service during our normal worship time together. This service will be devoted entirely to worship and prayer for healing. Please begin praying for this gathering now, and consider what the Lord might lay on your heart to receive prayer for. The healing service is important for the entire congregation. Even if you do not physically come forward to receive prayer, you have an important role in praying from your seat for those who do. These experiences have been special encounters with the Holy Spirit in the past and we encourage you to join us on May 6.

Baby Dedication – May 13

On Sunday, May 13, Mother's Day, we will have a Baby Dedication. If you have a child or grandchild you would like to present to the Lord, please let Nathan know no later than May 6.

Graduate Sunday – May 20

We will celebrate our graduating seniors on May 20th. Join us after worship for a light lunch and a time of fellowship.

Ladies Bible Study to Begin May 29

Ladies, it's time to sign up for summer Bible study! This summer, we will be working through a study by Liz Brooks called Seizing Hope. It will run Tuesday evenings at 6:30 from May 29-July 17. It is comprised of both teaching sessions and homework reflections over a seven week period. Please let Liz know by May 6th if you would like to participate so that a book can be ordered for you. The price is TBD (in the range of \$15) and will be due at the start of the study.

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Let's Go F.I.S.H.-ing!

You are invited to participate in F.I.S.H. (Fellowship in Someone's Home) this summer! Each FISH group consists of about 8-12 people from FBC who get together once per month throughout the summer (June, July, August). FISH groups typically share a meal together and rotate who hosts each month. The goal is to build relationships, have fun, and pray for one another. Please sign up by Sunday, May 13. Groups will be assigned and you will hear from your June host about setting a date. Sign-up sheets are available on the church library counter and in the adult Sunday school classrooms. If you cannot host or bring food, please sign up anyway. This is a great opportunity to get to know one another better. If you have questions, please ask Pastor Nathan or Jeff Coffin.

Brad Pridemore Memorial Scholarship

A one-time scholarship of \$250.00 is offered to individuals who are furthering their education. Applicants must be a High School Graduate, completion of Homeschool Certification or General Equivalency Diploma (GED) and who regularly attend Bloomfield First Baptist Church. Application forms are available on the Library counter. Please return the completed form to the church office by Sunday May 13th.

Bright Beginnings Job Openings

Bright Beginnings is currently hiring Caregivers for our daycare ministry. Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED and be at least 18 years of age. Applications are available in the church office or at fbc bloom.org.

We are currently hiring an Assistant Director for our preschool ministry. Full position description is available at fbc bloom.org. If interested, please submit a résumé with a minimum of three references by May 1.

We are in the preliminary stages of seeking a new Director for our daycare ministry. More information, including a job description and instructions for application, will be forthcoming.