

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Nathan Brooks, Pastor

November 29, 2015 ~ 10:45 a.m.



Welcome, Registration & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Hope

Candle Lighters: John & Mary Bailey

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

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| *Hymns | <i>"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"</i> | #244 |
| | <i>"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"</i> | #245 |

Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Deacon Jeff Coffin

Offering

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| *Gloria Patri | | #812 |
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Morning Prayer

Anthem	<i>"When God Speaks"</i>	Sanctuary Choir
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Scripture		John 1:1-4, 10-14
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Singing	<i>"What Child is This?"</i> (V1 / chorus)	#281
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Message	<i>"On Mary's Lap, Sleeping?"</i>	Nathan Brooks
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| *Closing Hymn | <i>"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"</i> | #292 |
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*Benediction

*Postlude

** You are invited to stand if able*

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

*\*\*\* Hearing aid devices are available at the Greeter's table. Just turn it on and adjust the volume. \*\*\**

## This Week's Calendar

**Today**                    8:00 a.m. .... Handbell Practice  
*November 29*            9:30 a.m. .... Sunday School  
                                  10:30 a.m. .... Prayer in Nathan's office  
                                  10:40 a.m. .... Morning Announcements  
                                  10:45 a.m. .... Morning Worship  
                                  6:30 p.m. . CGCMA Songfest @ Bloomfield Methodist

**Tuesday**                6:00 p.m. .... Choir Practice  
*December 1*             6:00 p.m. .... Cottage Prayer Group  
                                  6:30 p.m. .... Trustees

**Wednesday**        6:00 p.m. .... FLAMES  
*December 2*

**Thursday**            6:30 p.m. .... Church Council  
*December 3*

**Friday**                6:00 p.m. .... First Friday @ First Baptist  
*December 4*



***Next Week's Scripture:***

Hebrews 1:1-6; 2:5-13



***Birthdays this week:***

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| November 29 | Anne Ellis    |
| November 30 | Sara Ross     |
| December 3  | Jeff Coffin   |
|             | John Cummings |
| December 5  | John Bailey   |



*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 6

Sound System..... Paul Schmidt  
 Prayer ..... Brad Ellis  
 Children's Worship..... No Children's Worship

### December Volunteers

Greeters ..... Shelia McBride & Sandy Clark  
 Usher of the Month ..... Charles Porter  
 Deacon of the Month ..... John Bailey  
 Trustee of the Month..... Braden Hudson

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



*FBC sermons are available online. Visit our church website, [fbc bloom.org](http://fbc bloom.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 ..... 74  
 Morning Worship Service ..... 115

**Last Week's Giving**

General Fund..... \$3,811.17  
 Food Pantry..... \$950.00  
 White Christmas..... \$400.00

**Year to Date**

General Fund Income..... \$224,321.54  
 General Fund Expenses..... \$224,834.44  
 Expenses vs Income ..... \$-512.90



# **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.



*We invite you to sign the attendance register as it is passed your way and, if you are visiting with us for the first time, we have information for you regarding life at First Baptist.*

## **Prayer Concerns**

Friends and loved ones who need Christ  
Persecuted Christians around the world  
American Baptist Missionaries around the world  
For Peace on Earth— Psalm 46:9  
US Military personnel around the world  
David & Beth Anne Adams (*Sue Sanford*)  
The family of Eleanor Barkley  
Gary Bender (*Friend of Mike & Mindy Small*)  
Steve Buccola and family  
Dorothy Covey (*Sandy Clark's mother*)  
Nancy Covey  
Becky Dayhoff  
Mason Ellis (*Brad & Anne's grandson*)  
Charlie Farmer & Pam Schultz  
Charlotte Gabbard (*Joan Vaughn's cousin*)  
Gary (*acquaintance of FBC member*)  
Ginger (*Friend of Nancy Beall*)  
Jayklin Graf (*Steve & Cheri's granddaughter*)  
Ruth Gremore (*Cheri Campbell*)  
Chris and Laura Harris (*Friends of Brandt Hudson*)  
Krista Hudson (*Bob Holt's daughter*)  
Diana Lahmann (*friend of Cheri Graf*)  
John Lamson  
Mike & Carla Neff (*Nancy Covey*)  
Deni Pigg (*Becky Dayhoff's cousin*)  
Cecilia Pittman (*Sue Sanford's niece*)  
Clarence Rudolph (*Nancy Covey's brother*)  
Karen Sullivan (*Norm's sister-in-law*)  
Madison Toon  
Tina Whitney (*Nancy Covey*)

## Christmas Poinsettias



The social/decorating committee has ordered 15 poinsettias to help decorate the sanctuary this year. If you would like to purchase one of these in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out an order form (located on the library counter) and leave it, along with your payment, on the secretary's desk. The poinsettias are \$8.25 each and may be taken home following the Christmas Eve service.

## Hanging of the Greens – December 6

Our annual Hanging of the Greens will take place on Sunday, December 6th immediately following the worship service. The social committee will provide pizza for lunch for anyone willing to stay after and help.



## Bloomfield Hometown Christmas – December 6



Bloomfield Hometown Christmas, sponsored by the Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce, will be held on Sunday, December 6th from 1-6 on the square. Come out and enjoy a wonderful holiday afternoon. Many of the area businesses will be open with holiday specials. Local restaurants and churches will have a variety of food and drinks for sale. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there to visit with the children. There will be carriage rides and live music throughout the day.

Kingdom Kids will be performing on the courthouse steps at 5:00. The rest of our church family is invited to come sing Christmas carols following the Kingdom Kids!

## Movie Night @ First Christian – December 11

The Bloomfield First Christian Church (at the corner of Spring and Jefferson Streets) will show the movie WAR ROOM on Friday, December 11th @ 7pm. Everyone is welcome. Free movie, popcorn and soda! (Please use the Spring St. entrance)



## Christmas Cantata – December 13



The First Baptist Church annual Christmas Cantata will Sunday, December 13 at 6:00pm. The program will be in three parts, starting with instrumental pieces featuring our pianist Younkyung Kim and fellow IU Jacobs School of Music students. This part of the program will include works by Hayden and Christmas favorites from Tchaikovsky. Following that will be several Christmas songs from our delightful Kingdom Kids Choir. Then, the Adult Choir will present the cantata, “Emmanuel-Celebrating Heaven’s Child.” The cantata will include solos from Jason Nicholson and Sharon Terrell, with narration by Pastor Brooks and Sandy Clark. There will be a reception immediately following in the Fellowship Hall which will consist of a wide selection of tasty delights and a time of fellowship. As in the past, this program will be a blessing as we celebrate Christ’s birth. Please plan to attend, along with your friends and family and join us as we musically celebrate our Savior’s birth!

## Nursery Ministry

One way to minister to people is to give them space to worship. Parents often need the few moments in church to be able to focus on God.

One agreement we make as a church family is to be supportive of parents in raising their children to know God. Do you feel called to minister to parents and children by being in the nursery one

Sunday a month? If so, there is a sign-up sheet on the library counter. Please see Sandy Clark 384-3257, Member of the Children's Ministry, for questions or additional information.



## On-going Food Pantry Needs:

Tomato juice

Boxed cereal

Spaghetti sauce

Ramen noodles

Canned corn

Canned green beans

Beef ravioli

Spaghetti-o's

Mac & Cheese

Jiffy mix