

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Nathan Brooks, Pastor

December 30, 2018 ~ 10:45 a.m.

Welcome/Invocation/Lord’s Prayer James Malone

Hymns *“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”* #259

(vv 1,2 & 5)

“Away in a Manger” #262

“We Three Kings” #288

Offering

Doxology* #815

Morning Prayer

Anthem *“Christmas Grace”* Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Reading

Testimonies John Cummings / Steve Kirby

Closing Hymn* *“My Faith has Found a Resting Place”* #528

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.*

## This Week's Calendar

**Today**                    9:30 a.m..... Sunday School  
*December 30*        10:30 a.m..... Prayer in Nathan's office  
                             10:45 a.m..... Morning Worship

**Tuesday**                                    **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**  
January 1                                    Church office closed

**Wednesday**        6:30 p.m..... Deacons

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### *Next Week's Scripture*

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### *Birthdays this Week*

December 31    Bruce Porter  
                                         Tiffany Brooks  
January 5            Avery Malone

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## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The food pantry is in need of spaghetti, spaghetti sauce and ramen noodles.

## Food Pantry Activity for December 2018

|                                  |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Families.....                    | 58  |
| Individuals.....                 | 152 |
| Children under age 18 .....      | 11  |
| People over age 59 .....         | 10  |
| Number of bags distributed ..... | 384 |

## Next Week's Volunteers – January 6

|                         |                       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Prayer .....            | TBD                   |
| Sound System.....       | Paul Schmidt          |
| Children's Worship..... | No Children's Worship |
| Nursery.....            | Sandy Clark           |

### January Volunteers

|                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Deacon of the Month ..... | James Malone (937-243-6853) |
| Trustee of the Month..... | John Bailey                 |
| Usher of the Month .....  | Charles Porter              |
| 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, [fbcbloom.org](http://fbcbloom.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.....            | 71  |
| Morning Worship Service ..... | 129 |

**Last Week's Giving**

|                                                |            |
|------------------------------------------------|------------|
| General Fund.....                              | \$2,853.25 |
| Food Pantry in Memory of Warren Bartlett ..... | \$350.00   |
| Food Pantry.....                               | \$731.25   |

**Year to Date Giving**

|                            |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Income .....               | \$240,700.91 |
| Budget Requirements .....  | \$244,314.00 |
| Net Income vs. Budget..... | \$ -3,613.09 |



# **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.



*Welcome to worship! If you are a first-time guest, we have a small gift for you; please just ask. We invite all worshipers to sign the black book to help us better minister to you. If you'd like a prayer request announced, please use an orange card*

*from your pew and place it in the offering plate. Guests, your presence is a gift to us; please feel no pressure to participate in the offering.*

**New prayer requests from last week, December 23**

The family of Walter Wayne Burcham (*Joe Burcham's brother*)

Jean Boyer (*Room 7 @ Linton Nursing and Rehab*)

Charles & Mary Jane Parker

Gabe Ayers

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*If you have a request for the prayer chain, please call  
 Kathy Ham (863-7702); Eleanor Kingsley (384-8329)  
 or the current Deacon of the Month.*

## 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 FBC Family,

Thank you so very much for your generosity to us this Christmas season. We are overwhelmed with all of the gifts, food, cards, and kind words. And thank you for praying for Tiffany! This church family is amazing. You mean the world to us and we are so thankful for you!

Gratefully,  
Nathan, Liz, and Tiffany