

The First Baptist Connection

MARCH 2014

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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Children's Worship

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March 2014

Birthdays

1st Miriam Rollison
Charlie Stahl
5th Shelbi Henry
6th Carla Porter
7th David Dean
10th Warren Bartlett
11th Brennan Hughes
12th Christine Buccola
14th Taylor Rollison
Melodie Miller
Ava Manuel
18th Andrew Templeton
Aiden Malone
26th Doug Frye
28th Scott Clark
31st Joan Vaughn

Anniversaries

6th Alan & Tammy Kirkman
20th Tony & Lori Resler
21st Rob & Cindy Allgood
24th Rex & Lois Kirchoff

Prayer Concerns

On-Going Prayer Concerns

Bright Beginnings Daycare and Preschool
Cheri Campbell
Nancy Cummings
Janice Holt
Peace seeking in Iraq & Afghanistan

Homebound

Roberta Neill

Parkview Village - Odon

Betty Baker

Missionaries

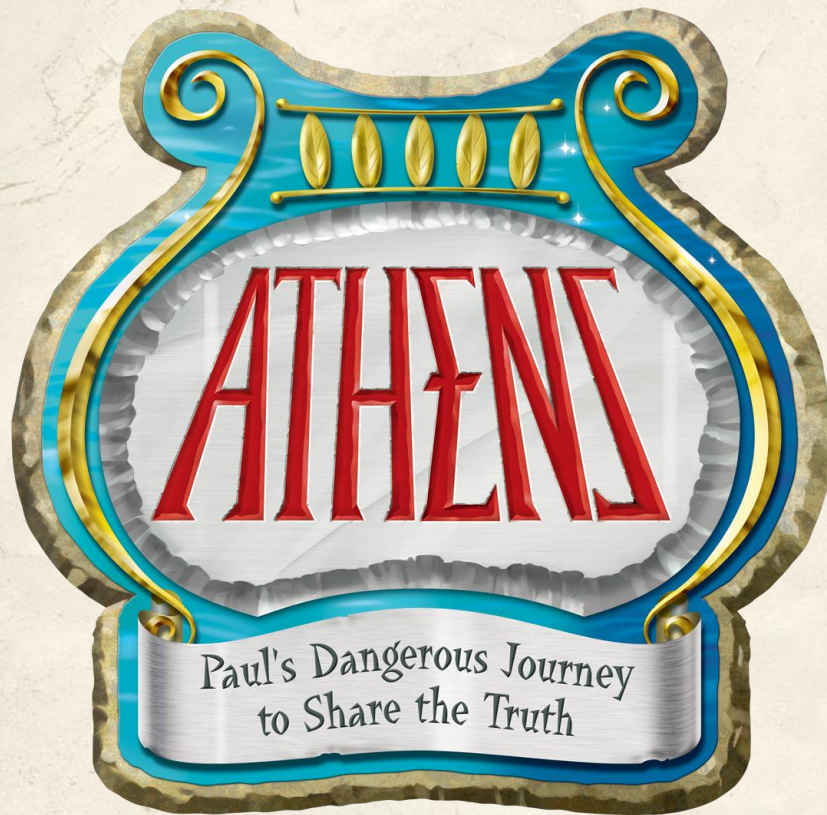
Tyler & Georgene Lunberry in India
American Baptists around the world

FINANCIAL REPORT

January 2014 Offering Totals:

General Fund \$17,761.17
Food Pantry \$1,447.54
Brad Pridemore Scholarship Fund..... \$150.00
Mission Trip to El Salvador \$466.60
World Mission \$10.00

Bloomfield First Baptist First Friday!



Friday, March 7, 2014

6:30 – 8:35 pm

Registration at 6:15

Supper at 6:30

FBC News & Activities

Ash Wednesday – March 5

On Ash Wednesday, March 5, the sanctuary will be open for reflection and prayer from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. A reading guide will be provided and ashes will be available if you desire to receive the symbol of the cross upon your forehead. This event will be for you to come and go as the Lord may lead. For those unable to attend, you may contact Pastor Nathan for a copy of the reading guide.

Children's Library

The Sunday School children have decided they would like to start a children's library in the 4th 5th and 6th grade class room. There are two temporary shelves ready for books. Does your family have any Christian Children's books, movies, or CD's that you would like to donate? The Children are discussing the rules for lending the books. If you have books or book shelves you would like to share. Talk with Paula Bartlett (384-4274) or Sandy Clark (ssclark75@sbcglobal.net / 384-3257)



Yard Sale Donations – May 3



As you prepare to do some Spring Cleaning, please consider donating items to a yard sale to benefit the Mission Trip to El Salvador. The yard sale will be held Saturday, May 3rd during the town-wide sale at Jean Resler's property on Spring Street, just south of Dairy Queen. Items can be donated the night before, and unsold items will be taken to the Family Life Center.

El Salvador Mission Trip – May 25-31

A Mission Trip to El Salvador is scheduled for May 25-31, 2014. 16 people will be traveling to volunteer in an orphanage in San Salvador. The Mission Team: Bryan Able, Daniel Able, Rosie Allgood, Cheri Campbell, Sandy Clark, Braden Hudson, Debra Hudson, Monica Hudson, Tasha Hudson, JR Ross, Mary Puntney, Andrew Templeton, Taylor Templeton, Andrew Weeks, Delene Weeks, Bob Weeks.

El Salvador is near to our youth's heart because of their friend Vanesa, who passed away this past April. We are partnering with La Casa de mi Padre (The House of my Father) and staying on the Youth With a Mission compound. This trip will cost about \$1,111 per person. Please pray for the planning process, for travel safety, for communication skills, and for our witness to others about Christ's love for them.

Women's Community Bible Study Returns in June!

Save the Date, Ladies: Women's Community Bible Study is coming back to First Baptist this summer on Tuesday nights, June - July, from 6:30-8:30p. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for further details!



FLAMES Youth Group Wants YOUR Aluminum Cans



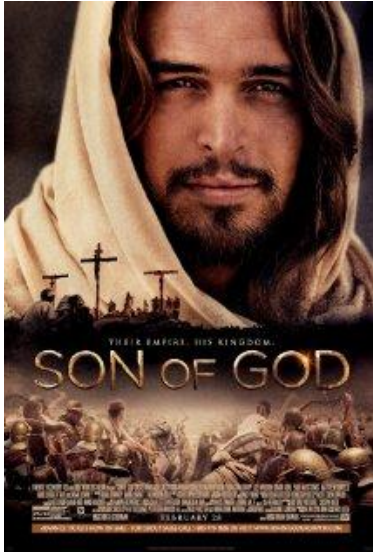
We receive money for aluminum cans from the Greene County Recycling Center. You can deposit them in our bin marked "Baptist Youth" outside the Recycling Center office door. Or you can bring them to the church, or call us for a pick up! The money from these cans will go to the Mission Trip.



Youth Happenings!

FRUITFUL LIVES ADORING THE MERCIFUL EVERLASTING SAVIOR

"HIS WORD IS IN MY HEART LIKE A FIRE." JEREMIAH 20:9



Do you like to support Christian Media? Here are two movies being released in theatres this month:

Son of God

This major motion picture event is an experience created to be shared among families and communities across the U.S. It brings the story of Jesus' life to audiences through compelling cinematic storytelling that is both powerful and inspirational. Told with the scope and scale of an action epic, the film features powerful performances, exotic locales, dazzling visual effects and a rich orchestral score. The film spans from Jesus' humble birth through his teachings, crucifixion and ultimate resurrection. Mark Burnett and Roma Downey's pared-down version of the History channel miniseries "The Bible" opens nationwide Friday on roughly 3,000 screens Friday.

Release date: February 28, 2014 (USA) 138 minutes, PG-13

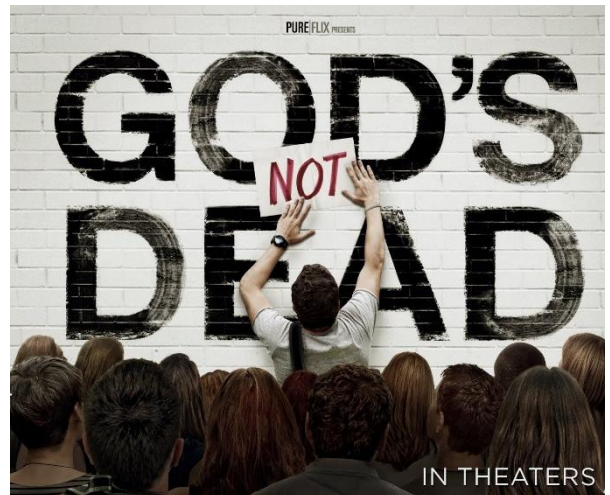
Local Theatres listed: Bloomington, Bedford, Terre Haute

God's Not Dead

Present-day college freshman and devout Christian, Josh Wheaton, finds his faith challenged on his first day of Philosophy class by the dogmatic and argumentative Professor Radisson. Radisson begins class by informing students that they will need to disavow, in writing, the existence of God on that first day, or face a failing grade. As other students in the class begin scribbling the words "God Is Dead" on pieces of paper as instructed, Josh finds himself at a crossroads, having to choose between his faith and his future. Josh offers a nervous refusal, provoking an irate reaction from his smug professor. Radisson assigns him a daunting task: if Josh will not admit that "God Is Dead," he must prove God's existence by presenting well-researched, intellectual arguments and evidence over the course of the semester, and engage Radisson in a head-to-head debate in front of the class. If Josh fails to convince his classmates of God's existence, he will fail the course and hinder his lofty academic goals. With almost no one in his corner, Josh wonders if he can really fight for what he believes. Can he actually prove the existence of God?

Release date: March 21, 2014 (USA) Pure Flix Entertainment, PG, 113 minutes.

Nearby Theatres currently listed: Terre Haute, Evansville, Columbus, and Plainfield.



Youth Events during Spring Break:

Braden is considering taking the guys to a HotRod Restoration Show on Thursday or Friday of Spring Break. We will go see God's Not Dead as a youth group, possibly Wed night, or in conjunction with the Guy's trip, depending on how timing works out.

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

DAYCARE NEWS

It was so nice to have a little warm weather and to see the sun; we really enjoyed getting outside for a couple of days and running around. Speaking of outside and warmer weather, we are in the planning stages of improving our toddler playground. We could really use some help with the implementation of that project. If you have some free time to come out on a Saturday, or even during the week, please let Ms. Tammy or Ms. Shirley know. We will have dates and more information for you at a later time. We would like to grow some grass and improve the area to make it safer and cleaner.

We will be having our annual flower fundraiser soon. The flowers will arrive right before Mother's day. More information will be posted around the church and in the bulletin.

Last week it started to rain just as a 7-year-old was walking in with his Mom. He asked her "Does this mean they are cancelling school?" ☺

As usual we do thank you all for your prayers and support in this very important Ministry.

Tammy Kirkman
Daycare Director

Thanksgiving Challenge 2014

COUNT 1000 GIFTS IN 2012
SNAP A PHOTO OR RECORD 3 GIFTS/DAY
ONTHIRHANDGIFTS.COM/GET-THE-APP/

MARCH

JOY DARE

COUNT 1000 GIFTS

SHARE THE GIFTS: #1000GIFTS
FACEBOOK.COM/ONTHIRHANDGIFTS
COUNT 1000 GIFTS IN 2012
AND ENTER TO WIN NISCON DOD
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PS. 1004 (MSG) *ENTER WITH THE PASSWORD: "THANK YOU! THANK HIM! WORSHIP HIM!"

3 GIFTS AT 3PM	1.	17. A GIFT TURNED, FOLDED, HUNG
3 GIFTS GREEN	2.	18. 3 GIFTS RED
3 GIFTS WORE	3.	19. 3 GIFTS EATEN
3 GIFTS HARD TO GIVE THANKS FOR	4.	20. 3 GIFTS THAT MADE YOU LAUGH
3 GIFTS FOUND	5.	21. A GIFT SALTY, SWEET, JUST RIGHT
A GIFT BENT, BROKEN, BEAUTIFUL	6.	22. 3 GIFTS FOUND IN HIS WORD
3 GIFTS IN THE KITCHEN	7.	23. 3 GIFTS FOUND IN WOMEN TODAY
3 GIFTS LOUD	8.	24. 3 GIFTS SPOKEN
3 GIFTS CARVED	9.	25. A GIFT SUNG, WRITTEN, PAINTED
3 GIFTS IN CHRIST	10.	26. 3 GIFTS ALMOST GONE
3 GIFTS READ	11.	27. 3 GIFTS REDEEMED
A GIFT IN WIND, IN WATER, IN WHITE	12.	28. 3 GIFTS ENTWINED
3 GIFTS ROUND	13.	29. 3 GIFTS OF HIS PROMISES
3 GIFTS FOUND IN SILENCE	14.	30. 3 GIFTS UNCOVERED
3 GIFTS GIVEN AWAY	15.	31. A GIFT HEARD, HELD, HOPED FOR
3 HARD EUCHARISTEOS	16.	

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A Note from Pastor Nathan

Wednesday, March 5, will mark the beginning of the Lenten Season. Lent is to Easter what Advent is to Christmas: we humble and examine ourselves, preparing for and anticipating the upcoming celebration. The focus of all this activity is the cross of Jesus Christ.

I hope that you make it a regular habit to prayerfully read and reflect upon Scripture. The written word continues to be a gift to me, pointing me to the Living Word, Jesus Christ. In addition to the Bible itself, I have also found it helpful on occasion to meditate upon the words of a Christian hymn or song. That is what I invite you to do with the remainder of this space in this month's newsletter.

Beneath the Cross of Jesus is a favorite Lenten hymn of mine. I encourage you to read through it, slowly and prayerfully. Sit quietly before the Lord with these words open in your lap. See what the Holy Spirit might have to say. You might do this once during Lent, or several times throughout the season. You might try the exercise with several hymns. Follow as the Lord may lead. I pray that the experience will be a blessing to you!

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830-1869

Music: Frederick C. Maker, 1844-1927

FBC CCLI #108619

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock
Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness,
A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat,
And the burden of the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus
Mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One
Who suffered there for me;
And from my stricken heart with tears
Two wonders I confess:
The wonders of redeeming love
And my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow
For my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than
The sunshine of his face;
Content to let the world go by,
To know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self my only shame,
My glory all the cross.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 7:30 Planning & Survey	5 6:30 Ash Wednesday Service	6 6:30 Church Council	7 6:30 First Friday	8 8:00 Lenten Breakfast @ Holy Name Catholic Church
9 8:30 Fellowship Breakfast	10 6:30 Trustees	11	12	13	14	15 8:00 Lenten Breakfast @ 1 st Christian
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 8:00 Lenten Breakfast @ Mansions in Heaven
23	24	25	26	27 6:30 Deacons	28	29 8:00 Lenten Breakfast @ Tulip Church
30 6:30 Songfest @ 1 st Christian	31					

Deacon of the Month <i>Randy Flanagan</i>	Trustee of the Month <i>Braden Hudson</i>	Usher of the Month <i>Bob Templeton</i>	Greeters <i>John & Mary Bailey</i>
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Reoccurring Weekly Activities @ FBC

Sundays: 6:00 p.m. Campfire - Sanctuary & FH

Mondays: 10:30 a.m. Enhanced Fitness - FH
4:30 p.m. Enhanced Fitness – Kumetus
6:15 p.m. Zumba – CLC
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts – FH

Tuesdays: 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts - FH
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Cottage Prayer Group

Wednesdays: 10:30 a.m. Enhanced Fitness – FH
6:15 p.m. FLAMES - CLC

Thursdays: 6:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast - Dairy Queen
10:30 a.m. Enhanced Fitness - FH
6:15 p.m. Zumba – CLC
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - FH
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