

The First Baptist Connection

July 2021

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

1 st	Eric Moody
3 rd	Rob Rollison
4 th	Alex Weeks
7 th	Alex Brown
11 th	Bob Weeks
12 th	Maryann Snow
14 th	Alecia Henry
17 th	Emily Pittman
18 th	David Doane
24 th	Kathy Ham
25 th	Bill Hudson
26 th	Alex Malone
27 th	Brady Hughes
28 th	Kinley Moody
	Keaton Wilson

ANNIVERSARIES

6 th	Mike & Barb Stoner
18 th	Steve & Kay Allen

In Person Gathering at FBC:

First Baptist Church is no longer formally requesting that masks be worn during church activities. Some pew ribbons will remain to ensure social distancing is available to those for whom it is most important.

We encourage anyone who is unable to attend in-person to participate online:

1. Links for live worship services are posted weekly at [Facebook.com/groups/fbcbloom](https://www.facebook.com/groups/fbcbloom).
2. Recorded worship services are available to the public at [YouTube.com/fbcbloomfield](https://www.youtube.com/fbcbloomfield).

Blessing Box Needs

Our Blessing Box is a resource for those who need items not available in the Food Pantry. Please consider donations of sunscreen, paper products, hygiene items, cleaning supplies, and baby items. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Thank you for supporting this ministry. We just celebrated our 2-year anniversary! Any questions can be directed to Cheri Graf @ 812-384-8980.

Tithes and Offerings

We have three simple options for giving tithes and offerings:

1. Give online at fbcbloom.org.
2. Mail a check to the church at 500 Lincoln Drive.
3. Place tithes in the Giving Box in the Narthex.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR NATHAN

Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV 1984)

I want to write this month to tell you how much I appreciate you. First Baptist Church of Bloomfield is a truly wonderful church family. It continues to be a tremendous and humbling honor to serve you and to serve with you in the Kingdom of God.

I think about those of you who came in recent weeks to put a new roof on our house (and, to feed those who put a new roof on our house!).

I think about all of the cards of encouragement. Very often those have come at the perfect time. If the Lord has laid on your heart someone to write a note of encouragement to, do it. This is no small thing.

I think about the gifts and the food and the invitations to come and join you for various fun activities. You are remarkably generous to us.

I think about the way you love Tiffany. She loves coming to church and you all are largely responsible for this.

I think about your prayers. I know there are many of you who faithfully and persistently pray for me and my family. Liz, Tiffany, and I are so grateful.

I think about the zeal with which you serve the community and one another. Continually, I see FBC come together around some cause – whether an ongoing ministry or a one-time opportunity to bless someone during a time of need – and I see people tirelessly stepping up to do whatever needs to be done.

I think about the quiet actions, the off-the-radar things you do, to no fanfare whatsoever. And you like it that way. As Jesus says, our heavenly Father sees what is done in secret and will reward you.

I think about this church's genuine ability to unify despite our diversity of opinion, to forgive each other even of deep wounds, and to get on with the business of being Christ's people in this community. I am fully aware that this is not easy. And yet the Lord continues to work reconciliation among us.

I think about your openness to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. This characteristic has been evident to me in this congregation from the earliest days of our time together. I know you genuinely desire to seek and do the Lord's will. This is one of the very best qualities a church can have – and we have it.

Would you join me (again) in praying and thanking God for our wonderful church family? What a treasure we have here in Bloomfield. What potential we yet have.

I get excited sometimes, thinking of the Gospel opportunities we have not yet even thought of, the ministries not yet conceived, the people who have not yet come to or been blessed by our church. Great things are already happening and great things are yet to come!

I love you, Church, and I believe in you. Let's persevere in pursuing God's will with confidence (Heb. 10:35-36)!

Grace and peace,
Nathan

Shelter House/BB Goal Dedication – July 11

The Shelter House/Basketball Dedication will be July 11 immediately after our Worship Service. Details about that will be forthcoming. We will gather for a meal after the dedication in Fellowship Hall.

The Social Committee will provide hot dogs, cheeseburgers, hamburgers, chips, drinks, paper table service, and condiments. We are asking our church family to bring a covered dish. There will be seating available both inside Fellowship Hall and outside in the Shelter House.

There is a sign-up sheet on the library counter. This is only for the Social Committee to estimate what supplies will be needed. Everyone is welcome to stay regardless of whether you sign up or not. We always have plenty of food.

Rocky Railway Diner

The Rocky Railway Diner is gearing up for VBS. We are planning some scrumptious meals for the Rocky Railway Diners before they adventure on to worship, sing, play, craft, and learn about Jesus. You can help us “pull through” by furnishing items needed to stock the Diner. A sign-up sheet will be available next Sunday. Questions for the Diner can be directed to either the Rocky Railway Diner Head Chef Kimberly Porter, or her assistant, Food Specialist Kathy Ham. Chew Chew from the Diner Crew.

Vacation Bible School – July 25-29

Kids! Get ready for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway VBS! At Rocky Railway, you will explore Jesus’ power and how we can trust Him to pull us through when life feels like a valley or a mountaintop. Stay tuned for more information!



FAITHFUL followers

Play these fun variations on Follow the Leader — and remember to follow Jesus wherever you go!

What you need:

- Bean bags
- Tables, chairs, pillows
- Painter's tape

What you do:

Players line up behind the Leader, who moves around in various ways. Followers must copy the Leader's movements faithfully. Try these variations:

1. Players must balance a bean bag on their head as they follow the Leader.
2. Set up an obstacle course, and follow the Leader by crawling under tables and chairs, hopping over pillows and so on.
3. With tape, make zigzags and curves on the floor. Then follow the Leader as if walking on a tightrope.
4. The Leader designates types of terrain to imagine, such as mud, snow, ice and a mountain.
5. Also try animal movements, mirrored movements and dancing movements.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:30 Deacons	2	3
4 Communion	5	6 6:30 Trustees	7 9:00 Bible Study	8 6:30 Ch Council 7:40 Softball Game	9	10
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