

The First Baptist Connection

August 2021

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

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- 4th Mary Puntney
7th Bert Terrell
8th Sandy Mead
10th Barb Frye
Charlie Cardinal
Ozaiah Hudson
12th Nikkie Romans
14th Kylee Moody
18th Gavyn Romans
25th Braden Hudson
31st Willow Foxworthy

ANNIVERSARIES

- 4th Ron & Shelia McBride
Chris & Erin Wilson
14th Derek & Mandy Rollison
27th John & Mary Bailey

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/fcbloom](https://www.facebook.com/groups/fcbloom).
2. Recorded worship services are available to the public at [YouTube.com/fcbloomfield](https://www.youtube.com/fcbloomfield).

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

Congregational Meeting – August 12 @ 6:30

The third FBC Congregational Meeting of 2021 will be Thursday, August 12 at 6:30 pm. As we did with the last few Congregational Meetings, attendees will have the option of participating either in-person or on-line. For those attending in-person we will be meeting in the Sanctuary. For those participating on-line, we will be broadcasting on the FBC Facebook/YouTube channel.

In the meeting, members will be updated on developments in the church. Comments from on-line views can post using the FaceBook chat feature or text o 384-7215.

Copies of the Agenda and minutes of the May Congregational Meeting are available.

We will be voting on approving the most recent changes in the Personnel, Policies, and Procedures Handbook. While most of the changes deal with improving consistency, wording, and typos, there are a few content changes. Deacons have oversight of worship; the Church Council will administer scholarships, and day care staffing considerations. Copies of the marked-up Handbook will be on the counter and available on-line.

We encourage all to participate in the meeting to learn of the activities and developments in your church!

Deacon Nominations

The Deacons are requesting that each of you prayerfully consider whom you would recommend for the Deacon positions to be filled for the next three years. The individuals selected will join the current Deacons who still have a year or more of their three-year term remaining (Jeff Hughes, Cheri Graf and Charles Porter.) Bill Hudson, Randy Flanagin and Kathy Ham will end their three-year terms in December and are not eligible to fill the vacancies.

Your recommendation should include individuals that you believe to be mature Christians with a heart for God, upstanding in our community, with good people skills and interested in the Spiritual health of our Church Body. Please review the Church Handbook to understand the specific Deacon duties and pray for guidance.

Nomination forms are available in the church office. Please place yours in the Deacon's mailbox in the workroom, or on the Church Secretary's desk no later than Sunday, August 29.

Please note: Nominees for Deacons must be members of First Baptist Bloomfield. Thank you.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR NATHAN

August Updates

VBS – My favorite thing about Vacation Bible School each summer is watching the church body come together and contribute in a variety of ways. No single person does everything, but a great number of people do something. Thank you for volunteering, teaching, supervising, serving, preparing food, donating food, decorating, providing materials, praying, and whatever else you may have done to make this year's program a success. We ministered to a total of 58 children during the 5 days of VBS. We also extend a huge thank you to Brenda Flanagin for directing this year's VBS!

Reshaping Church – The Reshaping Church Coordination Team has finished compiling all of the input we received from you – 5 small groups that met for 8 weeks, in addition to a few Sundays of input from our Junior-Senior High class. That input has been condensed to one list that represents what we perceive to be most important to you for the church to pursue in the coming months. That list will appear as a survey in your bulletin and in the narthex over the next few weeks. We would like your further input on that survey – give us your thoughts about which issues are highest priority, and any other comments you might have – by **Sunday, August 22**. The survey can be placed on the desk in the church office or the deacon's mailbox in the workroom. The team will review that further input as a next step. The objective of this process is to identify some key goals in various areas of ministry that FBC can rally around in the years to come.

Remembering and Celebrating – On Sunday morning, September 26, we will have a special worship service during which we will honor those from our FBC family who passed away during the pandemic season. We will also celebrate God's faithfulness in bringing us through a challenging era. A church-wide meal (perhaps one of the things we missed the most because of COVID-19) will be held following the service.

Thank you for continuing to pray for First Baptist Church! We are glad to have you connected with our FBC family.

Grace and peace,

Nathan

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion	2 6:30 Softball Game	3 6:30 Trustees	4	5 6:30 Deacons 6:30 & 7:40 Softball	6	7
8 8:30 Fellowship Breakfast	9	10	11 9:00 Bible Study	12 6:30 Congregational Mtg.	13	14
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