

The First Baptist Connection

March 2022

News and Updates for our Family in Christ

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BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

1 st	Jessa Ayers
4 th	Michael Sullivan
6 th	Carla Porter
7 th	David Dean
8 th	Jim Foxworthy
10 th	Skyler Pittman
11 th	Brennan Hughes
14 th	Taylor Rollison Ava Manuel
18 th	Andrew Templeton Aiden Malone
22 nd	Ivy Foxworthy
23 rd	Kris Lanz Chris Wilson
25 th	Sophy Groomer
26 th	Doug Frye
31 st	Joan Vaughn Aden Romans

ANNIVERSARIES

14 th	Steve & Cheri Graf
20 th	Tony & Lori Resler
24 th	Rex & Lois Kirchoff

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

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

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

FBC NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Ash Wednesday

The sanctuary will be open for prayer throughout Ash Wednesday, March 2, with the exception of 9:00-10:00 a.m. when we have Bible Study. A reflection guide will be made available at [Facebook.com/groups/fcbloom](https://www.facebook.com/groups/fcbloom) and at [fcbloom.org](https://www.fcbloom.org). A limited number of printed copies will be available in the narthex as well. You may also email Pastor Nathan if you would like a copy emailed to you.

Community Service - Call for Projects

Do you have work that needs to be done around your home? Please contact Josh Osborne at joshua.lebanonoz@gmail.com or find me before/after church to get your project added to the list. Mainly looking for small projects such as door repair, window replacement, roofing, ramp building, lawn care, etc.

Community Service - Call for Volunteers

Looking for volunteers willing to help with small projects such as door repair, window replacement, roofing, ramp building, lawn care, etc. Please contact Josh Osborne for additional information. You can email me at: joshua.lebanonoz@gmail.com or find me before/after church.

ATTENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND REPS

If you have information for the April newsletter, please submit it to the church office (preferably via email) by Monday, March 28.

*Thank you kindly,
Brenda*

Daylight Saving – March 13

Don't forget to turn your clocks forward!



American for Christ Offering

Our opportunity to support the America for Christ Offering 2022 will be in March. The scripture that has been designated for this offering is "I will praise you and testify about what you have done." Psalm 22:22

Thanks to America for Christ Offering contributions, American Baptist Home Mission Societies supported communities distressed by the devastation of Covid-19 last year, as the pandemic swept our country and Puerto Rico. They also helped families who lost homes to floods, wildfires, and storms, along with children living on the edge of poverty, and seminarian's preparing to devote their lives to sharing the Good News.

Please help continue to bring healing and hope to communities, families, children and Jesus' disciples in 2022 by supporting this offering. Envelopes will be available for you in the pews. God Bless you as you bless others.

Address for Nancy Beall

Sympathy notes or cards can be sent to Nancy Beall Kinder at 253 Lower Whiteoak Rd., Ashford, WV 25009. A Celebration of Life for Seth will be here at FBC on Saturday, April 16 @ 4:00.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR NATHAN

"...in hope, rejoicing; in affliction, enduring; in prayer, persevering..."

Romans 12:12

Today the Lord draws my attention to the above snippet from Paul's conversation about responding to God's mercy. These three short phrases seem fitting as postures to guide our upcoming journey through the Lenten season.

In hope, rejoicing...

Our physical circumstances on any given day might not bring much joy. Sometimes, life stinks. What will we do about this? "Rejoicing in hope" would require us first to remember what our hope is. Consider **Lamentations 3:21-24** or **Romans 5:1-5** or **1 Peter 1:3-9**. You may have other favorite scriptures to visit. Our minds automatically orbit around our present physical circumstances. We are called to intentionally, persistently remember the hope we have in Jesus. This deliberate practice sustains joy even in the midst of things that are very hard. This Lent, find some scriptures to sit and chew on for awhile (don't actually eat the pages of your Bible). Let's remember our hope, and keep rejoicing.

In affliction, enduring...

I suppose this is our only choice. If something doesn't physically kill us, I suppose we endured it. But I think the Lord calls us to more than a passive survival of hard things. Rather, fruitful endurance has to do with our mindset and the attitude of our hearts. **Hebrews 12:2-3** comes to mind, along with **Jeremiah 17:7-8**, **Philippians 3:10-11** and **Psalms 146:3-6**. To Whom am I looking in the hard times? This will have a lot to do with how effectively I persevere.

In prayer, persevering...

I'm thinking about the opposite of this: in prayer, giving up? Circumstances challenge fervent prayer. How many of us have prayed a long time for something or someone we cared deeply about, without [yet] seeing the results for which we've prayed? While I don't particularly enjoy not getting what I want when I want it, I'm fully convinced that it is good for me to have to persevere in prayer. The Lord uses these intervals to shape my heart and my will in accordance with His, and to cultivate patience and a deeper gratitude for what the Lord does along the way. I think of **Mark 14:35-36** and **Romans 8:26-27** and **Ephesians 6:18-20**.

There are more places in scripture for us to routinely visit as we cultivate the postures of **Romans 12:12**. I'm interested in knowing some of the passages you visit time and again. I encourage you to develop some rhythms – and maybe Lent is a great time to start – of intentionally turning to God through the scriptures and prayer. These kinds of spiritual disciplines have never been just "something to do," rather they are ways of connecting our hearts with the Lord who sustains us through all seasons of life. What a wonderful opportunity we have to draw closer to Jesus as we walk toward the cross and Resurrection Day.

Pressing on with you,

Nathan

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30 Trustees	2 ASH WEDNESDAY 9:00 Bible Study	3 6:30 Deacons	4	5 9:00 Hoops for Him
6 Communion	7 7:00 Choir Practice	8	9 9:00 Bible Study	10 6:30 Church Council	11	12 9:00 Hoops for Him
13 DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS 8:30 Fellowship Breakfast 9:00 Kingdom Kids	14 7:00 Choir Practice	15	16 9:00 Bible Study	17	18	19
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