



The Bell Tower

August 2023



BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

4 th	Mary Puntney
7 th	Bert Terrell
	Susie Moat
8 th	Sandy Mead
10 th	Barb Frye
	Ozaiah Hudson
14 th	Kylee Moody
25 th	Braden Hudson
31 st	Willow Foxworthy

ANNIVERSARIES

4 th	Ron & Shelia McBride
	Chris & Erin Wilson
27 th	John & Mary Bailey

Watch FBC 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).

Tithes and Offerings

If you would like to support the church online, please visit our website at www.fbcbloom.org.

Church Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday 9:00am-12:00pm & 1:00-3:00pm

Food Pantry Hours

Tuesday-Thursday 9:00am-11:00am &
Tuesday Evening 4:30pm-6:00pm

CLC Access

Daily access to the CLC, for those who don't have a key, will now be available during regular church hours by checking/signing in with FBC Secretary Heather Malone. Access to the CLC will be by utilizing the walkway through the church Narthex.

FBC NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Our Babylon themed Vacation Bible School took place July 23-27. It was a highly successful event where approximately 39 kids a night and countless volunteers came together to learn about Daniel's Courage in Captivity. Thank you to Ashley for directing this year, to all volunteers, and those who donated to provide for the dinner each night.

New Sermon Series!

Beginning in August, we will embark on a 15-week sermon series through the book of Ephesians. A bright green printed copy of the reading guide is on the table in the Narthex. It is also located at the end of this newsletter, in the weekly email blast, on the website under Featured Media-Bulletins, and can be emailed to you upon request.



Church Softball League

Our Church Softball Team finished the season 2-5. Tournament games are now underway with the next game scheduled for Thursday, August 3 at 7:40pm. Come out and root for your team!

Preaching at Parkview

Pastor Nathan will be preaching at Parkview in Odon on Sunday, August 6 at 2:00pm. All are encouraged to attend and worship with the residents there.

Welcome New Members

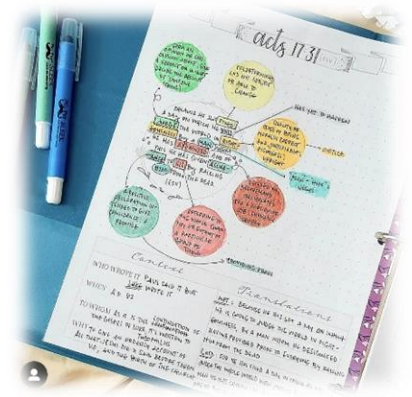
In the month of July, we welcomed new members Lee & Renee Young. We are so happy to have them here worshipping with us!

Verse Mapping Workshop

FBC Ladies – I will be teaching a workshop on Bible verse mapping in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, August 8 and 15 at 6:00pm. This has been a new and fruitful exercise I have discovered in my own time with the Lord, and I'm excited to share it with you! You'll want to be sure to bring a Bible (study Bible if you have one) and a pen/pencil! If you have a smart phone, that might also be beneficial as we will be doing some research. Please let me know if you plan to attend! And feel free to bring a friend. The youth girls are also welcome!

The specific method I use is called The James Method. Feel free to google it and look up instructional videos on YouTube if you'd like a sneak peek. The James Method website has all kinds of cute journals and Bible study tools available for purchase, but those are not at all required. In fact, I would encourage you to come and try it out before buying anything. All you need to have is what I listed above.

~Liz (nathanandliz_brooks@yahoo.com).



ECHOES FROM THE BELL TOWER

*(I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you
Psalm 119:11 NIV)*

The Best of All

by Fanny Crosby (1820-1915)

Blessed Bible, sacred treasure,
Precious book, of all the best,
There is comfort never failing,
And a calm abiding rest.
Read with reverence, and commit it,
verse by verse, and day by day;
'Tis the word that God has spoken,
And it cannot pass away.



Consider This:

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away." Matthew 24:35 NIV

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT HAPPENINGS

Youth Evangelizing Trip August 6

Ivy Foxworthy is leading an Evangelizing Trip to Bloomington. They will meet after church, have lunch, and leave the church about 1 pm returning around 4 pm.

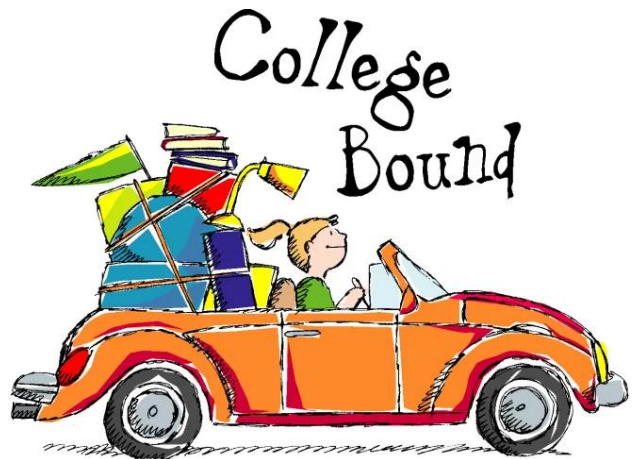
FUSE Youth Event August 27

This is a regional ABC-IN/KY event located at the Southeastern Baptist Camp in Greensburg, IN from 3-6pm. Swimming, games, and worship are planned for youth grades 6-12. Leaving after church, returning 8:30-9pm. Register your youth at: <https://forms.gle/h3re68hh1ZFGUfWB9>. Let Heather or Aiden Malone know if you plan to attend.

Heading to College

A hearty "Bon Voyage" to the following young adults heading to college this month. We wish you all the best!

Alex Malone - USI
Aiden Malone - Vincennes
Cansas Rhodes - Purdue
Kinley Moody - Grace
Sydney Terrell - Purdue



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HOST AN ACTIVITY OR EVENT FOR OUR FANTASTIC YOUTH OR YOUNG ADULTS, LET A DEACON OR PASTOR NATHAN KNOW.

Examples could include, but are not limited to:

Service Projects of Many Kinds * Prepare and Serve Church Breakfast * Game Night at CLC or Someone's Home * IU Women's Basketball Game * IU Soccer Game * Winter Jam Concert * Cookouts * Mini Golf * Bowling * Pool Party * Roller Skating * Laser Tag * Go Carts * OTHER IDEAS YOU HAVE!

The goal is to offer these activities at no or low cost to the students themselves, but FBC is willing to help with the cost if you're willing to invest in the time with our students.

Thank you for being a blessing!

COOKS IN THE BELFRY

(How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Psalm 119:103 NIV)

An extra special thank you to Nancy Brinson! She has graciously donated a couple of zucchini recipes. What a great way to use up the zucchini everyone has overtaking their garden! When she had teens hanging around her house, she made "zucchini pizza", as the kids called it. They would ask for it!

If you have a recipe you would like to share with our church family, please email it to Heather in the church office, and we will print it in a future newsletter.

From the Kitchen of Nancy Brinson

Recipe for:

Blueberry Zucchini Bread

Ingredients:

3 eggs
1 c. vegetable oil
3 tsp. vanilla extract
2 ¼ c. white sugar
2 c. shredded zucchini
3 c. all-purpose flour
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. baking powder
¼ tsp. baking soda
1 Tbsp. ground cinnamon
1 pt fresh blueberries

Directions:

Pre-heat oven to 350 deg. Lightly grease 2 loaf pans.
In a large bowl, beat together the eggs, oil, vanilla, and sugar.
Fold in the zucchini.
Beat in the flour, salt, baking powder, baking soda, and cinnamon.
Gently fold in the blueberries.
Transfer to loaf pans.
Bake 1 hour and 10 minutes in preheated oven, or until a knife inserted in the center of loaf comes out clean. Begin checking at 1 hour.
Cool 20 min. in pans, then turn out onto wire racks to cool.

From the Kitchen of Nancy Brinson

Recipe for:

Zucchini Surprise

Ingredients:

3 c. thin sliced zucchini
½ c. chopped onion
1 c. bisquick
½ c. Crisco
4 eggs beaten
½ c. parmesan cheese
2 Tbsp. parsley
½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. oregano
½ tsp. oregano
½ tsp. seasoned salt
Clove garlic or dash of garlic powder
dash of pepper

Directions:

Mix all together.
Put in greased jelly roll pan (11" x 15" x 1" or cookie sheet with edge).
Bake 25 min. at 350 deg.

Note: I add sausage or hamburger. Additional cheeses are good too.

MANNING THE ROPES

(Committee & Council Updates)



FOOD PANTRY NEWS

The food pantry served 94 families in June and 68 so far in July. Due to Vacation Bible School going on the pantry was not open on Tuesday, July 25th in the evening hours. It will resume being open on Tuesday evening August 1st. We received 67 1/2 dozen eggs from Rebuilt Ministries. The eggs were in flats and many people donated cartons for the eggs to be transferred to. Produce from Tooger and Charlotte Smith, Master Gardeners, and others have been much appreciated by the families receiving them. The pantry is always in need of cereal, any kind of meat, tomato juice or apple juice and just about anything a person wanted to donate. Each week more new families need help!

BLESSING BOX UPDATE

Our Blessing Box ministry is definitely helping those who are in need. Some people in our community are leaving donations. However, the bulk of our supplies and monetary gifts come from our FBC family. We are truly grateful for each and everyone. We could not continue this ministry without you. I am so thankful for your heart for missions. Any questions, just let me know. Cheri Campbell Graf 812-227-0117.

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS UPDATE

Please pray for our preschool ministry. We need more children to enroll to make this feasible for the upcoming school year. There are openings in both the 3-4 year old class and the 4-5 year old class. Contact Michelle at (512) 202-7122 to enroll, and click on the form

here: <http://fbcbloom.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Preschool-Enrollment-Form-2023.pdf>.

Please spread the word to those with children who are preschool age!

CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE

There was no formal Church Council meeting in July. The next in-person meeting will be August 10 at 6:30 pm.

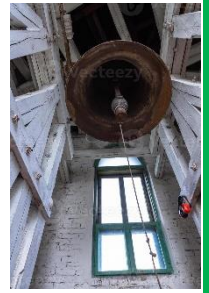
ATTENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND REPS

If you have information for the September newsletter, please submit it to the church office (preferably via email) by Friday, August 25. Thank you, Heather.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR NATHAN

And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.



I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:22; 3:16-19 (NIV, '84)

This month we begin a sermon series on Paul's letter to the Ephesians. I've given this series the title, "Full." We'll see the language of "full" and "filling" throughout the letter. The God who fills all things wants to fill us with Jesus himself, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Our prayer is, "We want to be full of King Jesus!"

Why do you desire Jesus? What is it about Him that draws you to Him? What have you seen Him do? What do you long for Him to do? Why does being full of Jesus sound like a good thing to you?

What else are you full of? What is dominating your heart or mind or calendar or home, maybe that even gets in the way of being filled Jesus? Does your love for Jesus compel you to make some other change so as to abide more fully in Him?

These are tough questions. My prayer is that this journey through Ephesians would not simply be something to do on Sunday mornings for a few months, but that we would be shaped by our King in new and exciting ways. What new things does Jesus want to do in us and through us during this season together?

In this newsletter, you'll find a recommended reading schedule for Ephesians (these will also be available at the church if you'd like a physical copy). As it stands, it would take you through the letter three times. If you use it that way, I encourage you to try using a different translation of the Bible on each journey. The Holy Spirit may speak in a fresh way to you through a translation you're not as familiar with.

But don't make the reading guide into a box. As a preacher once said, "We don't read the Bible to finish; we read the Bible to change." The guide is just a template, just a starting point. The Holy Spirit likes to stop me when I'm reading a passage of scripture or going over a passage I've memorized. I want to get to the end; the Spirit wants me to stop and reflect. So, I'd encourage you to be willing to do that as you read Ephesians.

What is the Lord speaking to you as we study this letter together? This isn't a "You Asked for It" sermon series, but it is still an opportunity for us to talk together about your questions and about what the Holy Spirit is doing in our hearts. I invite those kinds of conversations with you as always.

Thank you for letting me preach and teach here. I'm really having a lot of fun. You're a fantastic church family and I'm excited for what the Lord is going to do among us next.

Grace and peace,
Nathan

EPHESIANS RECOMMENDED READINGS: *Consider reading a different translation for each journey through Ephesians.*

Week of Aug. 6

M	1:3-10	All Things under Christ
T	1:11-14	The Good News of Our Savior
W	1:15-23	Full of Christ
R	2:1-10	Alive with Christ
F	2:11-13	Near to Jesus

Week of Aug. 13

M	2:14-18	Prince of Peace
T	2:19-22	Home for the Holy Spirit
W	3:1-6	Mysterious Inclusion
R	3:7-13	Servant by Grace
F	3:14-21	Beyond Imagination

Week of Aug. 20

M	4:1-6	We Are One
T	4:7-13	Gifts from Jesus
W	4:14-16	Growing Up
R	4:17-19	Futility
F	4:20-24	Old and New

Week of Aug. 27

M	4:25-28	True
T	4:29-32	Wholesome Hearts
W	5:1-2	Imitators of Love
R	5:3-7	Idolatry or Inheritance
F	5:8-14	Rise and Shine

Week of Sept. 3

M	5:15-21	Spirit-Filled
T	5:15-33	The Spirit of Submission, Pt. 1
W	5:15-21; 6:1-4	The Spirit of Submission, Pt. 2
R	5:15-21; 6:5-9	The Spirit of Submission, Pt. 3
F	6:10-20	Prepared, Praying
Sa	6:21-24	Grace and Peace

Week of Sept. 10 – *Consider reading another translation.*

M	1:3-10	All Things under Christ
T	1:11-14	The Good News of Our Savior
W	1:15-23	Full of Christ
R	2:1-10	Alive with Christ
F	2:11-13	Near to Jesus

Week of Sept. 17

M	2:14-18	Prince of Peace
T	2:19-22	Home for the Holy Spirit
W	3:1-6	Mysterious Inclusion
R	3:7-13	Servant by Grace
F	3:14-21	Beyond Imagination

Week of Sept. 24

M	4:1-6	We Are One
T	4:7-13	Gifts from Jesus

W	4:14-16	Growing Up
R	4:17-19	Futility
F	4:20-24	Old and New

Week of Oct. 1

M	4:25-28	True
T	4:29-32	Wholesome Hearts
W	5:1-2	Imitators of Love
R	5:3-7	Idolatry or Inheritance
F	5:8-14	Rise and Shine

Week of Oct. 8

M	5:15-21	Spirit-Filled
T	5:15-33	The Spirit of Submission, Pt. 1
W	5:15-21; 6:1-4	The Spirit of Submission, Pt. 2
R	5:15-21; 6:5-9	The Spirit of Submission, Pt. 3
F	6:10-20	Prepared, Praying
Sa	6:21-24	Grace and Peace

Week of Oct. 15 – *Consider reading another translation.*

M	1:3-10	All Things under Christ
T	1:11-14	The Good News of Our Savior
W	1:15-23	Full of Christ
R	2:1-10	Alive with Christ
F	2:11-13	Near to Jesus

Week of Oct. 22

M	2:14-18	Prince of Peace
T	2:19-22	Home for the Holy Spirit
W	3:1-6	Mysterious Inclusion
R	3:7-13	Servant by Grace
F	3:14-21	Beyond Imagination

Week of Oct. 29

M	4:1-6	We Are One
T	4:7-13	Gifts from Jesus
W	4:14-16	Growing Up
R	4:17-19	Futility
F	4:20-24	Old and New

Week of Nov. 5

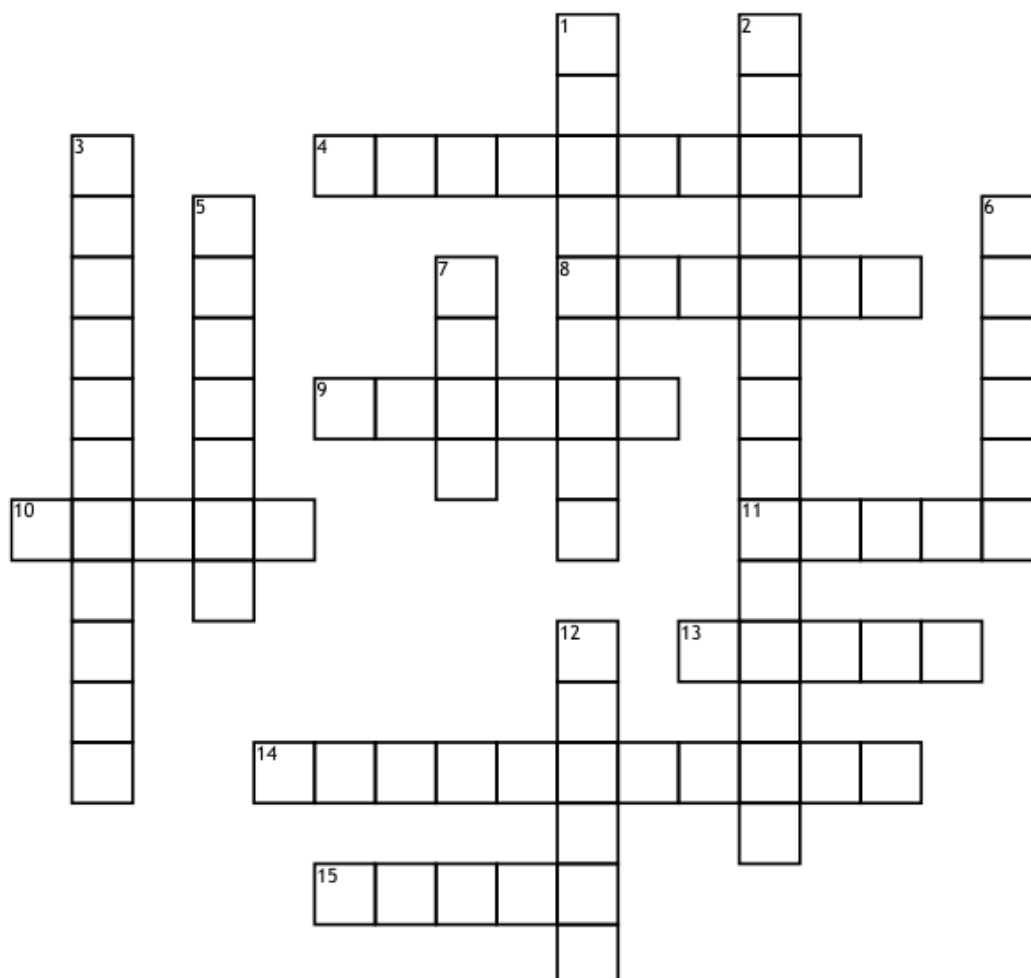
M	4:25-28	True
T	4:29-32	Wholesome Hearts
W	5:1-2	Imitators of Love
R	5:3-7	Idolatry or Inheritance
F	5:8-14	Rise and Shine

Week of Nov. 12

M	5:15-21	Spirit-Filled
T	5:15-33	The Spirit of Submission, Pt. 1
W	5:15-21; 6:1-4	The Spirit of Submission, Pt. 2
R	5:15-21; 6:5-9	The Spirit of Submission, Pt. 3
F	6:10-20	Prepared, Praying
Sa	6:21-24	Grace and Peace

Name: _____ Date: _____

Ephesians



Across

4. The type of blessings for those in Christ Jesus

8. Predestined.

9. Remained in Ephesus to continue Paul's work.

10. God's son

11. Set aside for God's purposes.

13. Roman goddess with famous temple in Ephesus.

14. Determined by God before the foundation of the world.

15. God lavishes it on us.

Down

1. Female tent maker.

2. That which makes us dead (2.1)

3. Received through the blood of Jesus

5. Where Ephesians was first read.

6. Seated on God's right hand.

7. Author of Ephesians

12. What you must hear and obey to be saved.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:00 Cottage Prayer Gr 6:30 Trustee Mtg	2 9:00 Bible Study	3 6:30 Deacon Mtg 6:30 Boy Scouts 7:40 Softball Tou.	4 6:00 Emmaus Gathering	5
6 Communion 12:15 Youth Event 2:00 Nathan at Parkview	7	8 10:00 Cottage Prayer Gr 6:00 Verse Mapping	9 9:00 Bible Study 11:00 Mem. Svc	10 6:30 Church Council 6:30 Boy Scouts	11 Sanctuary & FH res	12 Sanctuary & FH res
13 8:30 Fellowship Breakfast 12:00-4:00 CLC res	14	15 10:00 Cottage Prayer Gr 6:00 Verse Mapping	16 9:00 Bible Study	17 6:30 Boy Scouts Gideons Mtg	18	19
20 12:15 Youth FUSE Event	21	22 10:00 Cottage Prayer Gr	23 9:00 Bible Study	24 6:30 Boy Scouts	25	26
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Deacon of the Month

Jeff Coffin

Trustee of the Month

James Malone

Usher of the Month

Wesley & Ashley Terrell

Prayers

6th Braden Hudson
13th
20th
27th

Snacks in the Narthex

6th Randy & Brenda
13th Fellowship Brkfst
20th
27th Braden & Tasha

Greeter

Debra Hudson

Nursery Care

6th Dixie Hudson &

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