



Sunday, March 24, 2024

10:40 a.m.

Rev. Nathan Brooks, Pastor

Prelude Andrew Sohn

Welcome/Announcements/Lord's Prayer Deacon Bob Templeton

Procession of Palms *"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"* #297

Call to Worship *"The Old Rugged Cross"* Kingdom Kids

Hymns *"To God be the Glory"* #56
"Tell Me the Story of Jesus" #295

Offertory *"Faith"* Kingdom Kids

Doxology #815

Morning Prayer

Special Music *"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"* Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Hebrews 12:1-3

Message *"To Show Us the Way"* Pastor Nathan

Closing Song *"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"* #320
(vv. 1, 3, 4)

Benediction

Postlude Andrew Sohn



Prayer Request Cards

If you have a request for which you would like prayer during worship, please fill out a Prayer Request Card and give it to one of the Deacons, or Pastor Nathan. They can also be placed in the offering plate. Cards are in the pew backs and on the table in the Narthex.

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***This Week @ FBC***

**Today** 9:00 a.m..... Kingdom Kids Practice  
March 24 9:30 a.m..... Sunday School  
10:40 a.m..... Morning Worship  
4:00 p.m..... Rocky Roads Children’s Program

**Monday** 7:00 p.m..... Choir Practice  
March 25

**Tuesday** 9:30 a.m..... Cottage Prayer Group  
March 26 6:30 p.m..... Trustee Meeting

**Wednesday** 9:00 a.m..... Bible Study  
March 27

**Thursday** 6:30 p.m..... Maundy Thursday @ FBC  
March 28

**Friday** 6:30 p.m..... Good Friday @ 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church  
March 29

**Sunday** 7:00 a.m..... Sunrise Service @ Methodist Church  
March 31 9:30 a.m..... Sunday School  
10:40 a.m..... Morning Worship

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Birthdays this Week

March 24: Renee Young
March 26: Doug Frye

Anniversaries this Week

March 24: Rex & Lois Kirchoff

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***Disaster Relief***

For any natural disaster, you may write a check to First Baptist Church and indicate in the memo line what your gift is for (example: Ohio tornadoes). The church will send funds either through One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) or through the appropriate American Baptist region office. Thank you for your generosity.

## ***America for Christ Offering 2024***

Our AFC focus today is The First Baptist Church in Jamaica Plain, MA. Like FBC Bloomfield, they lost their church home to a devastating fire 1856. In 1975 the church suffered a second fire that damaged their sanctuary. Another fire in 2005 completely destroyed the interior of their church. In 2010, they moved into the first floor of their new building. They are reaching out to their diverse community by serving sit down meals and delivering food to hungry people. Despite the tragedies in their own church, they are being the hands and feet of Jesus to their community.

### ***March "Pajama Drive" for the Department of Child Services***

Our church family has the opportunity to bless children who are being removed from their homes. Many times, these children leave home without any of their possessions. We can help them on that first scary night with some security, comfort, and knowledge that someone cares. While not all of us are in the position to foster children, we can certainly meet this need. Lots of clearance sales are going on now. Please, pick up a nightgown or pair of pajamas sized to fit a child 5 years to 13 years old. A table is set up in the Narthex to receive your donations through March. If you would rather pick up a gift card, please leave it with Heather. Thank you in advance for helping show these children God's great love for them. Any questions, please contact Cheri Campbell Graf 812-384-8980.

### ***Address Update for Rex and Lois Kirchoff***

The Wyndmoor Apt. 200  
1465 E Crossing Blvd  
Terre Haute, IN 47802

### **A Look at Last Week**

*(On-line giving is available here: [Tithe.ly](https://tithely.com) or at [www.fbcbloom.org](http://www.fbcbloom.org))*

#### **Last Week's Giving**

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|--------------------------------|------------|
| General Fund .....             | \$3,538.30 |
| Food Pantry .....              | \$100.00   |
| America For Christ (AFC) ..... | \$275.00   |

#### **Year to Date Giving**

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|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Income (undesignated giving) ..... | \$49,485.75 |
| Budget Requirements .....          | \$59,268.99 |
| Net Income vs. Budget .....        | -\$9,783.24 |

***Bloomfield First Baptist Church***



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## *FBC Scholarships*

There are two scholarships that qualified high school seniors and college students may apply for: a onetime \$250.00 Brad Pridemore Memorial Scholarship and up to four times a \$500.00 FBC Memorial Scholarship. Eligibility criteria can be found on the application form that is available by contacting Heather at (812)384-5948. Applications are due back in to the FBC Secretary's desk no later than April 1, 2024.

## *Ways to help out for Eclipse Weekend*

We are seeking FBC members to host a respite in our CLC for First Responders. Everyone will be on high alert during the Eclipse festivities. First Responders can come into the CLC to get a break, have a snack, cool off or warm up, or just sit down in peace! We are seeking people to be in the CLC on Monday, April 8th in shifts between 11am-5pm to host this respite location. You WILL be able to see the Eclipse just fine from our church parking lot! Please talk to Tasha Hudson, Cheri Graf, or Heather Malone if you can sign up to be here Monday.

Sun. April 7th help:

Still need: Lemonade Canister (5lbs). People to set up Tables and Chairs in the CLC after church for our Chicken Noodle dinner, to start food cooking in the kitchen: 3pm, to staff a table of Jason Gray's merchandise: 4:45pm, greeters for the VIP session: 5pm. People to Keep stirring pots: 5-6:45pm, Greeters for the concert: 6pm. (We'll all quit the kitchen and meal in time to go to the concert! We'll come back and clean up afterwards!). People needed to clean up after the Concert.



**JASON GRAY CONCERT**  
LIVE AT 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH  
DATE: SUN. APRIL 7, 2024  
VIP Q&A: \$30 @ 5:15PM  
GENERAL ADMISSION: \$15  
CHILDREN: 12 & UNDER \$5  
AGES 4 & UNDER: FREE  
TIME: 7:00PM VENMO: @KYLEE-MOODY-1 TICKETS AVAILABLE AT CHURCH OFFICE

Tickets are available in the church office or contact Kylee Moody at 812-381-3444. Cash, checks, or Venmo accepted. Checks can be made payable to Bloomfield FBC with Jason Gray in the memo line.

## ***Operation Mail Call for Honor Flight for Veterans***

Ever wanted to say "Thank you for my freedom"? Now you Can...

Write a Thank You letter to an Honor Flight Veteran!

On the evening of APRIL 13th, our Local Heroes will return to EVV after having just visited the Memorials at our Nation's Capital. We feel they deserve a proper welcome home. Part of this process is called OPERATION MAIL CALL, when they will receive and open letters from home on their return flight to EVV.

Our church will collect letters and cards in a box on the library counter until Sunday, March 31. Simply use the salutation, "Dear Veteran", so that our mail can be distributed evenly among all the participants. It is requested that we do not seal the envelopes so that it is easier for the veterans to open them. Please encourage your children to participate as well. For information on Operation Mail Call

visit: <https://honorflightsi.org/about/>. You can also contact Tammy Young if you have questions.

## ***Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 19***

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 19. We will be celebrating our high school graduates Emma Resler, Gabe Brown, Ava Manuel, and Willow Foxworthy with a taco luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. If you or your student will be graduating soon, please let the church office know as soon as possible.

## ***Summer Camp at Indian Creek***

If you or your child plan to attend or volunteer at Indian Creep Camp this summer, please let the church office know. Registration is currently open at <https://campindiancreek.com>. FBC will pay half of the registration fee for each camper from this church. If you need assistance with the remaining funds, please contact Pastor Nathan, one of the Deacons, or Heather in the church office to see about a scholarship.

## ***IU Baseball Game Saturday, April 27***

Faith and Family Day at IU Baseball is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, at 2:00 p.m., vs. Rutgers. If you are interested in attending with a group from FBC, please contact Heather Malone in the church office by Friday, April 12. Tickets will be \$5 each. Pastor Nathan plans to drive the church bus, which will leave FBC at approximately 12:45 p.m.

# The First Baptist Church in Jamaica Plain

The Food Justice Program of the First Baptist Church in Jamaica Plain, operated through our non-profit The Centre for Faith, Art & Justice is a vital community ministry serving thousands of our neighbors who face



food insecurity. An effort that began as small sit-down meals on Wednesday and Saturday grew exponentially during COVID to serve 700 meals and provide groceries for over 340 households a week. And, most amazingly, this food was delivered to recipients' homes by hundreds of volunteers.

The Greater Boston Food Bank estimates that 1.6 million citizens of Massachusetts do not get enough to eat. While some aspects of the pandemic have subsided, food insecurity is not one of them. With little publicity we have a waiting list of 100 households and there are people still signing up.

We focus on serving individuals who are historically marginalized populations disproportionately impacted by food insecurity and unhealthy diets, including low-income families, seniors, and members of the Latinx community. Our goal is to collaborate with partners across our city and state to provide as many people as possible with access to healthy food because we believe that good food heals.

**Funds received from grants provided by America for Christ will allow us to sustain the work of distributing healthy food to our neighbors. Please give today!**

**AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2024**  
**Please give today! | [www.abhms.org/afc](http://www.abhms.org/afc)**

# First Baptist Church Vision Statement

*The First Baptist Church is the body of Christ, nurturing all parts of the body within, bringing Christ to others and others to Christ.*

## Church Covenant

We, the members of First Baptist Church Bloomfield, having been led by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, most sincerely and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ. We pledge, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit:

To attend the services of FBC Bloomfield regularly for spiritual nourishment, growth, and encouragement;

To walk together and watch over one another in Christian love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in times of sickness and difficulty; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation;

To contribute cheerfully and regularly, according to our ability, to the support of FBC Bloomfield and its various activities; to support the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world;

To strive in our family lives to make Jesus Christ the center of our homes;

To cultivate a life of devotion and consecration to God;

To aid and assist prayerfully, loyally and affectionately, the ministers and others who seek to strengthen the witness of FBC Bloomfield;

To conduct ourselves in accordance with the principles of our Lord, in all our social and business relationships;

We enter into this covenant under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, prayerfully asking for Divine guidance and help in this our earnest endeavor.