

# ***The Bell Tower***

## July 2024



### BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

|                  |                                 |
|------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Eric Moody                      |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Rob Rollison                    |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | Bob Weeks                       |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Maryann Snow                    |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Alecia Henry                    |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | Kathy Ham                       |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | Bill Hudson                     |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | Alex Malone                     |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> | Brady Hughes                    |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | Kinley Moody &<br>Keaton Wilson |

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

|                 |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Mike & Barb Stoner |
|-----------------|--------------------|



#### ***Watch FBC online:***

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

#### ***Tithes and Offerings***

If you would like to support the church online, please visit our website at [www.fbcbloom.org](http://www.fbcbloom.org).

Online giving can be found here:

You can also [click here](#).



#### ***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***

## ***Required Background Checks***

It is time to update our local background checks for those who work with children here at FBC. Forms are on the library counter. Please return your completed form along with a copy of your ID to Heather in the church office. You can also go to the GCSD Lobby M-F 8am-4pm with your ID and they will run it for you and give you a paper to return to us. Please return your form to the church office by July 22, in time for VBS. Thank you! ☺



## ***Hearts in Service Ladies Retreat August 17, 2024***

The annual Hearts in Service Ladies Retreat will be from 10 am to 4 pm August 17 at the First Baptist Church in Martinsville, IN. There will be talks, skits, singing, and fellowship. The price is \$25 and includes lunch. The deadline to register is August 1. See Cheri Campbell-Graf if you have any questions.

## ***Extra Mile Ministry***

John and Shelley Preston shared about the Extra Mile ministry with us on June 9. If you feel led to volunteer or give, please call 812-798-2394 or visit [theextramileministries.org](http://theextramileministries.org). Thank you!

## ***First Baptist Church Food Pantry Generator***

The church recently applied for and received a \$6,600 grant from the Greene County Foundation and a \$3,000 grant from the REMC Community Fund to go towards the purchase and installation of a back-up generator for our food pantry. The generator would provide electricity to the pantry in the event power is off for an extended period of time endangering the food requiring refrigeration. The food pantry has five commercial size freezers and two commercial size refrigerators that contain hundreds of pounds of food at any given time. The loss of this food would be critical to the patrons who frequent the pantry to provide food for their family. If you would like to make a donation, you can make a check out to Bloomfield First Baptist Church and put in the memo line "Purchase of Generator". Thank you!☺



Children's sermon with Liz June 23



Workday at ICBC June 5



Hello from Rex & Lois Kirchoff



Kingdom Kids at Parkview June 12

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024

Ashley Terrell has volunteered to direct VBS again this summer. Dates will be July 28–August 1. If you are interested in helping, please contact Ashley at (812) 606-1217. Thank you!



## Church Summer Softball League July Schedule

Monday, July 1 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, July 9 @ 7:40 p.m.  
Tuesday, July 16 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Monday, July 22 @ 6:30 & 7:40 p.m.  
Thursday, August 8 @ 6:30 p.m.

Tournament Dates/Times TBD



# YOUTH HAPPENINGS

## Indian Creek Summer Camp 2024

If you or your child plan to attend or volunteer at Indian Creek 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.

## Summer Youth Sponsored Activities

We are seeking sponsors for youth activities this summer. If you would be willing to lead an activity, please sign up in the Narthex and let Pastor Nathan know. Thank you!

A poster for Indian Creek Baptist Camp. It features a map of the camp in the top left, social media icons for Facebook and Instagram in the top right, and a grid of photos showing various camp activities. Below the photos is a table with the following information:

| Grades             | Sessions        | Dates            |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Kindergarten-1st   | FIRST TIMERS    | June 2nd - 3rd   |
| 1st - 2nd          | EXPLORER        | June 9th - 11th  |
| 2nd - 3rd          | DISCOVERY       | June 12th - 15th |
| 10th - 2024 Grads  | SENIOR HIGH     | June 16th - 22nd |
| 4th-6th Girls Only | GIRLS CAMP      | June 22nd - 26th |
| 4th-6th Boys Only  | BOYS CAMP       | June 26th - 30th |
| 6th-8th            | CHALLENGE       | July 14th - 20th |
| 7th-9th            | FOCUS           | July 20th - 26th |
| 10th +             | SPECIAL PERSONS | July 28th - 31st |

Register Online at [campindiancreek.com](https://campindiancreek.com)  
scholarships available where needed



# ECHOES FROM THE BELL TOWER

*Give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love and His wonderful  
deeds. Psalm 107:8*

## *The Church's One Foundation* *By Samuel J. Stone*



The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation by wather and the Word:  
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

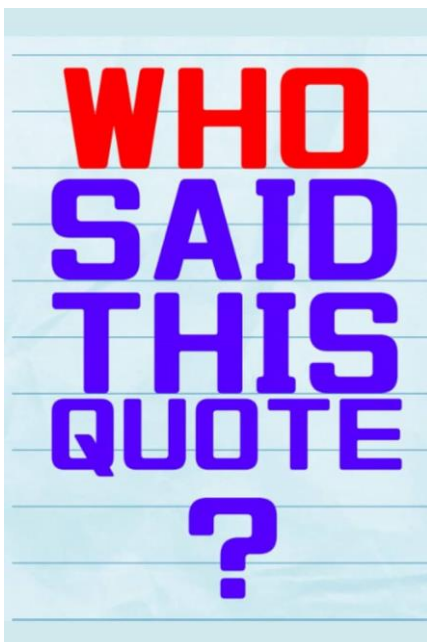
Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses, partakes on holy food;  
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with the Three in One,  
And mystic, sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we  
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

## Presidential Quotes

1. "The only thing to fear is fear itself."
2. "And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country."
3. "Be courteous to all, but intimate with few, and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence."
4. "If we do not want to die together in war, we must learn to live together in peace."
5. "We must support our rights or lose our character, and with it, perhaps, our liberties."



Its time ..... for our

## FIRST BAPTIST

Tasha Hudson has asked if anyone



might possibly be able to identify any of these people from a wedding here at FBC? The photos were found in her Grandma Clark's photo album.

### ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S JUNE FATHER'S DAY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

#### ACROSS

- 4. CHILDREN
- 6. FORSAKE
- 7. GIFT
- 9. RESURRECTION
- 11. ABRAHAM
- 12. HOUSE

#### DOWN

- 1. LORD
- 2. KINGDOM
- 3. HEARTS
- 5. LIFE
- 8. FRUIT
- 10. COMPASSION



Congratulations to **Teresa Coffin**, last month's First Baptist Flashback winner!! Teresa was superfast to correctly identify all the gentlemen in this picture taken during our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Hog Roast on September 10, 1994.



They are pictured left to right Jeff Myers, Warren Bartlett, Steve Eccher, and Laverne Rollison.

# COOKS IN THE BELFRY

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

## Cicada Stir Fry

<https://health.osu.edu/wellness/exercise-and-nutrition/cooking-cicadas>

1 onion minced  
2 T. fresh coriander (cilantro), chopped  
1 T. fresh ginger, minced  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  c. sliced carrots  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  c. chopped cauliflower and/or broccoli

1 can water chestnuts  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  c. bean sprouts  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  c. snow peas  
1 lb. carrots, peeled  
40 blanched newly hatched  
(teneral) cicadas

### Directions:

- Capture cicadas at night as they emerge from the ground.
- Blanch for 1 minute in boiling water. They can now be stored in the freezer or used immediately in recipes.
- In a wok or other suitable pan, heat a couple tablespoons of vegetable oil. Add ingredients in the order listed above when those in the most recent addition are partially cooked.
- Serve over whole-grain rice and add soy sauce to taste.



Yield: 4 main course servings

## Ms. Paula's Chocolate No Bake Cookies

Recipe taken from the FBC 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbook submitted by Paula Bartlett.

2 c. white sugar  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  c. milk  
1 stick margarine

Boil together 2 minutes. Remove from heat and add immediately:

$\frac{1}{2}$  c. peanut butter  
Pinch of salt  
1 tsp vanilla

6 or 7 T. cocoa  
3 c. quick oats

Mix together well and drop by spoonfuls on waxed paper. Top each cookie with a whole pecan (optional).



# MANNING THE ROPES

(Committee & Council Updates)



## FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

There were 90 families served in the month of May and 69 so far in the month of June. Some families have as many as 9, 12 or 13 in the household. Thank you to the members of Bloomfield First Baptist Church who gave spaghetti and spaghetti sauce to the pantry. The shelf looks much better now. Donations continue to come from Linton Walmart the first two Mondays of the month, Rulers in Bloomfield each Monday of the month, each Friday of the month the Crane Commissary, Bloomfield CVS, Bloomfield Dollar General, private individuals, Holy Name Catholic Church, Bloomfield Methodist Church, Mansions In Heaven Church, Bloomfield Christian Church and the Bloomfield Presbyterian Church. Monetary donations came from the Mineral Methodist Church, several individuals and organizations. Catholic Charities in Terre Haute donates USDA items and many more food items are purchased from them at a lower cost. PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!!!!

## FROM THE BLESSING BOX MINISTRY

Our Blessing Box Ministry has been serving our community since July 2019. Juli Huffman and her students at Bloomfield High School constructed the box with donated materials. Through the years, this ministry has met a need for those going through hard times. Our church family, local organizations, and individuals in Bloomfield have supported this effort. In order to continue serving, we need your help to keep our box stocked. We normally fill the box every other day. Donations of supplies can be left in the tote in the Narthex or monetary donations will be used to purchase supplies. Our focus is hygiene items, cleaning supplies, and paper goods. Please pray for God's direction in making the decision to continue this ministry. Any questions, please contact Cheri Campbell Graf 812-384-8980.

## FROM THE MODERATOR

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## BLOOMFIELD FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

## BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL NEWS

## Bright Beginnings Preschool

### OPEN HOUSE DATES:


JULY 12 & AUGUST 12  
5:30PM-7PM

Come see the classroom  
&  
meet the teacher!

**CONTACT:  
(812) 384-8459  
FOR MORE  
INFORMATION!**

## MEET THE TEACHER

### Mrs. Deschamp



**A LITTLE ABOUT ME:**  
Hi there! My name is Camryn Deschamp. I am so happy to be joining Bright Beginnings. This is my sixth year teaching! I have taught kindergarten, fifth grade, & most recently, preschool! I graduated from St. Mary-of-the-Woods College in 2019, & I've been doing what I love ever since! I have 3 kiddos of my own: Tallulah is 2 & the twins, Palmer & Perry, are 7 months old.

**CONTACT INFO:**  
[camrynhuffman@gmail.com](mailto:camrynhuffman@gmail.com)

**MY FAVORITES ARE:**  
Candy: Tropical mike n' ikes  
Drink: Coffee  
Store: Target  
Food: Sushi  
Fast Food: Chick fil'a  
Hobby: Reading  
Color: Yellow- the color of lemons!

**Matthew 19:14**  
Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

The Little Ladybug Shop

## Summer Special Music

It is once again time for special music in the worship services throughout the summer. All musicians are invited to share your talents with music that adds to meaningful worship. If you would like to sign up, please contact Andrew Sohn, or speak to Heather in the church office.



### ***Please pray for First Baptist Church in 2024...***

For abounding love and discernment,  
Philippians 1:9-11

That God would renew our minds,  
Romans 12:2

For purity and that we would faithfully minister to those in need,  
James 1:27

That we would encourage one another,  
Hebrews 10:24-25

For continual awareness of God's goodness,  
Psalm 34:8

For continual experience of Christ's peace and joy,  
Philippians 4:4-9

For confident, faithful perseverance,  
1 Peter 5:10

**Thank you for keeping our church and community in prayer!**

*Answers to the quotes: 1. F.D.R. 2. Kennedy 3. Washington 4. Truman 5. Monroe*

# A NOTE FROM PASTOR NATHAN



*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.*

Isaiah 9:6-7 (NIV)

*Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.*

Hebrews 12:28-29 (NIV)

This month, we celebrate the 248<sup>th</sup> birthday of the United States of America. I consider it a great privilege to be a citizen of this country and I am grateful for those who have made its continued existence possible. I enjoy cookouts, baseball games, apple pie, and the music of John Philip Sousa. I'm not a particular fan of fireworks or parades, but on the whole, Independence Day is a celebration I embrace. For all of its faults, both past and present, the United States remains a great place to be, and I am extremely thankful to live here.

You may, however, have some concerns about the present state of our country. I am not trying to be like Eeyore or Robert Barone here. Some things in the United States are in fact much better than they used to be. Without trying to cultivate a sense of despair, I simply acknowledge the potential for discouragement regarding our nation, for one reason or another. Sometimes, I feel that discouragement myself. How might we respond?

We remember that our ultimate and enduring citizenship is in the Kingdom of God. Being a citizen of the United States provides exceptional privileges and opportunities, but our citizenship in this temporary nation is itself temporary.

Only one kingdom endures forever. Jesus Christ is the head of that kingdom, as described in the Isaiah text above. *Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end.* This means, of course, that all other governments of all kinds will either surrender to His lordship or cease to exist. This includes the governance of myself: *"If anyone would come after me, you must deny yourself and take up your cross daily and follow me."* The universe has one true and rightful Lord, and everyone and everything will eventually be sorted on the basis of our response to that Lord.

Those of us who are responding positively to that Lord by faith are assured that we belong to His unshakable kingdom, which endures forever and brings comprehensive peace to all creation. Nations will no longer train for war. Unlikely characters and creatures will live in harmony. Isaiah persistently proclaims this hope. Revelation reveals heaven coming down and all things being made new. Peter envisions a new creation where righteousness is at home. The Lord's prayer is answered: His kingdom comes, and His will is done, fully, finally, and forever.

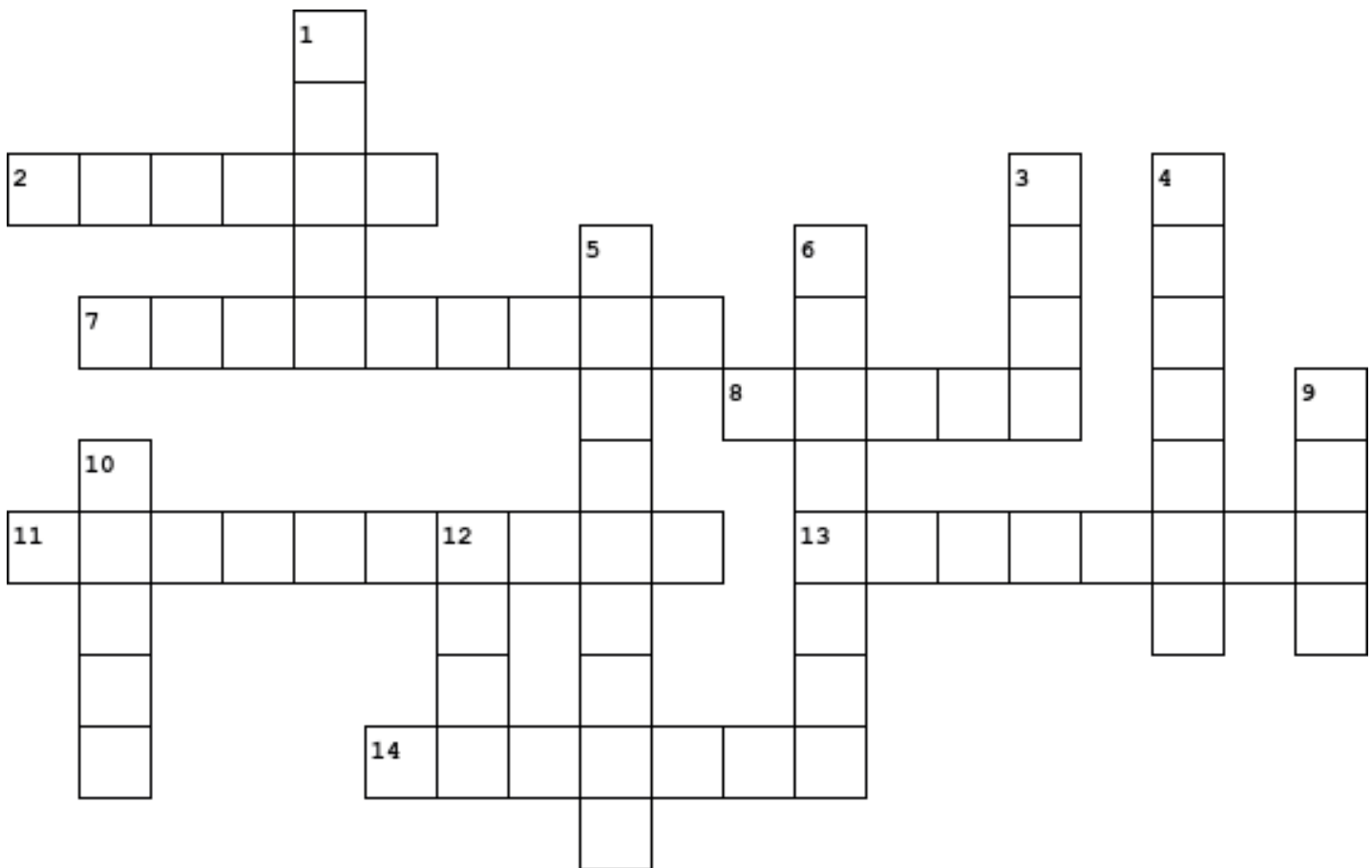
This entire enterprise rests squarely on the shoulders of King Jesus, who with His blood has purchased a people for God from every tribe and language and ethnic group and nation. He is remaking us to be His image-bearers, new creations whose lives point forward to the final and glorious reality of New Creation.

The Holy Spirit empowers us to live as instruments of King Jesus, working for His purposes, loving others with His love. This kind of witness cannot be defeated by any earthly political or social structures. Yet this kind of witness is needed in the midst of every political and social structure. We are Christ's ambassadors. The King makes His appeal through us.

When ballots offer us choices between people who hardly reflect the likeness of King Jesus but want us to put the government on their shoulders anyway, we remember that King Jesus and His government are not subject to election. We are free to keep on serving our King, confident that all of His platform will be finally implemented, and grateful that He has chosen to begin that implementation through us. *Therefore, since we are receiving a Kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and worship God acceptably with reverence and awe.* Holy Spirit, help us!

Grace and peace,  
Nathan

# US PRESIDENTS



## Across

2. The only president to be born in the state of Missouri.
7. Theodore, and Franklin Delano...
8. Civil War general during whose presidency the transcontinental railroad was completed.
11. World War II general who as president established the Interstate Highway System.
13. Abraham was not born in this "Land of Lincoln," but Ronald Reagan was.
14. Andrew, and Lyndon B...

## Down

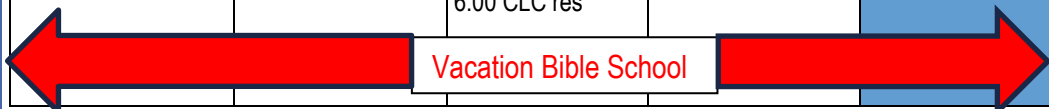
1. John, and John Quincy...
3. Cincinnati native who governed the Philippines prior to his presidency.
4. The only president to be born in the state of Arkansas.
5. Shares his first name with a fuzzy, blue Muppet and a last name with this Ohio city.
6. Benjamin, and William Henry...
9. George H.W., and George W...
10. The only president whose last name begins with N.
12. Only Virginia has been the birthplace of more presidents than this state.

Answers will be printed in next month's *Bell Tower*.

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July  
2024

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FAX No: 812-384-8982  
Bright Beginnings Preschool: 812-384-2647

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday              | Thursday                                 | Friday                             | Saturday          |
|---|--|--|------------------------|--|------------------------------------|-------------------|
|   | 1<br>6:00 FH res<br>6:30 Softball Game         | 2<br>9:30 Cottage<br>Prayer Group<br>6:00 CLC res                        | 3<br>9:00 Bible Study  | 4 Independence<br>Day                    | 5                                  | 6                 |
| 7 Communion   | 8  | 9<br>9:30 Cottage<br>Prayer Group<br>6:00 CLC res<br>7:40 Softball Game  | 10<br>9:00 Bible Study | 11<br>6:30 Boy Scouts                    | 12<br>5:30 Preschool<br>Open House | 13<br>3:00 FH res |
| 14<br>8:30 Fellowship Bfst<br>1:00 CLC res  | 15   | 16<br>9:30 Cottage<br>Prayer Group<br>6:00 CLC res<br>6:30 Softball Game | 17<br>9:00 Bible Study | 18<br>6:30 Boy Scouts<br>6:30 Gideons    | 19                                 | 20                |
| 21  | 22<br>6:30 Softball Game<br>7:40 Softball Game | 23<br>9:30 Cottage<br>Prayer Group<br>6:00 CLC res<br>6:30 Trustee Mtg   | 24<br>9:00 Bible Study | 25<br>6:30 Deacon Mtg<br>6:30 Boy Scouts | 26<br>CLC res                      | 27<br>CLC res     |
| 28  | 29   | 30<br>9:30 Cottage<br>Prayer Group<br>6:00 CLC res                       | 31<br>9:00 Bible Study |  |                                    |                   |
|  |  |  |                        |  |                                    |                   |

**Deacon of the Month**  
Kathy Ham

**Trustee of the Month**  
Steve Ham

**Usher of the Month**  
Jeff Coffin

**Prayers**

7<sup>th</sup> Cheri C-G.  
14<sup>th</sup>  
21<sup>st</sup>  
28<sup>th</sup>

**Snacks in the Narthex**

7<sup>th</sup> Braden & Tasha H.  
14<sup>th</sup> Fellowship Bkfst  
21<sup>st</sup> Randy & Brenda F.  
28<sup>th</sup>

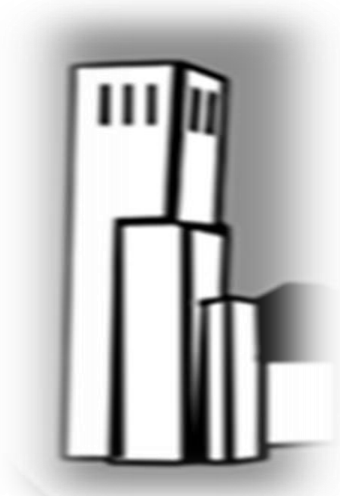
**Greeters**

Earl & Joann White

**Nursery Care**

7<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ &  
Taylor & Dixie H.

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