



# Sunday, June 23, 2024

10:40 a.m.

Rev. Nathan Brooks, Pastor

Prelude Andrew Sohn

Welcome/Announcements/Lord's Prayer Deacon Dennis Kutch

Hymns	<i>"Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him"</i>	#082
	<i>"O Worship the King"</i>	(v. 1,3,4) #104
	<i>"Grace Greater than Our Sin"</i>	#344

Offering

Gloria Patri #812

Morning Prayer

Children's Sermon Liz Brooks

Special Music Chuck & Tammy Young

Scripture 1 Peter 5:10

Message *"Strong, Firm, Steadfast"* Pastor Nathan

Closing Song *"The Church's One Foundation"* #401

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.



***This Week @ FBC***

<b>Today</b>	9:30 a.m.....	Sunday School
June 23	10:40 a.m.....	Morning Worship
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30 a.m.....	Cottage Prayer Group
June 25	7:40 p.m.....	Softball Game
<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 a.m.....	Sunday School
June 30	10:40 a.m.....	Morning Worship



***Birthdays this Week & Last Week***

- June 20 – Tamala Bothell & Mason Ellis
- June 26 – Andrew Sohn
- June 28 – Emma Resler

***Anniversaries this Week***

- June 24 – Nathan & Liz Brooks

***Attending Indian Creek This Week***

- June 22-26 – Daytona & Josie Hudson, Lizzy Terrell (campers), and Kinley Moody (volunteer)
- June 26-30 – Bob Templeton (volunteer)



***No Bible Study This Wednesday, June 26***

There will be no Wednesday morning Bible Study this week. Our study of Revelations will resume next week on July 3.

***Church League Softball Game Tuesday, June 25 at 7:40 pm***

Come out and cheer on the First Baptist Church Softball Team during their game this Tuesday, June 25 at 7:40 pm in Linton.

***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!

## ***One Great Hour of Sharing***

Be sure and take some time to read our bulletin insert today. Your generosity to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering in June is making a positive change in the lives of refugee women who live in the community of Kansas City, Kansas. These women take classes at Stitching Change, a nonprofit, to learn how to repurpose fabrics. It affords them much needed supplemental income as well as enjoying fellowship with others.

Thank you for sharing the light!

## ***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! 😊

### **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**

General Fund .....	\$5,062.00
OGHS.....	\$500.00

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

Income (undesignated giving) .....	\$111,322.04
Budget Requirements.....	\$129,314.16
Net Income vs. Budget .....	-\$17,992.12

Online giving can be found here:



# ***Bloomfield First Baptist Church***

*Praying Together*



***23 June 2024***

## MISSION STORIES

“You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world.”

Matthew 5:14 (The Message)



**75**  
YEARS

## SHARING THE LIGHT: ONE STITCH AT A TIME

**R**akmi Shaiza, executive director and founder of Stitching Change, a non-profit in Kansas City, Kan., which serves refugee women, has been sharing the light in her community. She knows that success in her endeavor has one foundation: community. Building and sustaining community is essential for bringing about positive change in people’s lives.

Shaiza founded Stitching Change in 2014 to provide training in sewing and business skills, with the goal of participants learning how to set up a small business. In 2015 and 2016, the non-profit received a start-up grant from Prairie Baptist Church which enabled them to hold sewing classes at the First Baptist Church of Kansas City for the next five years. Stitching Change moved to their new, larger location in 2022.

Volunteers teach students to sew reusable tote bags, pouches, gift bags, phone cases, and woolen hats made from pre-owned sweaters. These items bring in much-needed supplemental income



*Practicing new skills brings joy.*



*Beautiful relationships and tapestries are being made at Stitching Change.*

to the women, all of whom are low-income. As they take the classes together, they enjoy fellowship across ethnic, language, cultural, and religious lines.

In addition, Stitching Change is committed to creation care through reuse of fabrics in their projects. They help their community to repurpose fabric, and teach how to repair items of clothing, all of which would

have ended up in the landfill. Upcycled tote bags are in demand; for example, the Presbyterian Women's 2024 Churchwide Gathering contracted Stitching Change to manufacture 800 conference bags for them.

A One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) development grant awarded by American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) to Stitching Change has enabled the non-profit to expand their classes and impact even more lives. "The grant made me think that God is opening the door for us by ABHMS believing in us," said Shaiza. "Our empowerment is not short term, nor is it only about making money. The students' lives will not be the same, because they will become leaders."

When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, you help organizations like Stitching Change share the light by equipping refugees and new immigrants with the skills and tools necessary to become financially independent and to develop the confidence to transform their lives. Give generously today!

**One Great  
HOUR  
OF SHARING**

[www.abc-oghs.org](http://www.abc-oghs.org)