



The Bell Tower

September 2024



BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

- 2nd Jerry Boyer
3rd Sandy Clark
4th Sue Sanford
Judy Stahl
Brady Hudson
5th Kimberly Porter
6th Don Hendrix
7th Katlyn Moody
12th Ginger Stewart
Steve Graf
19th Lee Young
20th Mike Henry
21st Junior Barker
25th Oliver Foxworthy
Gavin Rice
29th Gabe Copp
Taylor Hudson
30th Hope Shirley
Walter Pischel

ANNIVERSARIES

- 21st Jeff & Adrienne Hughes

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.

Online giving can be found here:



You can also [click here](#).

September Church Office Hours

Tues./Thurs. 9:00am-12:00pm & 1:00-4:00pm
Wednesday 1:00-4:00 pm
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 & ACTIVITIES

Worship at Parkview Village September 1

All are welcome to join in worship and to be a part of taking the church to the residents of Parkview Village in Odon on September 1 at 2:00 p.m. Pastor Nathan will be preaching.



Bloomfield Community Fellowship Ministry September 4

The Bloomfield Community Fellowship Ministry will allow people of all ages to gather at FBC one day a week in the middle of the day for a meal, various activities, and fellowship beginning on Wednesday, September 4 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Multiple people will be needed to coordinate meals and various activities as well as socialize and potentially provide transportation. What an opportunity for us to share the love of Christ using the gifts that God has blessed us with in a hands-on manner! If you would be interested in learning more about this opportunity, or taking the lead on this project, contact Sandy Clark 812-227-1860.

Chicken & Noodles at the 2024 Apple Festival

The 2024 Apple Festival is only 2 months away - Fri, Oct 4th through Sun, Oct 6th! Mark your calendars if you haven't already.

The Noodle Making Party will be Thu, Oct 3rd, 6:00 - 9:30 pm, and we will prepare the same amount of noodles as we have for the past several years. We will serve Chicken & Noodles for lunch and dinner on Friday and Saturday, and we will serve lunch on Sunday following the community Church Service - assuming we still have noodles left to sell.

Sign-up sheets for making noodles, providing food & drink items, and working shifts in the kitchen, the booth, and as runners are circulating. See Eric Moody if you have any questions.

Apple Festival Worship Service Community Choir

You're invited! We will be singing during the Apple Festival Community Worship Service on Sunday, October 6 under the direction of Dr. Andrew Sohn. The Worship Service will be at 11:00 a.m. at the Bloomfield Town Park, on the stage (rain location: Glover Gymnasium). Rehearsals will be here at the First Baptist Church on Mondays September 16, 23, and 30, at 7:00 p.m. each evening in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to sing with us!



Rummage Sale!

FBC will be hosting a Rummage Sale November 7th-9th this year. Instead of your money, we are asking for your stuff! Start collecting your unwanted treasures and bring them to the CLC for collection. We are accepting anything you would like to donate, but please do not use this opportunity as a dumping ground. Room 104 (in the corner by the downstairs playroom) will be set up with containers for self-sorting to make it easier on workers come November. That being said, we are seeking donations of large totes or boxes for sorting ASAP. If your item is not part of one of our categories, leave it in the room for further sorting. Larger items such as furniture will need to be dropped off the week of our sale. Please contact Kylee Moody with any questions.

CHURCH PICNIC 2024



YOUTH HAPPENINGS

Youth Hangout

The Hudsons are sponsoring a youth hangout in the CLC after church on September 29 from 12:00-4:00 p.m.

Youth Sponsored Activities

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



Youth DQ Outing After Church August 25



ECHOES FROM THE BELL TOWER

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



The psalmist's prayer

The Psalms are full of wonderful verses about God's care and protection.

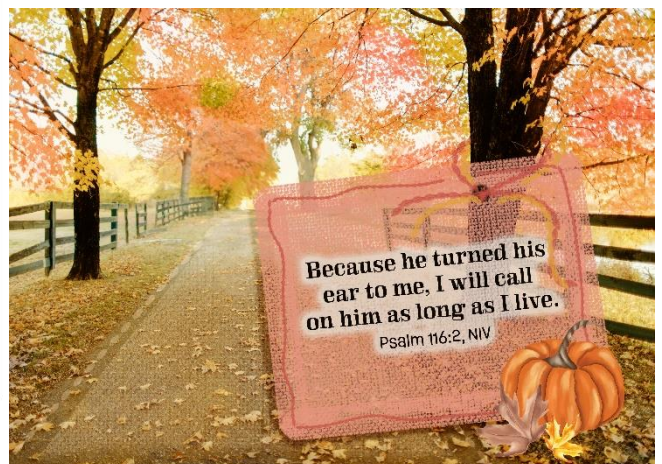
Directions: Find each missing letter in the alphabets below.
Use the resulting words to complete Psalm 86:7, NIV.

- A B C E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z _____
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When I am in _____, I _____ to you,
because you _____ me. Psalm 86:7, NIV



Its time for our

FIRST BAPTIST



How many people can you identify from these pictures of an FBC yard sale in the Fellowship Hall?



(FBC will be having a rummage sale on November 7-9 in the CLC. See the announcement on page 2.)

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S POLITICAL LEADERS OF BIBLE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 4. NINEVEH
- 5. NEBUCHADNEZZAR
- 7. PHARAOH
- 8. SAUL
- 9. AHAB
- 11. AUGUSTUS
- 12. JEROBOAM
- 13. TIBERIUS

DOWN

- 1. JOSIAH
- 2. HEROD
- 3. CYRUS
- 6. DARIUS
- 7. PILATE
- 10. DAVID



Congratulations to **Pastor Nathan**, last month's First Baptist Flashback winner!! Nathan was the closest (and only) guesser.



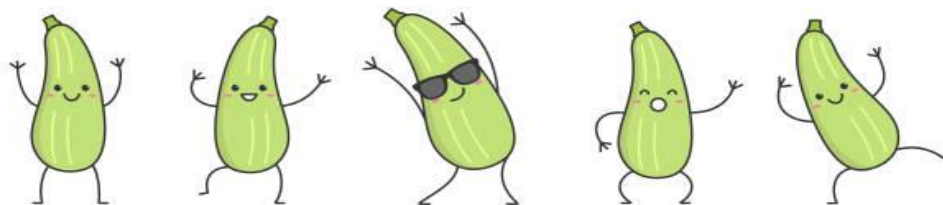
These pictures were all from 1973!



Answer to the puzzle: When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me. Ps 86:7 NIV

COOKS IN THE BELFRY

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



Here are some ideas for any leftover zucchini from your garden. All of this month's recipes are taken from the FBC 125th Anniversary Cookbook.

Zucchini Relish

Submitted by Debra Hudson

- 10 c. ground zucchini
- 5 ½ tsp. salt
- 4 c. chopped onion

Stir together, let set overnight and drain.

- 2 bell peppers (green & red)
- 1 tsp. dry mustard
- 2 ½ c. vinegar
- 1 heaping tsp. celery seed
- ½ tsp. black pepper
- 1 tsp. turmeric powder
- 5 c. sugar
- 1 tsp. nutmeg
- 1 heaping tsp. cornstarch

Mix and cook 30 minutes. Put in hot jars and seal.

Zucchini Skillet

Submitted by Paula Bartlett

- 1 Large zucchini (cucumber size)
- 1 large tomato, chopped
- ½ green pepper, chopped
- 3 Tbs. butter
- 1 small onion, chopped
- ½ c. grated Parmesan cheese

Stir and cook vegetables in butter over high until tender, about 15 minutes. Top with cheese before serving.

Zucchini Bake

Submitted by Nancy Cummings

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| 2 to 3 c. chopped zucchini | ½ lb. sausage browned |
| ½ c. milk | 2 eggs |
| 1 c. grated Cheddar or Colby cheese | ¾ c. cracker crumbs |
| | ¼ c. chopped onion |

Boil zucchini in water until tender. Drain well. Mix all ingredients together and bake at 350° for 30-45 minutes.



MANNING THE ROPES

(Committee & Council Updates)



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The food pantry has serviced 93 families so far in the month of August and there are still 2 days to go. Donations from individuals as well as organizations and churches have been much appreciated. Donations have come from First Baptist Church, First Christian Church, Holy Name Catholic Church, Bloomfield Methodist Church, Master Gardeners, Crane Commissary, Bloomfield Dollar General, Bloomfield CVS, Honeysuckle Hill, Linton Walmart, Catholic Charities in Terre Haute, and Bloomfield Rulers store who also donated 163 pounds of peanut butter that was collected at the store from the customers. The volunteers who work the pantry and those who go after food and bring to the pantry are very very much appreciated!!! Thank All Of You!!! God is so Good!!!

FROM THE BLESSING BOX MINISTRY

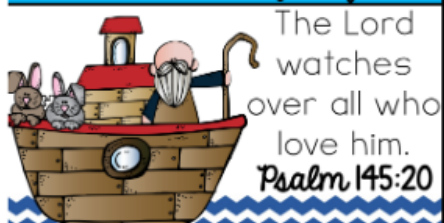
Our Blessing Box Ministry as well as our Food Pantry is a light in the darkness for those who are searching for more than just their material needs. I pray that our ministries will open hearts and minds to God's love. Many thanks for the continued support of our Church Family.

WORLD MISSION SILENT AUCTION REMINDER

Our World Mission Silent Auction will be here in only a couple months. The Love Feast is early this year.....November 3. I encourage you to begin thinking and praying about how you can participate. There are so many possibilities. Together, we can raise funds to share the Good News in fun and creative ways. Mark your calendar. Any questions, contact Cheri Campbell Graf 812-384-8980.

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL

GOD PROTECTS US
a unit on Noah for ages 3-6



JESUS IS OUR HEALER
a Bible unit for ages 3-6



I am the Lord
who heals
you.
Exodus 15:26

September newsletter

Contact info Camryn Deschamp- camrynhuffman@gmail.com (812) 384-0400 x 28 or class dojo	Language Arts <ul style="list-style-type: none">Practice reciting the alphabetPractice identifying first nameLetters A-E: recognition, sounds, & writingBeginning SoundsLong A and E
Math <ul style="list-style-type: none">Calendar procedures-month, days of the week, number, dateCounting to 5	Themes <ul style="list-style-type: none">All about MeABC's- alphabet & nameFarmTransportation
Bible <ul style="list-style-type: none">God Protects UsJesus is Our Healer	
Reminders <ul style="list-style-type: none">Have a blessed Labor Day!Stay posted on dojo for school picture information!If you are happy with our program so far, please refer us to your friends! We'd love to raise enrollment numbers for the second semester.	

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Summer Special Music



Handbells
The Brooks & Porters
August 18



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!**



(As of 07-31-2024)

Actual YTD Gen. Fund Income: \$140,158.88

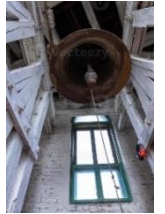
Total YTD Expenses: \$149,843.10

Actual YTD Church *Deficit*: (\$9,684.22)

A NOTE FROM PASTOR NATHAN

Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

Revelation 22:12-13 (NIV)



Thirteen years ago, when Liz and I were living in Logansport, Indiana, I learned to my dismay that a steam locomotive had rolled through town without my knowing it. Nickel Plate Road #765, restored and operated by the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society, had steamed its way west to a festival in the Quad Cities of Illinois and Iowa. I had missed it.

Then came the good news: it would return to Fort Wayne by reverse route, spending the night in Logansport. A second coming! Naturally, I learned all that I could about 765's return, to ensure I would be in the right place at the right time.

This month, Union Pacific "Big Boy" #4014, the largest operating steam locomotive on earth, is touring the country, a round trip from Cheyenne, Wyoming, through Chicago, St. Louis, Dallas, Houston, Fort Worth, Kansas City, and Denver. It's that Chicago-St. Louis leg that caught my attention.

Naturally, I have learned all that I can about 4014's journey. My phone now alerts me every time the locomotive moves or stops. (This has proven to be a bit much, so I have disabled notifications until the day I attempt to see it.) I have studied maps to identify driving routes and parking lots that might position me to see the locomotive, maybe two or three times if all circumstances cooperate.

I'm seriously like a little kid about this.

Have you heard that Jesus is coming again? The King will pay us a royal visit! He will appear again and bring with Him all who have died believing in Him. The dead in Christ will be raised, and then we who are living! When we are revealed in our new bodies, all creation will be set free! God is making all things new! He will wipe every tear from our eyes!

Of course, He will also judge the world and punish all unrepentant evil. The biblical authors urge repentance in preparation for the coming of the Lord. But this, too, is good news. Evil will run out of time! King Jesus has prevailed!

Imagine that. The world set right. The wicked finally held to account. The faithful vindicated and set free. No more death, crying, mourning, or pain. No more war or famine. Everything will forever be the way God intended it to be. All of these hopes and dreams will be finally and fully realized when King Jesus visits again.

I wonder if you're excited?

This calls for prayerful watchfulness and readiness. This calls for compassionate, sincere witness. This calls for diligent, faithful preparation. Not from a people who are scared to death, but from a people who are in awe of the King's grace.

I wonder if we are ready.

When I think about the lengths to which I will go in order to prepare for short-lived things – a glimpse of a locomotive, an afternoon at the ballpark, a or a much-needed family vacation – I am invited to evaluate my readiness for the coming of the King, the event which finally changes everything forever.

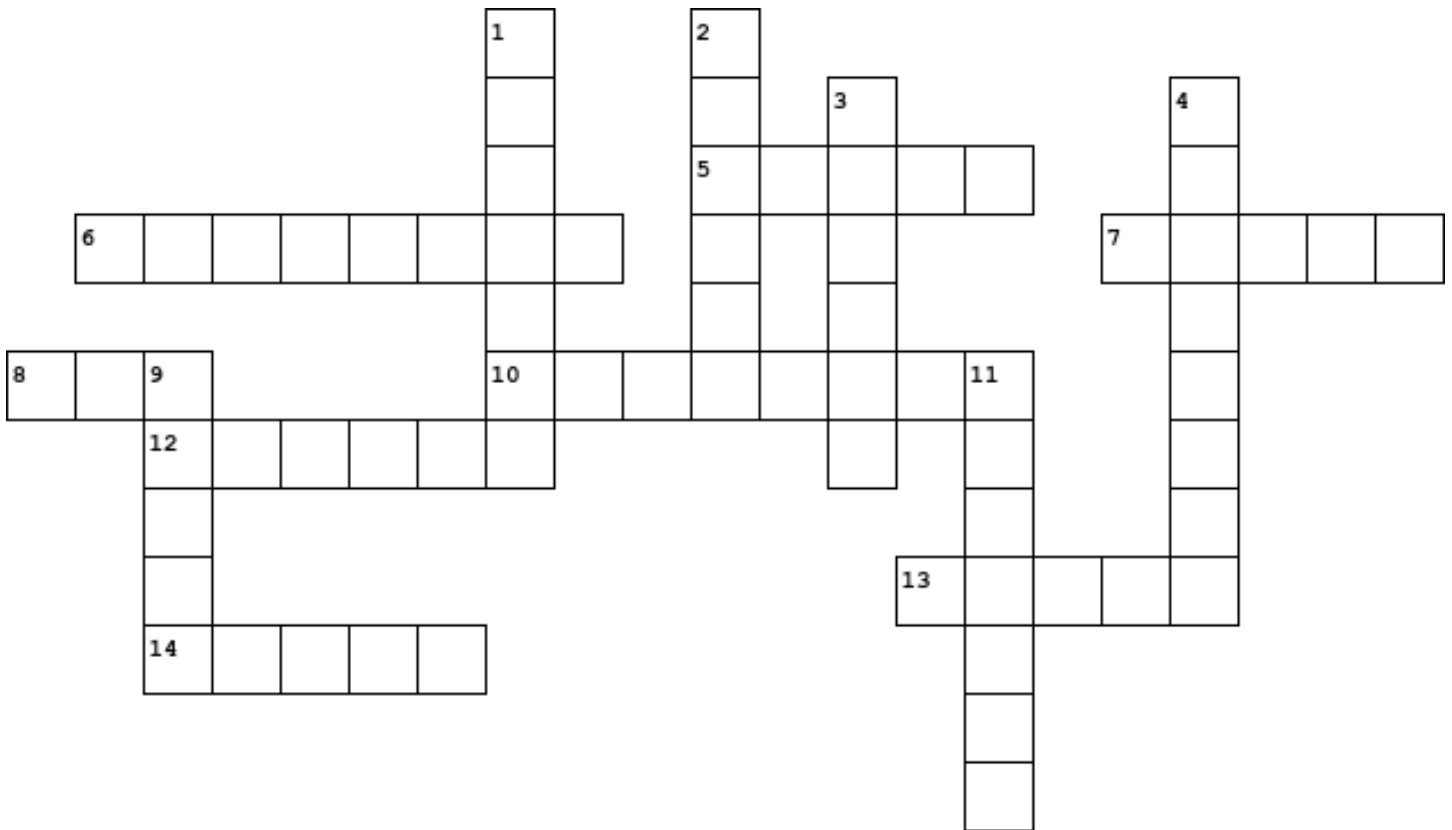
I am not writing this to make anyone feel guilty for excitedly preparing for lesser things. I am writing this to nudge us to pursue our King more fervently. I have spent several weeks learning a great deal about a steam locomotive. We have the opportunity to devote a lifetime to learning about our King.

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV). May it be so of us.

Grace and peace,

Nathan

“SEPT” IS FOR SEVEN



Across

5. On the seventh day, blow trumpets and ____ (Josh. 6:5, 10, 16).
6. Write what you see and send it to the seven ____ (Rev. 1:11).
7. Go, pour out the seven ____ (Rev. 16:1).
8. God blessed the seventh ____ and made it holy (Gen. 2:3).
10. Seven angels standing before God are given seven ____ (Rev. 8:2).
12. This village was seven miles or sixty stadia from Jerusalem (Luke 24:13).
13. The Lamb opened the first of the seven ____ (Rev. 6:1).
14. Evicted evil spirit finds ____ others more wicked than itself (Mt. 12:45).

Down

1. Seven ____ carry seven trumpets (Josh. 6:4).
2. Choose seven men full of the Holy Spirit and ____ (Acts 6:3).
3. Seven of these, plus a few small fish (Mt. 15:34).
4. There were seven ____ (Mk. 12:20).
9. She lived with her husband for seven ____ (Lk. 2:36).
11. Not seven times, but ____ times seven (Mt 18:22).

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

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Church Office: 812-384-8459
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Bright Beginnings Preschool: 812-384-2647

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion 2:00 Worship at Parkview	2 Labor Day 7:00 Choir Practice	3 9:30 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 CLC res	4 No Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship	5 6:30 Boy Scouts 6:30 Deacon Mtg	6	7 6:00 GGW
8 8:30 Fellowship Breakfast 1:00 CLC res.	9 7:00 Choir Practice	10 9:30 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 CLC res	11 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship	12 4:45 Girl Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts	13	14 3:00 GGW Reunion
15 Baptisms	16 7:00 Choir Practice	17 9:30 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 CLC res	18 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship	19 6:30 Boy Scouts 6:30 Gideons	20	21 6:00 GGW
22	23 7:00 Choir Practice	24 9:30 Cottage Prayer Group 5:00 Streng. Fam 6:00 CLC res.. 6:30 Trustee Mtg	25 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship	26 4:45 Girl Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts	27	28 6:00 GGW
29 12:00 CLC res. 12:00 Music & Worship Meeting	30 7:00 Choir Practice					

Deacon of the Month

Bob Templeton

Trustee of the Month

Eric Moody

Usher of the Month

Tony Resler

Prayers

1st Norm Sullivan
8th Charlotte Smith
15th
22nd
29th

Snacks in the Narthex

1st Kimberly Porter
8th Fellowship Brkfst
15th Sharon Terrell
22nd
29th

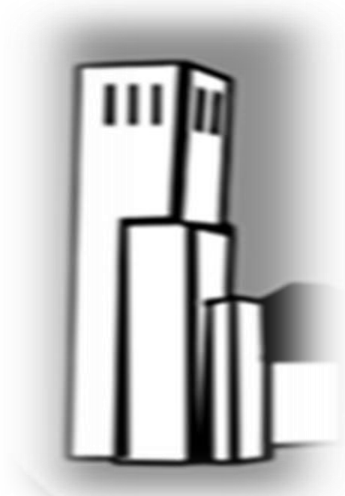
Greeters

Heather & Avery Malone

Nursery Care

1st _____ &
Dixie Hudson

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