



# The Bell Tower

## October 2024



### BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

#### BIRTHDAYS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jeff Hughes
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Norm Sullivan  
Trey Shirley
- 4<sup>th</sup> Bob Templeton
- 6<sup>th</sup> Josiah Rice
- 7<sup>th</sup> Karen Kutch
- 9<sup>th</sup> Rex Kirchoff
- 11<sup>th</sup> Steve Ham
- 12<sup>th</sup> Alan Brown  
Noah Lombardi
- 19<sup>th</sup> Nancy Brinson
- 20<sup>th</sup> Dennis Kutch
- 24<sup>th</sup> Lisa Padgett
- 25<sup>th</sup> Wyatt Shirley
- 29<sup>th</sup> Zachary Hudson
- 30<sup>th</sup> Daytona Hudson

#### ANNIVERSARIES

- 9<sup>th</sup> James & Heather Malone
- 11<sup>th</sup> Steve & Sandy Clark
- 18<sup>th</sup> Jeff & Teresa Coffin
- 20<sup>th</sup> Randy & Brenda Flanagin
- 27<sup>th</sup> Michael & Lindsey Sullivan

#### *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](http://www.fbcbloom.org).

Online giving can be found here:



You can also [click here](#).

#### *October 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

(Heather will be out of the office Oct. 11 & 18.)

#### *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



## ***Bloomfield Community Fellowship Ministry Wednesdays***

People of all ages gather at FBC on Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for a meal, engaging activities, and to fellowship with one another. A wide variety of activities are possible, but we need eager volunteers to lead them. If interested contact Sandy Clark 812-227-1860. **There will be no Community Fellowship on October 2.**

## ***Chicken & Noodles at the 2024 Apple Festival***

The time has come! - Fri, Oct 4<sup>th</sup> through Sun, Oct 6<sup>th</sup>!

The Noodle Making Party will be Thu, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00-11:00 am and 6:00 - 9:30 pm. 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.

See Eric Moody if you have any questions.

## ***Apple Festival Community Worship Service, Sunday October 6***

You are all invited to a Community Worship Service Sunday, October 6 at 11:00 a.m. at the Bloomfield Park - Temporary Bandstand (rain location - Glover Gymnasium).

Pastor Nathan will be preaching, and other local pastors and churches will be participating. The Apple Festival Community Choir will also be singing under the direction of Dr. Andrew Sohn. Sunday School will be as normal at FBC at 9:30 a.m. Shuttle service will be provided after Sunday School from FBC to the park for those who need it. **Please bring chairs as seating may be limited.**



## ***Soup On Saturday, October 12***

We need soups, sandwiches, desserts, and volunteers. Please contact Barbara Frye at 812-384-3231 if you can donate or help serve. Thank you!

## ***Sunday Morning Baptisms, 3 November***

If you are interested in being baptized on Sunday morning November 3, or any other time, please speak with Pastor Nathan. He would love to meet with you. 😊



## ***Rummage Sale! November 7-9***

We are accepting anything you would like to donate, but please do not use this opportunity as a dumping ground. CLC Room 104 (in the corner by the downstairs playroom) is set up with containers for self-sorting. 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.

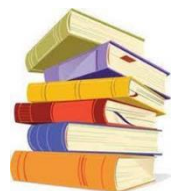
## ***Operation Christmas Child***

Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week is November 18-25, 2024.

Linton First Baptist will be a drop off site. I have been in touch with their coordinator. She will be sending me a list of times and dates for drop off soon. In the meantime, I would encourage those planning to participate to start gathering items for your box. Many items are on sale now. If you aren't sure what items are allowed, go to the Samaritan's Purse website. In early October, I will have an area set up in the Narthex with boxes and information. Any questions please let me know. Cheri Campbell Graf 812-384-8980.

## ***Check Out FBC's Multimedia Lending Library***

Please check out the various books, DVDs, magazines, etc. that are available at the library which is located on the west side of the Narthex. There is a 'check-out' folder to list your name, item checked out, and the check-out and back-in date.



# YOUTH HAPPENINGS

## Fusion Youth Ministry Weekend November 8-9

Aiden Malone is coordinating a youth trip to the First Baptist Church of New Castle November 8-9. Please see him for details.

## Fusion YOUTH MINISTRY Weekend

**FDR:** Students in Grades 6th-12th

**LOCATION:** First Baptist Church of  
New Castle  
709 S Memorial Dr  
New Castle, IN 47362



### **SPEAKER: BRYAN MARVEL**

Bryan is a seasoned camp and conference speaker. Bryan regularly inspires people to embrace their God-given identity that stems from a Christ-centered identity. He also pastors a church in Milwaukee, WI where he lives with his wife and three daughters. In his free time, he loves to drink good coffee, read inspiring books and listen to a wide variety of music.



### **WORSHIP LEADER: JASON GRAY**

Since his 2007 nationwide label debut, *All the Lovely Losers*, Gray has established himself as a true songwriter's songwriter. The beloved Centricity Music recording artist has garnered multiple ASCAP Performance Awards for popular songs like "Remind Me Who I Am" and "Sparrows" and summited the radio charts with hits like his first No. 1 AC standard, "With Every Act of Love," and chart-topping Inspo single "Nothing Is Wasted." Throughout his celebrated tenure, Gray has shared the stage with genre leaders like Michael W. Smith, Steven Curtis Chapman, Third Day, TobyMac, Lauren Daigle and others, in addition to headlining tours of his own. Moreover, he's the host of the popular Acoustic Storytime, a monthly writers-round radio show recorded at The Well Coffeehouse in Brentwood, Tenn., for SiriusXM The Message that highlights stories and songs from both well-known Christian acts and newcomers alike.

**WHEN:** Friday, November 8th at 7pm  
until Saturday, November 9th at 3pm

**Cost:** \$50/student

**THEME:** Identity in Christ



### **Packing List:**

Bible  
Notebook/Pen/Pencil  
Sleeping Bag  
Pillow  
Toiletries  
Clothes for 1 day  
Pajamas  
Medicines  
Twin Size Air Mattress (if you wish)  
Swimming Suit (if you want to swim during free time)

Register online at:  
<https://abc-indiana.org/event/fusion-youth-convention/>

Registration Deadline: October 25th

Please note that there are 2 ways to Register:

**Individual Registration** - for Parent/Guardian to register student  
**or**  
**Group Registration** - for Youth Leader to register his/her entire group

### **Additional Info:**

- First Baptist Church New Castle is in a former Wal Mart building.
- Sleeping Arrangements will be divided up by gender. Boys will be sleeping in rooms down one hallway and girls will be sleeping in rooms in another hallway. Leaders of the same gender will be in the rooms with students. Boys from the same church will be in one room; Girls from the same church will be in another room.
- There will be security guards on campus the entire time doing regular walk throughs throughout the night.
- Each Youth Group is asked to bring snacks to share with the entire group, if able to.

**Any Questions?  
Contact Kristi Jones at  
[kristijones@abc-indiana.org](mailto:kristijones@abc-indiana.org)  
317-635-3552 press 7**

Scan me to learn more info and Register online!



### **Youth Hang Out October 20**

The Hudsons are sponsoring a youth hangout at their house on the evening of October 20. More details to come.

### **Youth Christmas Party December 8**

Middle and High School Youth are invited to a Youth Christmas Party at Nathan, Liz, and Tiffany's house, 145 Dogwood Ln Sunday, December 8 from 4:30-7 p.m.

### **We Need You!**

We are continually 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!



# ECHOES FROM THE BELL TOWER

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



## An Autumn Poem

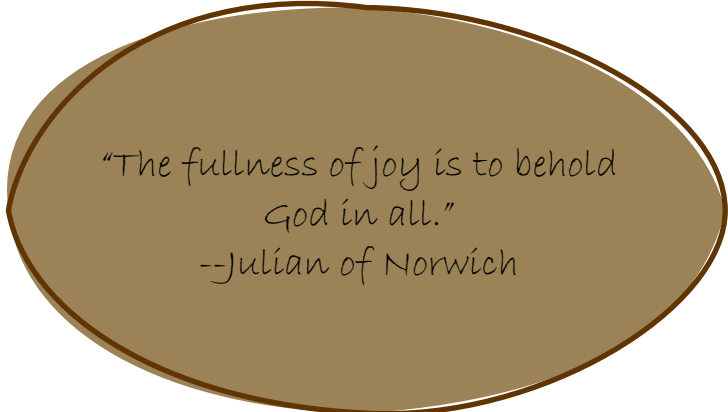
Fall, leaves, fall; die, flowers, away;  
Lengthen night and shorten day;  
Every leaf speaks bliss to me  
Fluttering from the autumn tree.

I shall smile when wreaths of snow  
Blossom where the rose should grow;  
I shall sing when night's decay  
Ushers in a drearier day.

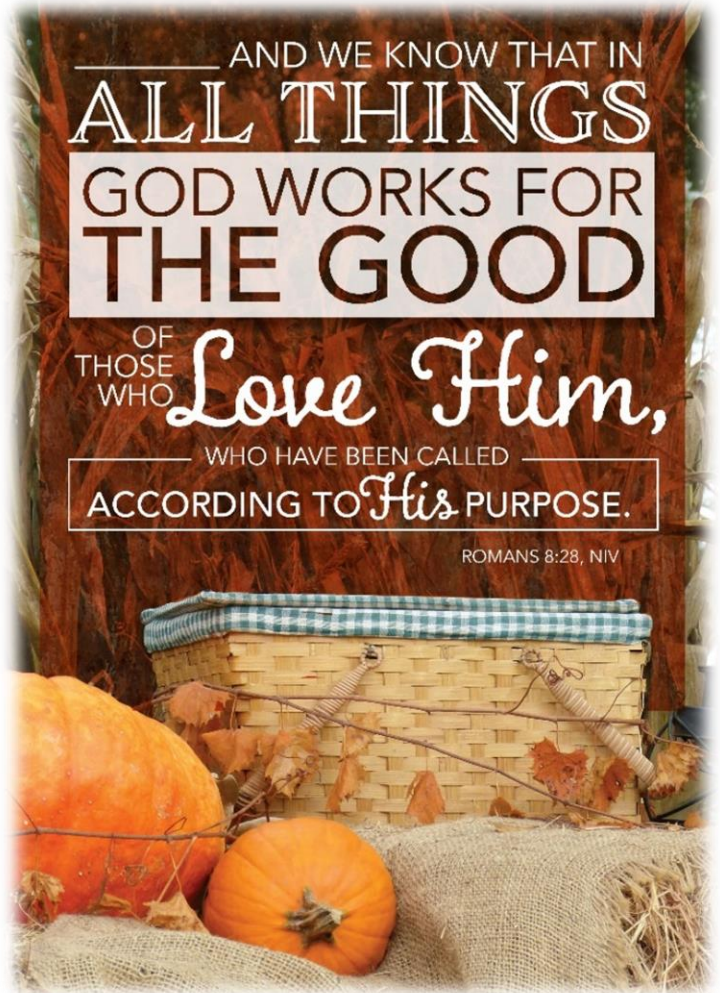
-- Emily Bronte

**HAPPY** are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked ... their leaves DO NOT WITHER.

Psalm 1:1, 3, NRSV



"The fullness of joy is to behold  
God in all."  
--Julian of Norwich



AND WE KNOW THAT IN  
**ALL THINGS**  
GOD WORKS FOR  
**THE GOOD**

OF  
THOSE  
WHO *Love Him,*

WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED  
ACCORDING TO *His* PURPOSE.

ROMANS 8:28, NIV

Its time ..... for our

# FIRST BAPTIST



You will have to be super quick to be the first to identify these folks from the 2005 Apple Festival.



Serving chicken and noodles at the Apple Festival to raise money for the Christian Life Center



## ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S "SEPT" IS FOR SEVEN 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



**Jeff Coffin** was our First Baptist Flashback winner from the month of August. He was the first to identify everyone pictured from a previous FBC yard sale. Congratulations Jeff!



Those pictured are Paul & Ginger Stewart, Jean Boyer, Dorothy Briner, Kathy Ham, and Kimberly Porter!



# COOKS IN THE BELFRY

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

This month features Donna Miller's apple pie recipe submitted by Brenda Flanagin. Donna likes to make up the pies "ready to bake" and put them in the freezer. This is typically a family event. She bakes them frozen for one hour at 350 degrees. So good!



## Recipe

FROM THE KITCHEN OF:  
**Donna Miller**

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6 cups apples (peeled/thinly sliced)

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|----------------|----------------|
| 2 Tbsp flour   | 1 tsp cinnamon |
| Dash of nutmeg | 2 Tbsp butter  |
| 3/4 cup sugar  | Dash of salt   |

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Combine sugar, flour, spices, salt. Mix with apples.

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Line 9 inch pie plate with pie crust. Fill with apple mixture; dot with butter. Cover with pie crust, cutting slits in the top. Sprinkle with sugar. Bake at 400 degrees for 50 minutes or until done.



# MANNING THE ROPES

(Committee & Council Updates)



## FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The food pantry served 80 families in the month of September, and there is still one more day to go. One day there were 6 families and 4 of them had 9, 8 or 7 in the household. Needless to say, when there is that many in a household much food items are used, because there is more given to a larger family than a smaller family. A trip was made to Catholic Charities where 2270 pounds of USDA was picked up, and 1651 pounds of food was bought. This was on Wednesday, September 19th. Bloomfield Dollar General donated 1020.5, Bloomfield CVS donated 189 pounds, Rulers 64 pounds, Walmart 1624 pounds, and Crane Commissary 989 pounds. Area churches continue to donate many times a week, and that includes Bloomfield Baptist, Holy Name Catholic, Mansions In Heaven, First Christian and Bloomfield Methodist. The Lighthouse Meats donated 85 pounds of meat, and Rulers had a fund raiser for the pantry of donated peanut butter. Both were very much appreciated. Individuals who donated were Robin Henderson, Janet Skinner, Kathy England, Dennis and Karen Kutch, Sue's Produce, Tooger and Charlotte Smith, Joan Vaughn, Brad Ellis and Randall Brown. The pantry is grateful for all donations which includes monetary donations from Mineral Methodist Church, John and Mary Bailey, Earl and Joan White, Tooger and Charlotte Smith, Joan Vaughn, Mark Mullins and Charles Guinnup. God bless all the workers from the pantry; from the ones who check the families in, those who pack the boxes and reshelve items, to those who drive to Walmart, Rulers, Crane and to Terre Haute to Catholic Charities!!! You all are appreciated so so much!!!!

## 2024 WORLD MISSION OFFERING

We will be receiving the World Mission Offering all of October and culminating on November 3 with our Love Feast Silent Auction. The main theme of the offering is "Were not our hearts burning within us?", taken from Luke 24:32-35. Offering envelopes can be found in the pews. This offering supports our global servants who are serving around the world as the hands and feet of Jesus. They are proclaiming the gospel through word and deed. God's mission has not changed as He sends these mission servants all over the world. They covet our prayers. A 31-day prayer calendar will be posted on the bulletin board for our global servants, their families, and ministries. Any questions, please contact Cheri Campbell Graf 813-384-8980.

## BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL

**October newsletter**

**WE MUST OBEY GOD**  
a Bible unit for ages 3-6

If you love me, obey my commandments.  
**John 14:15**

**WE MUST FORGIVE**  
a unit on Joseph for ages 3-6

As the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive.  
**Colossians 3:13**

**FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT**  
a character ed unit for ages 3-6

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness and self-control. Against such there is no law.  
**Galatians 5:22-23**

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(812) 384-0400 x 28  
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**Language Arts**

- Practice reciting the alphabet
- Practice identifying first name
- Blending and Review: Letters F, G, & Review: recognition, sounds, & writing

**Themes**

- Fall- Apples
- Fall- Pumpkins
- Fall- Leaves
- Halloween- Creatures

**Math**

- Calendar procedures- month, days of the week, number, date
- Counting to 20
- Shapes & colors

**Bible**

- We Must Obey God
- We Must Forgive
- Fruits of the Spirit

**Reminders**

- 10/22 & 10/24: NO SCHOOL
- Fall Party- 10/31 (Note will be send home/posted with more 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.

**Baptism of Tiffany Brooks & Lizzy Terrell September 15, 2024**



(As of 08-31-2024)

Actual YTD Gen. Fund Income: \$160,453,60  
Miscellaneous Income: \$7,652.67  
Total YTD Expenses: \$170,895.99  
Actual YTD Church \*Deficit\*: (\$2,789.72)

# FINANCIAL Snapshot

*by Adrienne*



TIME FOR A HAYRIDE!

***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

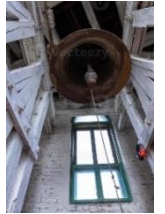
**Thank you for keeping our church and community in  
prayer!**



# A NOTE FROM PASTOR NATHAN

*If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*

Romans 12:18 (NIV)



The piano tuner just arrived.

“Bringing the world into harmony, one piano at a time,” he quipped, only partly in jest, “that’s my spiritual calling.”

There’s wisdom in that remark. A world that is out of harmony in so many ways desperately needs beautiful music. We need piano tuners, performers, manufacturers, composers, and a whole host of willing musicians to produce harmony.

I would not want to live in this world if there was no music.

Music, of course, hardly solves the world’s problems. But music at its best whispers of a world to come – a world which we believe is coming, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Whenever we worship together, we are participating in a great heavenly scene in which the Creator is forever praised, and the Lamb is forever glorified (Rev. 4-5). One day, this scene is coming down to earth in its fullness, evil will be vanquished, and the world will be at harmony forever (Rev. 21-22).

The best music has often whispered of that world and stirred our hearts to long for it more deeply. Music is not magic, and some music isn’t even very good, but you and I have both experienced music that has drawn us to something better.

The man in the sanctuary right now is doing his part, one piano at a time.

I should emphasize, *only* one piano at a time. I am not sure how many pianos he tunes in a week or even a year, but I am confident that it is only a small slice of the total number of pianos on the face of the earth. Many pianos are horribly out of tune and haven’t been touched for years, drawing much more dust than any attention from nimble fingers.

So why does he bother? He only tunes pianos, and only a fraction of existing pianos. There are so many instruments he cannot touch, so many ensembles he cannot rehearse, so much music written or performed poorly. He has such little impact, it would seem, one man tuning one piano at a time.

Except that we’ve heard Andrew play the thing on Sundays. “That dude can flat play the piano,” one of you said to me.

Truer words have never been spoken.

Think about how that blessing multiplies: every tuned piano is ready to be played again. The piano in our sanctuary has been played by so many pianists over the years, with many more voices singing along, with lives impacted in ways we probably cannot fully describe or understand. But we’re all glad the piano tuners have kept coming back.

Now, to the verse at the top of the page. There is so much strife in our world. We are aware of violence in the Middle East, hatred on both sides of the aisle in Washington, natural disasters ravaging the planet, and conflict in our own community. In a bewildering number of ways, our world is reeling from a lack of genuine peace.

Neither you nor I can bring peace to the entire world. But we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ our Lord (Rom. 5:1). His Spirit is alive within us, producing the fruit of peace, even in the context of hardship (Gal. 5:22-23; Heb. 12:11). Jesus calls us to embody that peace in radically otherworldly ways (Lk. 6:27-28). Blessed are the peacemakers (Mt. 5:9).

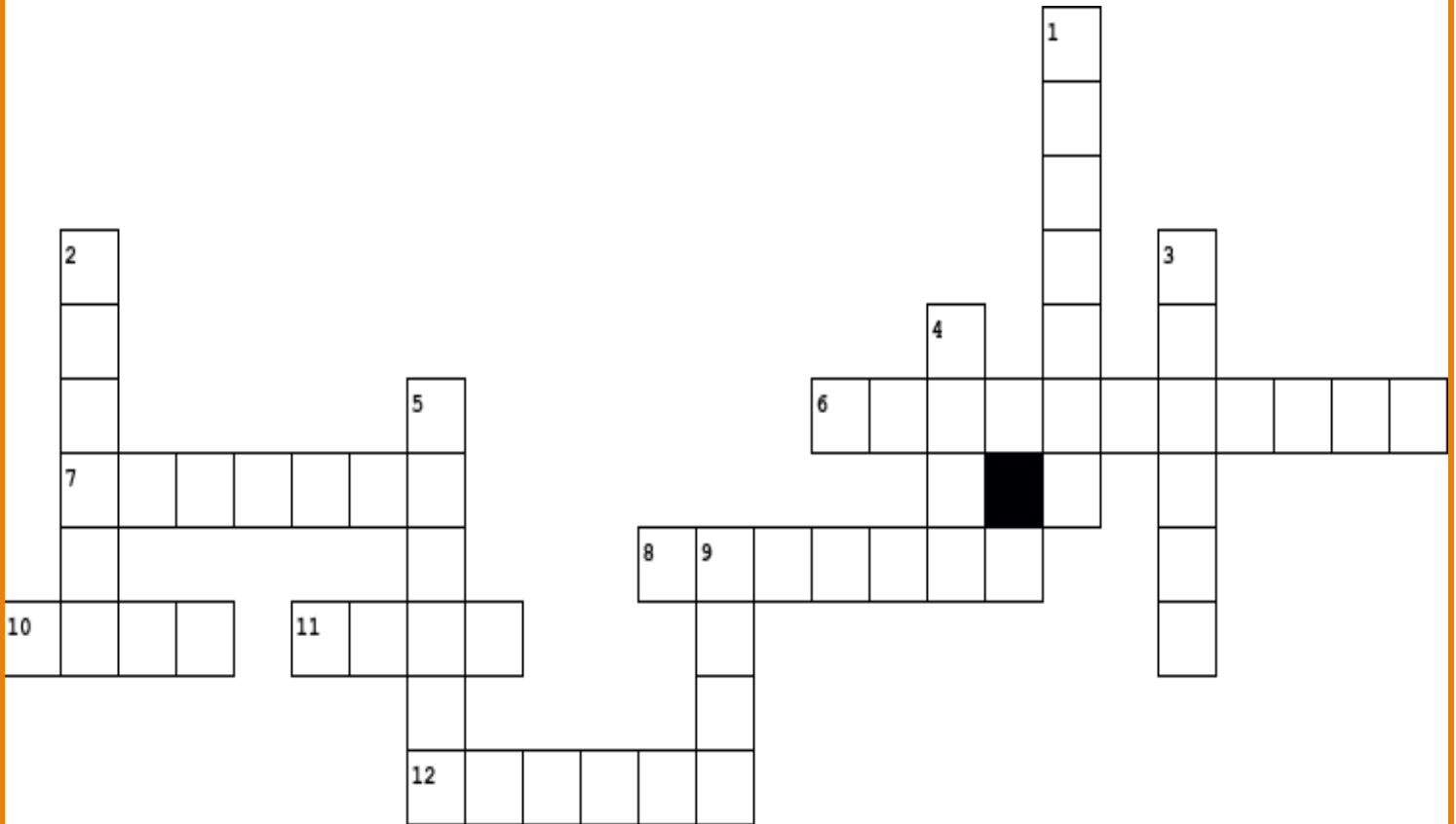
Peacemakers are like piano tuners. We cannot harmonize the whole world’s dysfunction, but we can facilitate the beautiful music of the Prince of Peace, one day, one place, one opportunity at a time. The more peacemakers we have, the better the world will be. *Holy Spirit, help us to be the salt, the light, the aroma of Christ, in a world longing for peace.*

Grace and peace,

Nathan

# CHAPTER TEN

Identify the book of the Bible from which each Chapter 10 reference comes.



## Across

6. Time for two new tablets.
7. By one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.
8. Jesus sends out the twelve disciples.
10. Let the little children come to Me.
11. I am the Good Shepherd.
12. If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart...

## Down

1. Glory of the Lord departs the temple.
2. The sun stands still.
3. Plagues of locusts and darkness in Egypt.
4. Parable of the Good Samaritan.
5. Mordecai was second in rank to the king.
9. Peter visits Cornelius.

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

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October  
2024

Church Office: 812-384-8459  
FAX No: 812-384-8982  
Bright Beginnings Preschool: 812-384-2647

| Sunday   | Monday                                       | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday                      | Saturday                                |
|--|--|---|--|---|-----------------------------|---|
|  |  | 1<br>9:30 Cottage Prayer Group<br>5:00 Strength.Fam.<br>6:00 CLC res                        | 2<br>9:00 Bible Study                                | 3<br>9:00 Noodle Making<br>2:30 Deacon Mtg<br>6:00 Noodle Making<br>6:30 Boy Scouts | 4<br>Apple Festival Noodles | 5<br>Apple Festival Noodles<br>6:00 GGW |
| 6<br>11:00 Apple Festival Community Service  | 7<br>6:00 GS Com. Mtg<br>7:00 Choir Practice | 8<br>9:30 Cottage Prayer Group<br>5:00 Strength.Fam.<br>6:00 CLC res                        | 9<br>9:00 Bible Study<br>10:30 Community Fellowship  | 10<br>4:45 Girl Scouts<br>6:30 Boy Scouts   | 11                          | 12<br>6:00 GGW                          |
| 13 Communion<br>8:30 Fellowship Bfst<br>9:00 KK Practice<br>12:00 FH res.<br>1:00 CLC res. | 14<br>7:00 Choir Practice                    | 15<br>9:30 Cottage Prayer Group<br>5:00 Strength.Fam.<br>6:00 CLC res                       | 16<br>9:00 Bible Study<br>10:30 Community Fellowship | 17<br>6:30 Boy Scouts<br>6:30 Gideons<br>6:30 Council Mtg.                          | 18                          | 19<br>6:00 GGW                          |
| 20   | 21<br>7:00 Choir Practice                    | 22<br>9:30 Cottage Prayer Group<br>5:00 Strength.Fam.<br>6:00 CLC res.<br>6:30 Trustee Mtg. | 23<br>9:00 Bible Study<br>10:30 Community Fellowship | 24<br>4:45 Girl Scouts<br>6:30 Boy Scouts   | 25                          | 26<br>3:00 FH res.<br>6:00 GGW          |
| 27<br>9:00 KK Practice   | 28<br>7:00 Choir Practice                    | 29<br>9:30 Cottage Prayer Group<br>5:00 Strength.Fam.<br>6:00 CLC res                       | 30<br>9:00 Bible Study<br>10:30 Community Fellowship | 31  |                             |   |

**Deacon of the Month**  
Sherry Weeks

**Trustee of the Month**  
Jim Foxworthy

**Usher of the Month**  
Randy Flanagin

**Prayers**

6<sup>th</sup> Tasha Hudson  
13<sup>th</sup>  
20<sup>th</sup>  
27<sup>th</sup>

**Snacks in the Narthex**

6<sup>th</sup> Com. Worship Svc.  
13<sup>th</sup> Fellowship Breakfast  
20<sup>th</sup> BT Hudson  
27<sup>th</sup>

**Greeters**

Wesley & Ashley Terrell

**Nursery Care**

6<sup>th</sup> Community Worship Service

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