



The Bell Tower

January 2025



BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

- 5th Avery Malone
- 9th Pauline Auxier
Teresa Coffin
Debra Hudson
- 10th Tasha Hudson
- 12th Janet Brown
- 13th Kallie Wilson
- 16th Earl White
- 18th Tammy Young
- 19th Kala Flinn
- 22nd Erin Wilson
- 23rd Joanna White
Michelle Foxworthy
- 26th Jennifer Moody
Elizabeth Terrell
- 31st Kevin Flinn



Watch FBC online:

1. Links for live worship services are posted weekly at Facebook.com/groups/fcbcbloom.
2. Recorded worship services are available to the public at YouTube.com/fcbcbloomfield.

Tithes and Offerings

If you would like to support the church online, please visit our website at www.fcbcbloom.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
Wednesday 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

Winter Weather Reminder

If inclement weather should require the cancellation of church activities, a decision will be made by the deacon chair, moderator, and pastor, and announced no later than 7 a.m. on any given Sunday. Cancellations will be posted on the church Facebook page, website, and by prayer chain. We encourage everyone to use their discretion when traveling in inclement weather. Links for live worship services are posted weekly at Facebook.com/groups/fbc bloom. Recorded worship services are available to the public at YouTube.com/fbc bloomfield.

Hoops for Him 2025

The 2025 Hoops for Him Season begins January 25th and runs each Saturday through March 15th. Any child aged 4 through the 6th grade may participate in this program that teaches basic basketball skills along with our love of Christ. Online Registrations are available via our Facebook page or scan the QR code. Contact Eric Moody at 812-227-0700 if you are willing to help out during the season. Volunteers are needed to coach and lead devotions each Saturday.



Luncheon & FBC Trio Songfest Sunday, January 26

On January 26, immediately after worship, there will be a soup and sandwich luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Following lunch, at 1:30 p.m., there will be a concert in the sanctuary by The Trio.

We need volunteers to provide food for the luncheon. If you can provide a crockpot of soup, call or text Cheri Graf 812-227-0117, 2 dozen sandwiches call or text Debra Hudson 812-384-2805, 2 dozen cookies call or text Betty Miller 812-227-1407. Bring all donations to the Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning. There is a sign-up list on the library counter, so that we can get a general idea of how many people to expect. Looking forward to seeing everyone for a time of fellowship.

Telephone Prayer Chain Updates

Hello everyone. The Deacons will be updating the telephone prayer chain. If you are currently on the prayer chain and want to remain on there, you don't need to do anything. If you aren't currently on the chain and want to be added, you have updates (e.g., phone number change), or if you would like to be removed from the chain, let me know. If you have any questions, please ask. Thank you, Debra Hudson.

Church Wide Email Updates

If you would like to be added or removed from the current church wide email list, or your email address has recently changed, please contact Heather in the church office. These emails generally include prayer requests/updates, the Weekly Blast, the monthly Newsletter, announcements etc.



O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Christmas Eve 2024

Christmas Cantata



YOUTH HAPPENINGS

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!

FBC Middle/High School Youth Trip to Hockey Game

Evansville Thunderbolts vs. Macon Mayhem. **Sunday, March 9, 2025** · Face-off 3:00 PM CDT. Depart FBC 2:00 PM EDT · Return FBC approx. 8:15 PM EDT

Tickets paid for by FBC Youth Ministries Fund. Please sign up with Nathan by January 12.



5th Quarter Saturday, January 11

Welcoming back: 5th Quarters! High school and Jr. high students are invited to come hang out in the CLC after home HS boys' basketball games. They can play in the youth room and big area, we serve pizza, pop, and chips. They pay \$1.25 to get in (to encourage buy-in that they want to be there and to help them stay so there isn't in-and-out). This event ends at 11pm.

We are also seeking adult chaperones to help mingle and talk with the kids. This is a One Night commitment. You aren't volunteered for every one of them just by helping with one 5th Quarter! Upcoming Dates: Jan. 11, Feb. 15, Feb. 28.

Please talk to Tasha or Braden Hudson or Kylee Moody if you are interested in helping. It's about 8:30pm-11:30pm time frame.



Youth Christmas Party 2024



ECHOES FROM THE BELL TOWER

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



PLANS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Want to start the new year off right? Remember to always ask God for guidance.

Directions: Write each word (or word part) in the correct numbered box to complete Proverbs 16:3, NIV.

J A N U A R Y 2 0 2 5						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
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27	28	29	30	31		

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Answer: "Commit to the LORD whatever you do and he will establish your plans." Proverbs 16:3, NIV



Make a New Year's Time Capsule

Make a container to hold your treasures and your wishes and goals for the New Year.



You will need:

- small storage tin (You may have a cookie-, popcorn- or candy-tin leftover from the holidays. If you don't have a tin, a shoebox will work.)
- goals for the coming year
- permanent markers ■ paper
- glue ■ tape ■ scissors ■ paint
- paintbrush
- little treasures (photos of friends or family, small toys, coins, etc.)

How to make it:

- Wash and dry the tin.
- Decorate the tin with the markers or paint. (If the tin already has a design, you can use that one. Or you can decorate pieces of paper and then glue them to the tin's lid and sides.)
- Mark your name and the date on the lid.
- On a piece of paper make a list of goals – things you would like to accomplish during the year. (For example, be a better student, be more helpful around the house, make new friends, etc.)
- On another piece of paper write some of the important things that happened last year. (For example, got a new puppy, went on a fun vacation, learned to ride a bike, etc.)
- Place the list of goals in the tin along with any little treasures you want to include.
- Tape the lid onto the tin.
- Store it in a safe place (for example, your closet, under the bed, etc.).
- Open the tin on the next New Year's Day. Did you accomplish all your goals? Did you remember what was in the tin?



Its time for our

FIRST BAPTIST



Be the first to identify
the year of this
Christmas Cantata
picture



ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S CHRISTMAS HYMN TITLES CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 3. BETHLEHEM
- 6. SHEPHERDS
- 7. MIDNIGHT
- 10. WORLD
- 12. MANGER
- 13. HOLY
- 14. FAITHFUL

DOWN

- 1. NIGHT
- 2. BELLS
- 4. EMMANUEL
- 5. ANGELS
- 8. MOUNTAIN
- 9. EXPECTED
- 11. CHILD



Janet Brown was our First Baptist Flashback winner for the month of December. She was the first to correctly identify the 1989 Bible Bowl participants. Congratulations Janet!



They are, from left to right, Bill Hudson, Kathy Ham, Delores Gummel, Sandy Clark, Matt Hall, David Ellis, Ryan Ham, and Jennifer Moore.



We are going to miss you, Andrew!



COOKS IN THE BELFRY

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

This month's recipes are taken from our 125th Anniversary FBC Cookbook. If you have any recipes you would like to share, please give them to Heather in the church office. Thank you!

Dill Bread

Submitted by Nancy Canty

1 pkg. yeast	1 Tbsp. melted butter
¼ c. warm water	1 tsp. salt
2 Tbsp. sugar	¼ tsp. soda
1 c. large curd cottage cheese	1 egg, unbeaten
1 Tbsp. dried onion	2 ¼ to 2 ½ c. flour
2 Tbsp. dill seed	

Dissolve yeast in water and 2 tablespoons sugar. Mix all ingredients except flour in a large bowl and beat well. Then add flour until it is not sticky. Let raise for 2 hours, then work and make into a loaf and place in a loaf pan. Oil the top and let raise until double in size. Bake 40 to 45 minutes at 350°.



Chicken Parmesan with Spaghetti

Submitted by Kathy Ham

4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves	1 egg slightly beaten
½ c. seasoned dry bread crumbs	2 c. Prego spaghetti sauce
2 Tbsp. margarine	½ c. shred. mozzarella cheese
1 Tbsp. grated Parmesan cheese	1 tsp. dried parsley flakes (oz. dry)

Directions: Flatten chicken to an even thickness, using palm of hand or meat mallet. Dip chicken in egg; coat with bread crumbs. In 10 inch skillet over medium heat, in hot margarine, cook chicken until browned on both sides. Add spaghetti sauce. Reduce heat to low. Cover and simmer 10 minutes. Sprinkle with cheeses and parsley. Cover and simmer 5 minutes or until cheese melts. Serve over hot spaghetti.



MANNING THE ROPES

(Committee & Council Updates)



DECEMBER SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

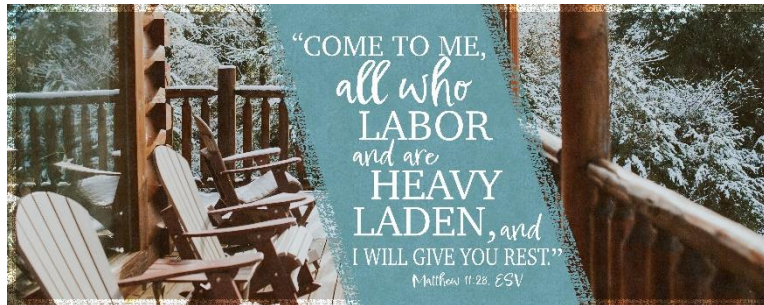
A special congregational meeting was held in December in conjunction with our monthly Fellowship Breakfast. A secret ballot vote was held, and our 2025 deacons were approved as follows:

Jeff Coffin
Bob Templeton
Kathy Ham

Debra Hudson
Braden Hudson
Steve Graf

A HEARTY THANK YOU

We would like to send a hearty thank you for the many generous donations received in December to White Christmas, the Food Pantry, and the Blessing Box. We were able to fill 80 boxes of food to distribute to the community through our White Christmas program. Many were blessed through our food pantry and blessing box throughout the holiday season. We could not accomplish this without the support of our church family, the donations received, and the countless volunteers that so graciously give of their time. Thank you!



BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL



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**



Jesus began to teach them many things. **Mark 6:34**

January newsletter

Contact info
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camcryn1huffman@gmail.com
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or class dojo

Math

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

Language Arts

- J, K, L, M
- Beginning, Middle, and Ending Sounds

Themes

- Winter- Snow
- Pets
- Fairy Tales
- Bears

Bible

- God is Powerful
- God is with Me
- Fruit of the Spirit
- Parables of Jesus

Reminders

- 1/7 Return to school
- Mrs. Deschamp GONE 1/14 & 1/16- Mrs. Clark will sub (Message me with any questions/concerns)



With God all things are possible. **Matthew 19:26**

TUITION

Please pay your student's tuition by the first Thursday of the month! We've had some issues with late tuition this past month. DUE: January 9



I will fear no evil for You are with me. **Psalms 23:4**

Children's Program: Backyard Kids Club

Our once-a-month children's program will be on Sunday afternoons beginning in January from 4-6pm. Dates include: Jan. 12, Feb. 2, March 2, April 6, and May 4. We are seeking teen and adult helpers to lead games, kitchen crew, a craft Leader (craft and instructions provided), and to mingle with a PreK-1st grade group or 2nd-6th grade group. Please let Tasha Hudson know if you can help.



Sun. Jan. 12
4pm-6pm
Games, Crafts, Bible
Teaching & Dinner
1st Baptist Church,
Bloomfield 812-384-8459

(As of 10-31-2024)

Actual YTD Gen. Fund Income: \$204,317.75
Miscellaneous Income: \$7,918.71
Total YTD Expenses: \$210,499.34
Actual YTD Church *Surplus*: \$1,737.12

FINANCIAL Snapshot

by Adrienne



***Please pray for First Baptist Church in 2025,
that we would...***

Glorify Our Creator,
Revelation 4:11

Persist in Prayer,
Matthew 7:7-8 & Colossians 1:9

Remember That We've Received Grace, and
Show Grace to Others,
Romans 3:21-26

Love God and Others Well,
1 John 4:7-21 & Matthew 22:37-39

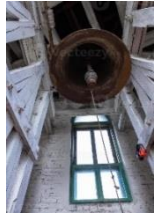
Be Open to and Trust God's Plans,
Isaiah 43:19 & Jeremiah 29:11

Be Equipped and Vigilant,
Ephesians 6:10-13

Remember and Extend God's Compassion,
Lamentations 3:22-23 & 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

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

A NOTE FROM PASTOR NATHAN



Pray constantly.
1 Thess. 5:17

We are once again beginning our year together on Sunday, January 5, with a service of prayer for First Baptist Church. The deacons have selected several scriptures for us to pray together as a congregation for our church family in 2025.

Many of you kept your yellow half-sheet handout from 2024 and prayed faithfully throughout the year. Thank you! I have seen each of those seven prayer requests answered in the life of our church over the course of 2024. When God's people pray God's word, special things happen. We are joining in His work and praying that His will be done.

Last year, I found it handy to post this prayer list on the inside of the bathroom medicine cabinet, where I would see it every morning. Since there were (there are again) seven areas to pray for, I prayed for one each day of the week. I encourage you to find a prominent place to keep this year's list, and a rhythm that will remind you to pray.

After our opening service of prayer, I will be spending the remaining Sundays before Lent preaching on the texts that we'll be praying together. They will be available in a bulletin insert but are also listed here below, for your convenience.

Please pray for First Baptist Church in 2025, that we would...

Glorify our Creator, Revelation 4:11

Persist in prayer, Matthew 7:7-8 and Colossians 1:9

Remember that we've received grace, and show grace to others, Romans 3:21-26

Love God and others well, 1 John 4:7-21 and Matthew 22:37-39

Be open to new things and trust God's plans, Isaiah 43:19 and Jeremiah 29:11

Be equipped by the Spirit and be vigilant in prayer, Ephesians 6:10-13

Remember God's compassion, and extend it to others, Lamentations 3:22-23 and 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

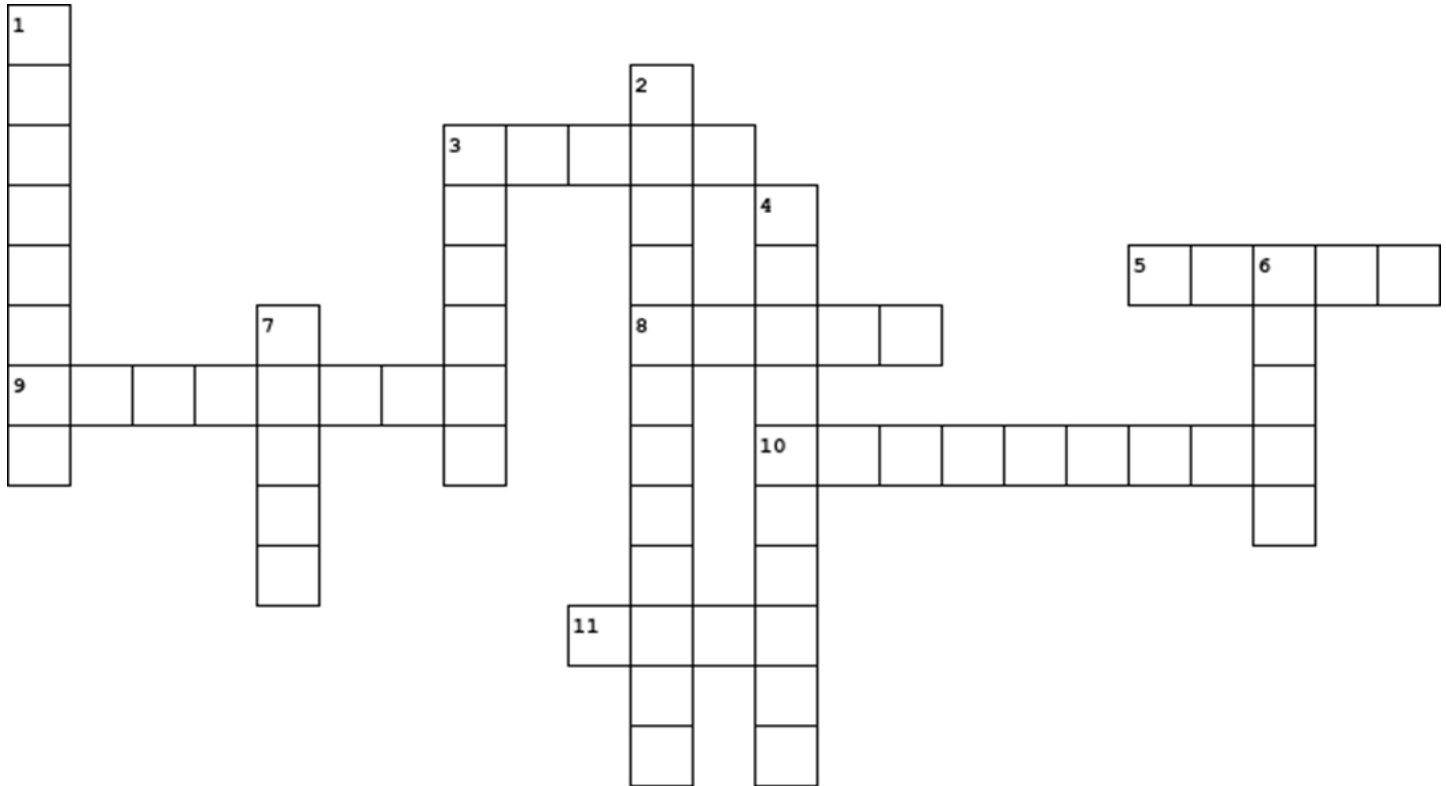
Thank you as always for your love and your prayers. It is a privilege to serve as your pastor. I look forward to what the Holy Spirit will do in our midst in 2025!

Grace and peace,

Nathan



IT ALL BEGAN IN JANUARY



Across

3. Our first pastor was Rev. M. C. _____, who shares a last name with Steve and Sandy.
5. Our church bell was hung in its current ___ on July 14, 1990.
8. Our third and current church building opened in 1979 while Rev. Wayne ___ served as pastor.
9. Our second church building still stands as Mansions in Heaven, located at the corner of Franklin and ___ Streets.
10. Our organizational meeting occurred at this church, which still worships at Main & Jefferson.
11. Our first church building was destroyed by ___ in 1922.

Down

1. On her 100th birthday in June 2003, Mae ___ turned the first shovel for construction of our CLC.
2. Two nights prior to organizing, the Baptists talked it over at this church, which now worships on Shyla Lane.
3. Our first church building stood at the corner of Washington and this aptly named street.
4. First Baptist Church of ___, Indiana, was officially organized on January 21, 1869.
6. For a time, our baptisms were held at the ___ River.
7. “Ms. ___” Kirkman served as the inaugural director of Bright Beginnings Daycare until her retirement in 2018.

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

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Church Office: 812-384-8459
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day	2 6:30 Deacons	3	4 6:00 GGW
5 Communion Svc of Prayer for 2025 2:30 CLC res.	6 7:00 Choir Practice	7 9:30 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball	8 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship	9 4:45 Girl Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts	10	11 6:00 GGW 8:00 5 th Quarter
12 8:30 Fellowship Bfst 12:00 CLC res. 4:00 Backyard Kids Club	13 6:00 GC Com. Mtg 7:00 Choir Practice	14 9:30 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball	15 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship	16 6:30 Gideons 6:30 Boy Scouts	17	18 6:00 GGW
19	20 MLK Jr. Day 7:00 Choir Practice	21 9:30 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball	22 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship	23 4:45 Girl Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts	24	25 8:00 Hoops for Him 6:00 GGW 8:00 5 th Quarter
26 12:00 Trio Songfest & Luncheon	27 7:00 Choir Practice	28 9:30 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball 6:30 Trustee Mtg	29 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship	30 6:30 Boy Scouts	31	

Deacon of the Month
Jeff Coffin

Trustee of the Month
John Bailey

Usher of the Month
Charles Porter

Prayers

5th Bob Weeks
12th
19th
26th

Snacks in the Narthex

5th Tammy Young
12th Fellowship Breakfast
19th
26th

Greeters

John & Mary Bailey

Nursery Care

5th

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