



The Bell Tower



MARCH 2025

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Jessa Ayers
- 4th Michael Sullivan
- 6th Carla Porter
- 8th Jim Foxworthy
- 11th Lyric Copp
- 14th Ava Manuel
- 18th Aiden Malone
Scarlett Flinn
- 22nd Ivy Foxworthy
- 23rd Chris Wilson
- 24th Renee Young
- 26th Doug Frye
- 31st Joan Vaughn

ANNIVERSARIES

- 14th Steve & Cheri Graf
- 20th Tony & Lori Resler
- 24th Rex & Lois Kirchoff



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](#).

Temporary Church Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday

9:00am-12:00pm & 1:00-4:00pm

Wednesday

1:00-4:00pm

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

Ash Wednesday, March 5

The sanctuary will be open for prayer throughout Ash Wednesday, March 5, with the exception of 9:00-10:00 a.m. when we have Bible Study. A reflection guide will be made available on Facebook, fcbloom.org, and a limited number of printed copies will be available in the narthex as well. You may also email Heather if you would like a copy emailed to you.



Luncheon & FBC Trio Songfest Sunday, March 16

On Sunday, March 16, 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.

Easter Morning Baptisms

If you are interested in being baptized on Easter morning April 20, or any other time, please speak with Pastor Nathan. He would love to meet with you! 😊

Stories of Answered Prayer, Sunday, April 27

We are seeking several individuals to share brief testimonies about answered prayer in preparation for our Healing Service the following week. If you are interested, please ask Nathan as soon as possible. You may share your story aloud on April 27, or if you prefer, one of the deacons may read on your behalf. Thank you!

FBC Scholarships

There are two scholarships that qualified high school seniors and college students that have not attained a four-year undergraduate degree may apply for: a onetime \$250.00 Brad Pridemore Memorial Scholarship and up to four times a \$500.00 FBC Memorial Scholarship. Eligibility criteria can be found on the application form that is available by contacting FBC Secretary Heather Malone at (812)384-5948. Applications are due back in to the FBC Secretary's desk no later than Tuesday April 1, 2025.

Two Mission Trip Opportunities

Another church is organizing a service trip to Winchester/Randolph County, Indiana. They had an EF-3 tornado hit them on March 14, 2024, which caused major damage to 56 structures. This construction trip is open to those 10 years old on up. It is during Bloomfield's Spring Break, March 23-26, 2025. We are suggesting the Youth try to make two days of this trip if possible.

The next week we are looking at is June 9-13, 2025, to travel to North Carolina to support repairs after the hurricane damage.

If you would like an application for either trip, please talk to Tasha Hudson.



Remember Sunday, March 9, Daylight Saving Time Begins!

Spring forward and set your clocks ahead 1 hour.



Lizzy Terrell singing, "Down to the River to Pray" on February 2, 2025. Way to go Lizzy!



Special Music Sign-up

You are encouraged to share your talents with music that adds to meaningful worship on Sunday mornings. You can go to this website <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4BA8A82DA7F94-54160525-special> or scan the QR code to sign up. Thank you!

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. The bus is full at this time. If you would like to go, please talk to Nathan.*

Seconds at Indian Creek Baptist Camp Sunday, March 16

Pastor Nathan will be traveling to Indian Creek to speak at Seconds. Join them from 3:30-6:00 p.m. for fun, fellowship, and faith.

Pregnancy Choices Banquet Tuesday, March 18

Youth volunteers are needed at the Pregnancy Choices Banquet, Tuesday, March 18 at Linton First Christian Church, to help serve food, refill drinks, and clean off tables. Teens need to arrive by 5:30 p.m. PC will feed them pizza. Teens wear black pants and white tops. Let Nathan know ASAP if your teen can help.

FUSE Event Sunday, April 13

The next ABC-IN/KY region wide event for youth grades 6-12 will be Sunday, April 13 from 3:30-6 pm at Indian Creek Baptist Camp. Youth leaders from around the area are encouraged to bring their youth groups for a BIG evening of food, worship, and fun. For more information see Pastor Nathan or Aiden Malone.



Winter Jam 2025





ECHOES FROM THE BELL TOWER

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

Lent

first day of lent:
Do something **NICE** for a teacher or pastor.

2 Make a cross with things you find in nature. *two*

3 Read a Bible story or book.

4 Play your favorite game with someone.

5 Give someone a hug.

6 **NO** sweets today!

7 Learn an Easter song.

8 Make a cottonball lamb & think about how Jesus is the Lamb of God.

9 Give away something to someone.

10 Help someone today.

11 Draw or decorate colorful Easter eggs.

12 Surprise someone with a **SPECIAL NOTE**.

13 Draw a picture with chalk outside.

14 Pray for someone.

15 **GIVE SOMEONE A COMPLIMENT.**

16 Help with yardwork or pick up a piece of litter.

17 Share a meal with someone.

18 Perform a random act of **KINDNESS**.

19 Download Easter coloring pages, print and color.

20 Tell God what you are thankful for.

LIST reasons why you love Easter. *twenty one*

22 Draw or purchase an Easter Lily for a friend.

twenty three Read John 13:1-17 and wash someone's feet.

Have a palm parade around your home. *twenty four*

FORGIVE someone for something they did to you. *twenty six*

27 Read about Good Friday. (John 19:16-37)

Go on a nature scavenger hunt & find things that remind you of Jesus. *twenty eight*

28 Collect items in a basket that remind you of Easter.

29 Draw an Easter picture for your family.

30 Make something for someone.

31 Go on a walk or bike ride & pray for your neighbors.

32 Play stack the Peeps. (See who can stack the most Peeps in a minute.) *thirty six*

GIVE UP Something for the day.

thirty three Play a game in the dark with flashlights.

34 Tell someone why you love Jesus.

35 Hold the door open for someone.

36 Read about Jesus' resurrection. (Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20)

37 Make an Easter card.

thirty eight Hold the door open for someone.

39 Attend an Easter service.

Puzzle!

Search for these words that are all associated with the Lenten journey.

crown donkey hosanna penance Pilate sins
colt crucifixion forsaken kiss prayer suffer
confess death Gethsemane lots repent thorns
cross denial Golgotha palms silver vigil

E N A M E S H T E G R L W Y
C L E U X B M T H B U C W B
N R I K Y P A T E T I Y X Y
A V J G A L B R E Y A R P B
N G N L I S N L A I N E D X
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C R U C I F I X I O N S R V

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

Its time for our
FIRST BAPTIST



Guess the year of these Easter
 Choir pictures.



**ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S
 FEBRUARY MEANS-SPRING
 TRAINING
 CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

ACROSS

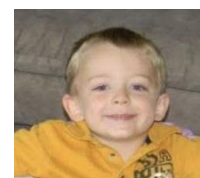
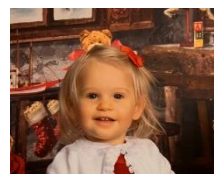
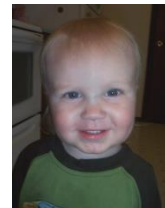
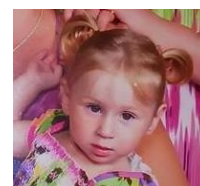
- 1. WHITE SOX
- 3. RED SOX
- 6. BRAVES
- 8. YANKEES
- 11. PHILLIES
- 12. ATHLETICS
- 14. TWINS
- 15. PIRATES

DOWN

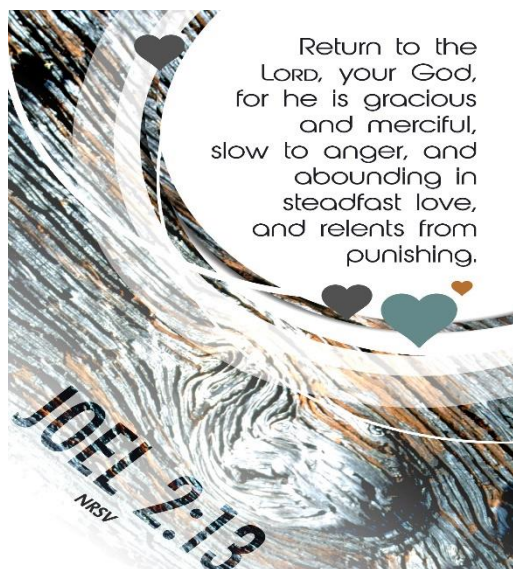
- 2. ORIOLES
- 3. REDS
- 4. CARDINALS
- 5. INDIANS
- 6. WHITE
- 7. DODGERS
- 9. GIANTS
- 10. TIGERS
- 13. CUBS



Liz Brooks was our First Baptist Flashback winner for the month of February! Liz correctly identified each of one of our jr/sr high youth baby/toddler pictures.



Top: Jeffrie Porter, Dixie Hudson, Taylor Hudson, Avery Malone
 Middle: Ozaiah Hudson, Kayla Terrell, Brady Hughes
 Bottom: Oliver Foxworthy, Piper Hughes, Casey Porter

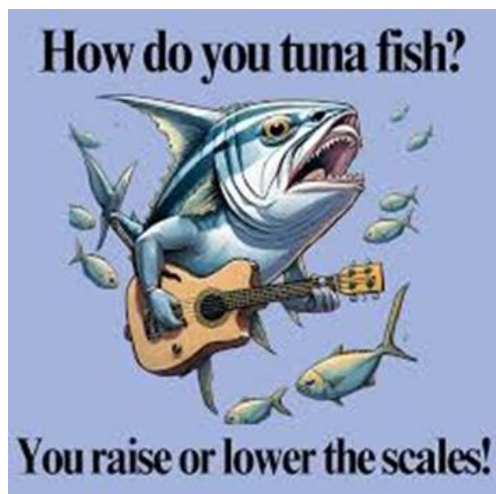


COOKS IN THE BELFRY

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

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

Thank you!



Chipper Tuna Casserole

Submitted by Kathy Ham

- 1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 1/3 c. milk
- 1 (6 1/2 oz.) can tuna
- 1 c. crushed potato chips
- 1 c. cooked or canned peas

Directions: Empty soup into casserole. Add milk and stir until well mixed. Add drained tuna. Add 3/4 cup of the potato chips and the cup of peas. Mix. Sprinkle remaining potato chips on top. Bake for 25 minutes at 350°.

Cheesy Tuna Crescents

Submitted by Nancy Cummings

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| 2 cans tuna | 8 oz. can refrigerated crescent rolls |
| 1/2 c. shredded Cheddar
or Colby Cheese | 1 can celery or mushroom soup |
| | 1 c. milk |

Directions: Preheat oven to 375°. Combine tuna and 2 Tbs. cheese. Separate crescent dough into 8 triangles. Place about 3 Tbs. tuna mixture on wide end of each triangle. Roll up; start at shortest side of triangle and roll to opposite point.

In saucepan, combine soup, milk and 1/4 c. cheese and heat until cheese melts. Pour half of soup mixture into ungreased 8- or 9-inch pan. Arrange filled crescents over hot soup mixture. Pour remaining sauce over crescents. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown. Sprinkle remaining cheese over top, return to oven for 5 to 10 minutes until cheese is melted. Refrigerate any leftovers. Makes 4 to 5 servings.

May substitute 1 3/4 c. cubed chicken or turkey for the tuna.



MANNING THE ROPES

(Committee & Council Updates)



Mission Moment

Beginning this month, we will be praying for a particular country that has been identified by The Voice of the Martyrs as a restricted nation or a hostile area. The believers experience persecution from family, community members or political groups.

Afghanistan is our focus for March. Afghanistan is a restricted nation. Today, there are no church buildings. Sadly, most Afghans have never heard the gospel and do not know a Christian. They have been indoctrinated to follow Muhammad's teachings without question. Beatings, torture, and kidnappings are routine. Since there are no churches or Christian bookstores, Bibles are available only through underground ministry networks or in digital formats.

VOM equips Christians by providing Bibles, TV and radio broadcasts, discipleship training, frontline worker support, with a special focus on outreach to persecuted women and widows of martyrs. The first request of Front-Line Workers is "Pray for Us!" You can read more at The Voice of the Martyrs www.persecution.com Next month's country is Algeria. Any questions contact Cheri Campbell Graf 812-384-8980.



BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL

March newsletter

Contact info Camryn Deschamps camrynbuffmon@gmail.com (812) 384-0400 x 28 or class dojo	Themes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bears ▪ Construction ▪ Spring- Bugs Bible <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ God Gives Family ▪ God is Powerful
Math <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Calendar procedures- month, days of the week, number, date ▪ Counting to 20 ▪ Shapes & colors Language Arts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ R, S, T, U ▪ Letter writing 	Reminders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Special Persons Day- March 6 (See Dojo) ▪ Preschool/Pre-k Roundup- March 15 (See Dojo) ▪ Spring Break- March 24-28 ▪ Spring Program/Graduation- May 8 ▪ Last Day of Preschool- May 15



With God all things are possible.
Matthew 19:26

ENROLLMENT 25/26

SCHOOL YEAR

Current students must be enrolled by May 1, 2025 to ensure a spot in one of our classes for next year. Enrollment can be done online or on paper, but the \$35 registration fee and the first month's tuition must be paid as well.

TUITION

Please pay your student's tuition by the first Thursday of the month!
 DUE: March 6



All families on earth will be blessed.
Genesis 28:14

Children's Program: Backyard Kids Club

Our next monthly children's program will be on Sunday, March 2 from 4-6pm. Future dates include: 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.



*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

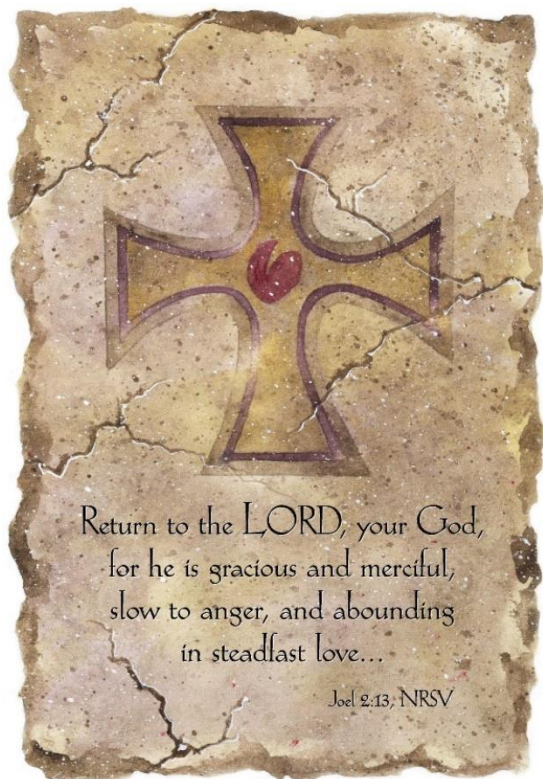
Love God and Others Well,
1 John 4:7-21 & Matthew 22:37-39

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

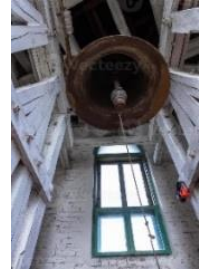
Be Equipped and Vigilant,
Ephesians 6:10-13

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!**



NOTE FROM PASTOR NATHAN



Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Revelation 21:1-5 (NIV)

The promise of new creation is one of the most beautiful promises in scripture. God is making all things new!

This old order of things is passing away. There will be no more death, mourning, crying, or pain. Think about that! There will be no more cancer. No more illness. No more back pain. No more dementia. No more Parkinson's or Alzheimer's or Lou Gehrig's diseases. No more nursing facilities or funeral homes. No more denial of insurance coverage. No more broken hips. No more UTIs. No more diabetes. No more leukemia. No more blindness. No more tragic accidents. No more paralysis. No more heart attacks. No more atrial fibrillation. No more blood clots. No more aneurysms. No more broken ribs. No more babies dying. No more alcoholism. No more drug addictions. No more marriages falling apart. No more abuse. No more suicide. No more war. No more PTSD. No more duplicitous politicians. No more abortion. No more school shootings. No more racial discrimination. No more slavery. No more religious persecution. No more human trafficking. No more earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes, fires, or floods. No more bad bosses, unfair teachers, or cruel coaches. No more flat tires or potholes. No more evictions or deportations. No more exploitation. No more poverty. No more epidemics, pandemics, or stomach bugs. No more sunburn. No more mosquito bites. No more poison ivy.

None.

I wonder if we can even fathom a world like that. It sounds too good to be true! The Lord knows what we are thinking, and so He adds, "Write it down! These words are faithful and true!"

These words are also *relevant*. People are constantly lamenting things that are wrong with this world. They are often right! We have the opportunity to empathetically listen, compassionately help, and gently offer this hope: God isn't happy with the way things are right now, either. God is making everything new! Things won't be this way forever!

Of course, Jesus says we must be made new in order to enter in to His new world (Jn. 3:3-7). It is easy for us to see that things are wrong with this world. This world, as it is, is not fit for the coming kingdom of God. But, apart from Christ, we weren't or aren't or wouldn't be fit for the coming kingdom of God, either. We need the Spirit to make *us* new!

New creations in Christ are living embodiments of God's new world. Our very lives are intended to announce God's new world in advance. Our role is to invite others into that world. God is making His appeal through us (2 Cor. 5:16-20)!

Where might we have opportunities to announce God's new world? In places of suffering, when people are hurting.

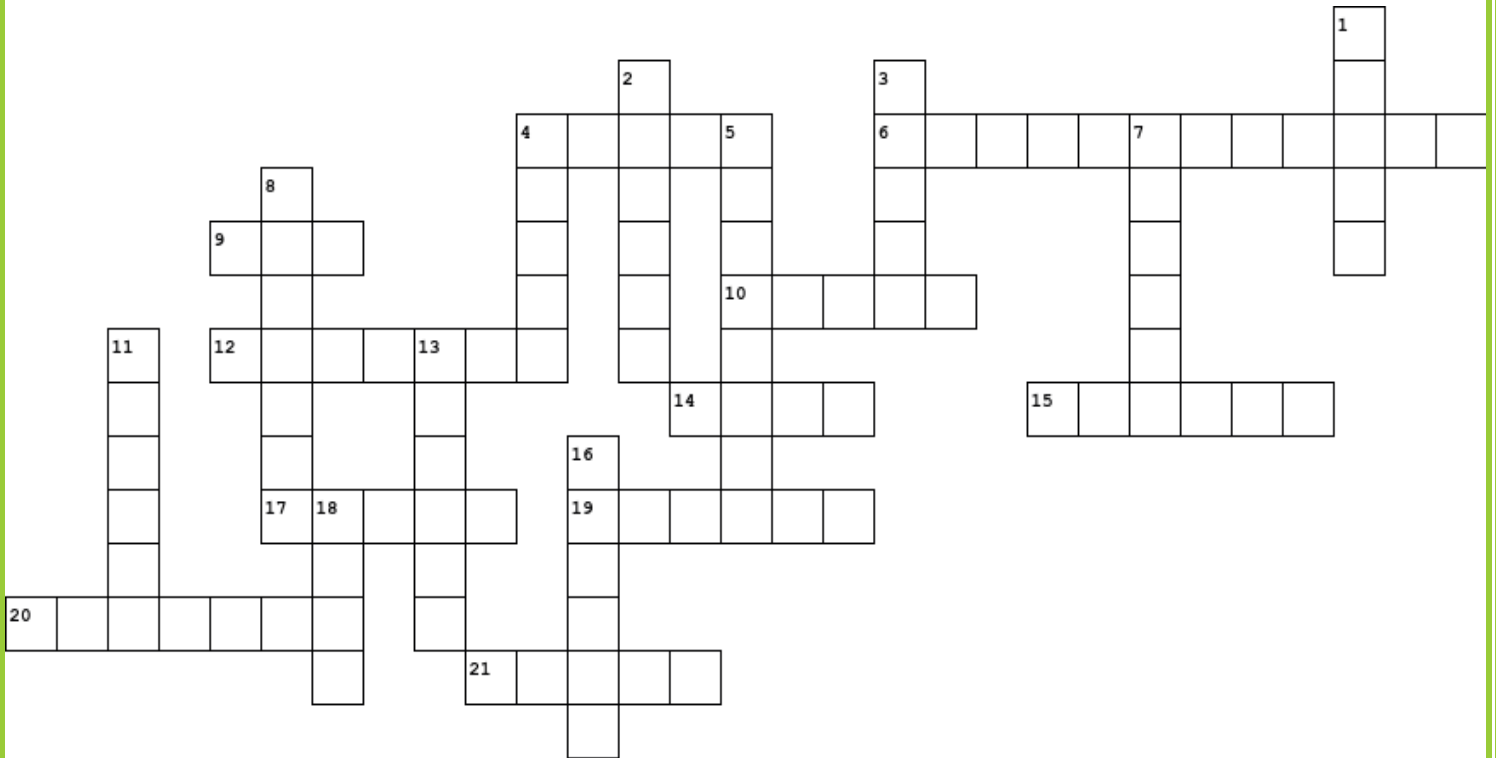
In Jesus, God personally entered our world of suffering in order to bring an end to this world of suffering. His defeat of evil came when He suffered the greatest evil. Jesus' resurrection guarantees the rest of God's new creation work.

Like our Lord, we are called to be instruments of His comfort in the midst of suffering (2 Cor. 1:3-5). A people who have been comforted with the promise of new creation are a people empowered to gently proclaim that hope ourselves.

King Jesus, help us to be ready with kind words of hope to people who are hurting. Tend to our broken spirits that we might tend to others by the power of your Spirit. May we be willing instruments in your project of making all things new.

Grace and peace,
Nathan

THE BOOK OF REVELATION



Across

4. This figure rises out of the sea in 13:1.
6. Participants in the first _____ need not fear the second death (20:6).
9. "I am making all things ____" (21:5).
10. The Lord's righteous ways are celebrated in the song of this OT servant in 15:3-4.
12. ____ are those who stay awake and keep their clothes on (16:15).
14. The Lamb will be our Shepherd, and God will wipe away every ____ from our eyes (7:17).
15. John was on this island when he was commissioned to write Revelation (1:9).
17. Fear God and give him ____ (14:7).
19. The first four seals feature four riders on four ____ (6:1-8).
20. The ____ of the world has become the ____ of our Lord and of his Christ (11:15).
21. The scroll John eats is sweet as this in his mouth (10:9-10).

Down

1. Jesus said, "I was dead, but behold I am ____ forever and ever" (1:18).
2. Babylon the Great is ____ in 18:2, and she cannot get up.
3. Hallelujah! The wedding of the Lamb has come, and his ____ is ready (19:7).
4. Babylon the Great is drunk on the ____ of the saints (17:6).
5. Seven angels prepare to blow seven ____ (8:6).
7. Despite suffering, stubborn humanity refuses to do this in 9:20-21.
8. The leaves of the tree of life are for the ____ of the nations (22:2).
11. This enormous, red creature fails to snatch the child in 12:1-5.
13. Whoever has an ear, hear what the ____ says to the churches (2:7, 11, 17, etc.).
16. The elders and creatures worship the One sitting on the ____ (4:2, 9, 10, etc.).
18. Worthy is the ____ who was slain (5:6, 12, 13, etc.).

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 7:00 Gideons 8:00 Hoops for Him 6:00 GGW
2 Communion 4:00 Backyard Kids Club	3 6:00 GS Com. Mtg. 7:00 Choir Practice	4 9:30 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball	5 Ash Wednesday  9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship	6 9:00 CLC res. 4:45 Girl Scouts 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts 6:30 Deacon Mtg.	7	8 7:00 Gideons 8:00 Hoops for Him 10:00 Pinewood D. 6:00 GGW
9 Spring Ahead 8:30 Fellowship Bfst 9:00 KK Practice 12:00 CLC res. 2:00 Youth Hockey Game	10 7:00 Choir Practice	11 9:30 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball	12 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship	13 6:30 Boy Scouts 6:30 Cub Scouts	14	15 7:00 Gideons 8:00 Hoops for Him 8:00 FH res. HfH 6:00 GGW
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Deacon of the Month
Kathy Ham

Trustee of the Month
John Bailey

Usher of the Month
Randy Flanagin

Prayers

2nd
9th
16th
23rd
30th

Snacks in the Narthex

2nd Cheri & Steve Graf
9th Fellowship Breakfast
16th
23rd
30th The Flanagins

Greeters

John & Mary Bailey

Nursery Care

2nd

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