

# Sunday, June 29, 2025

10:40 a.m. Rev. Nathan Brooks, Pastor

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements/Lord's Prayer Deacon Bob Templeton

**Praise Songs** "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" Worship Team

"What A Beautiful Name"
"Breathe"

Offering

Gloria Patri #812

Morning Prayer

Special Music Inna Moiseeva

Scripture Revelation 21:1-8

Message "The End of the World" Pastor Nathan

Closing Hymn "Even So, Come" Worship Team

Benediction

**Postlude** 

# 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 located in the pew backs and on the table in the Narthex.



# This Week @ FBC

Today	9:30 a.mSunday School
June 29	10:40 a.mMorning Worship
	5:00 p.mKingdom Kids at Parkview
Tuesday	10:00 a.mCottage Prayer Group
July 1	6:30 p.mSoftball Game
	6:30 p.mSecurity Meeting
Wednesday	No Bible Study
July 2	10:30 a.m
Thursday	6:30 p.mDeacon Meeting
July 3	
	Happy Market
Friday	
July 4	
Sunday	9:30 a.mSunday School
July 6	10:40 a.mMorning Worship
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# Birthdays this Week

June 30 – George Dallaire July 1 – Eric Moody July 3 – Rob Rollison

# Required Background Checks

It is time to update our background checks for those who work with children here at FBC. We are now running statewide background checks. If you have not had a check performed in the last 5 years, or you are unsure if it has been run, see Heather in the church office. Please be sure you are up to date in time for VBS. Thank you! ©

# No Bible Study Wednesday, July 2 & July 9

There will be no Wednesday morning Bible Study this week or next. Everyone is encouraged to join us Wednesday, July 16 when we will begin a Bible study on the book of *Esther*.

### One Great Hour of Sharing

Today concludes our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Our bulletin insert gives us just a glimpse of the horrific conditions that Global Servants, Dr. Bill and Ann Clemmer are experiencing in Goma, DRC. They have faithfully served IM for 33 years with the last 10 years in the eastern Congo. Due to the violent takeover of DRC by a militia group, they took refuge in the neighboring Rwandan city of Kigali. Each morning, they walk to the border crossing and into Goma where they serve in the HEAL Africa hospital as well as feeding and caring for an untold number of orphans. All of the details of their service can be found in the bulletin insert. I urge you to read the rest of their story. They are certainly "being the light" in a very dangerous and dark place. Remember to PRAY for them and all of the IM servants.



# Campus Goods Drive for International Students

Charis is the ABC-Indiana/Kentucky student ministry on the campus of Ball State.

# A Look at Last Week

(On-line giving is available here: Tithe.ly or at www.fbcbloom.org)

# Last Week's Giving

General Fund	\$5,023.00
Food Pantry	\$35.00
OGHS	\$275.00

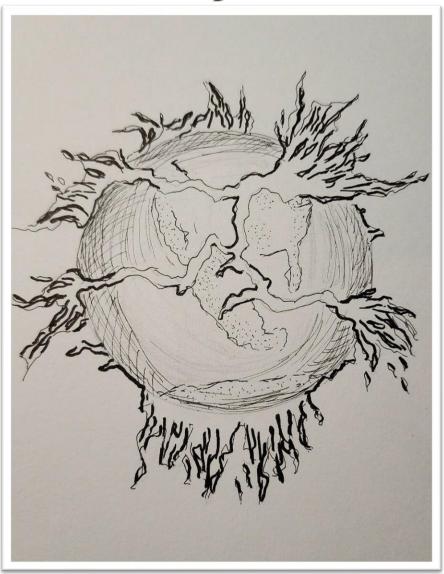
#### Year to Date Giving

Income (undesignated giving)	\$111,588.18
Budget Requirements	\$137,958.25
Net Income vs. Budget	\$26,370.07

Online giving can be found here:



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# MISSION STORIES

"You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world."

Matthew 5:14 (The Message)



# BE THE LIGHT: IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Sometimes God calls us to be the light in deep darkness. This is where International Ministries Global Servants, Dr. Bill and Ann Clemmer, have found themselves in Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) partnering with HEAL Africa, a Christian teaching hospital and holistic ministry center.

After years of armed conflict between warring militia and government groups that displaced more than two million people, on January 29, 2025 the M23 militia group overcame the government and UN forces. More than three days of intense fighting in and around the city left over 7,000 people dead and many more injured. The city of Goma is now under M23 control.

To escape the fierce fighting in the streets, fifty street children took refuge in the Heal Africa Sunday School buildings. Though bullets came through the roof and shattered windows in the room where they were sheltering, not a child was hurt. A two-year old boy who lost both parents in the fighting was among those sheltered and a search is underway for any distant family member.

Bill and Ann have been serving in eastern Congo for ten of their thirty-three years with International Ministries and have experienced dark times: Ebola, earthquakes, the eruption of nearby volcanoes, etc.



Ann with a 2-year-old boy whose mother was killed in the crossfire; and is now living in the shelter as staff attempt to find any family members.



Heal Africa Hospital in the city of Goma on Lake Kivu

The recent violent takeover by the militia group has left a darkness not previously imagined. Disturbing accounts of rampant sexual violence and other atrocities continue to surface. An edict went out from the current authorities in mid-February that any child found on the streets henceforth would be picked up and taken away.

Bill and Ann initially took refuge in the neighboring Rwandan city of

Kigali. When fighting ceased, they found temporary quarters on the Rwanda side of the DRC border. Now, early each day, they walk to the border crossing and into Goma, where they are light to those in desperate need. They serve with their partners, doing what they can to make a difference, then late in the afternoon they cross the border and return to their temporary home.

HEAL Africa hospital where the Clemmer's serve is facing a significant influx of trauma cases including gunshot wounds, burns, lost limbs and fractures. As more people venture out of hiding to seek medical treatment, the injured continue to flood the hospital. Severe shortages of medical supplies, fuel, and food remain. The hospital is not the only program in need.

Ann shared, "Three of our Sunday School children were admitted with gunshot wounds and are recovering from surgery; sadly, three of our other students, ages 10-11, were killed on the street on the way to our facility." Overnight, the need for 24-7 feeding, clothing, and sheltering of the children who came during the fighting became a necessity which along with classes and recreational activities continues to this day.

Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing are one way in which the Clemmer's are being the light in Goma. With a \$25,000 emergency relief grant, they have provided critical funding for the hospital, as well as securing the mattresses, desks, chairs, and food to turn Sunday School rooms into a 24-hour shelter.

And the two-year old boy who lost his parents in the fighting now has forty-nine older brothers and sisters that help to care for him, passing him around amongst themselves, showering him with love and affection. He has been given the name "Christ en Vie", Christ is Alive. As Bill shared, "The city has fallen.... but the Kingdom will come."

