



The Bell Tower



DECEMBER

2025

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

3 rd	Jeff Coffin
	Dixie Hudson
5 th	John Bailey
6 th	Leslie Copp
11 th	Carolyn Sullivan
12 th	Lois Kirchoff
15 th	Josie Hudson
17 th	Steve Clark
	Tony Resler
18 th	Virginia Hendrix
20 th	Paul Stewart
28 th	Donna Miller
31 st	Bruce Porter
	Tiffany Brooks

ANNIVERSARIES

1 st	Dennis & Karen Kutch
18 th	Bruce & Carla Porter
20 th	Walter & Sylvia Pischel
26 th	Alan & Janet Brown



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](#).



Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday
9:00am-12:00pm & 1:00-3:00pm

Food Pantry Hours

Tuesday & Thursday	9:00am-11:00am
Wednesday	10:00am-12:00pm & 4:00-5:30pm

CLC Access

Daily access to the CLC, for those who don't have a key, is now 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

No Fellowship Breakfast the Month of December

There will be no Sunday morning Fellowship Breakfast in the month of December due to the Cantata.

Children's Christmas Party Saturday, December 6

There will be a children's Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 6th from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Drop your kids off at the CLC after the Santa Train! They will be fed lunch and have games, activities, and the Christmas story. Please text Tasha or Sandy if you think you can come.



Bright Beginnings Preschool Fundraiser Orders due Sun., December 7

The Preschool is selling Dillman Farms jams, jellies, and salsas to be used personally, or as great gifts for others. The sale will run until December 7. Order forms are available on the podium in the Narthex. Checks can be made out to FBC with "Preschool Fundraiser" in the memo line. Thank you!

2025 White Christmas December 11-13

Thursday, December 11

The Middle and High School youth will be helping to set up in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. Pizza will be provided.

Friday, December 12

We will be packing White Christmas boxes in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 13

Distribution will take place from 9:00-11:00 a.m. The Boy Scouts from Troop 464 will be carrying the boxes out to the cars.



White Christmas Donations Appreciated

Envelopes are located in the backs of the pews if you would like to donate to the White Christmas Baskets. Distribution is December 13 from 9-11am. Thank you!

Operation Christmas Child Boxes

Tammy Hart, Operation Christmas Child Coordinator, would like to thank everyone who participated in this ministry. It was a huge success with a grand total of over 2280 gift filled shoeboxes. Bloomfield FBC contributed 25 boxes. Each of these boxes will not only bless a child with gifts, they will receive the Good News of God's love for them.

Christmas Caroling Sunday, December 21 at 3:00 pm

We will assemble at 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to divide into groups to go out and carol to our church family. We will enjoy dinner back in the Fellowship Hall when we are finished.



Christmas Eve Service Wednesday, December 24 at 6:30 pm



A Big Thank You!

We would like to thank Ashley Terrell for designing our bulletin cover for this Advent season. If you would like to design a bulletin cover for a future sermon series, please talk to Pastor Nathan!

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL

You are all invited to the
Preschool Christmas program
on Thursday, December 11 at
6:00 pm.



God so loved
the world
that he gave
his only
son.
John 3:16



December newsletter

Contact info
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or class dojo

Language Arts

- AM: Mm, Ss, Ww
- PM: Letter Review
- Beginning, middle, and ending sounds

Math

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

Bible

- God Sent His Son

Themes

- Winter- The Grinch
- Winter- Christmas

Reminders

- Tuition Due- December 4
- All Class Program Practice- December 11, 9-11:30
- Christmas Program- December 11 @ 6 PM
- Christmas Party- December 18 (Last Day)
- Christmas Break- 12/23-1/6 (Return on 1/6)

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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 Aiden Malone know. Thank you!

Jr/Sr High SS Christmas Party Sunday, December 7 at 4:00 pm

The Jr. & Sr. High Sunday School class is invited to a Christmas Party at the home of Nathan, Liz, and Tiffany (145 Dogwood Ln.) Sunday, December 7 at 4:00 p.m.

White Christmas Set-up Thursday, December 11

The Middle and High School youth will be helping to set up for White Christmas in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. Pizza will be provided.

THE SWEET SOUND OF MUSIC

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Psalm 95:1



Special Music Sign-up

You are encouraged to share your talents with music that adds to meaningful worship on Sunday mornings. You can scan the QR code at the left to sign up. Thank you!

Christmas Cantata Sunday, December 14 at 6:00 pm



Results of the 2025 Annual Congregational Meeting

(All proposals approved unanimously)

Slate of Officers for 2026

Moderator
Assistant Moderator
Treasurer
Financial Secretary
Sunday School Superintendent

Bob Templeton
Mason Ellis
Adrienne Hughes
Karen Kutch
Aiden Malone

Congregational Meeting



Deacons for 2026

Kathy Ham
Debra Hudson
Braden Hudson

Steve Graf
Chuck Young
Alex Malone

Proposed amount designated non-taxable for the FBC parsonage (\$7,000)

Proposed revisions to the FBC Constitution and Personnel, Policies & Procedures Handbook

Proposed FBC 2026 Budget (\$290,558.67)

Baptism of Lilly Tucker November 23



ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S LET'S TALK ABOUT MONEY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

1. WIDOW
6. EARTH
9. ALL
10. NEEDS
11. CHEERFUL
12. ACCEPTABLE
14. HEAVEN
15. TREASURES
16. LEVITES
17. LAMB

DOWN

2. DARKNESS
3. DELIGHTFUL
4. THIEVES
5. MERRY
7. TITHE
8. MASTERS
13. BARN



5th Quarter Ways You Can Help!

Bake 2 pans of brownies for the 5th Quarter nights. Teens are always hungry! Donate 2-liter bottles of pop (Generic is fine! Everything costs so much these days!) Donate frozen pizzas or deliver pizzas from Pizza Hut after 9pm (Pizza Hut is the only place open after 9pm). Volunteer to hang out with teens one evening (about 8:30-11pm) on the following dates: Sat. Dec. 6, Fri. Dec. 12, Fri. Jan. 16, 23, 30, Fri. Feb. 13, 20. Talk to Braden or Tasha with any ideas for 5th Quarters!



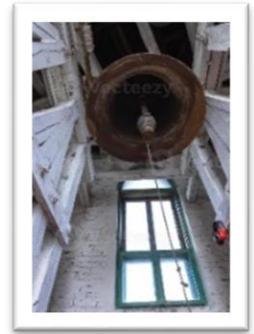
Backyard Kids Club Resuming in January

Backyard Kids Club is starting back up in January. It will be the following Sundays: January 4, February 1, March 1, April 12, and May 3 from 4-6 pm.

NOTE FROM NATHAN

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)



Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.

That is the central theme of the hymn we're exploring during our advent sermon series. "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light," Isaiah says (9:2). Jesus is that Light of the World (John 8:12).

But the story doesn't end there. Jesus says to His followers, "You are the light of the world." This is a calling to recover the mission we were created for: to be God's image-bearers (Gen. 1:26-27). We compromised this mission when we chose to worship the images of created things instead (Rom. 1:23). Idolatry shattered our image-bearing capacity.

But we who belong to Christ have been cleansed from deadly works so that we may serve the living God (Heb 9:14). We are experiencing the recovery of our original calling. We are being transformed into His image, with ever-increasing glory (2 Cor. 3:18). Our goal is to look like Jesus (1 John 3:2).

As Mr. Lunt from *Veggie Tales* might say, we are called to be "real shiny."

We want this. We desire to be faithful image-bearers of the Lord. We want to shine His light in the darkness. We want people to look at us and see Jesus. His glory in us is captivating.

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you... nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn" (Isa. 60:1, 3).

All of this invites us to prayer. I invite you to consider the passage from Matthew at the top of this page as a point for prayer. What, specifically, does being the light of the world look like in your life? Who has reflected the light of Jesus to you? In what ways has the Lord given you opportunities to shine His light into the dark places? Do particular names or situations come to mind? I invite you to join me in praying through these kinds of questions.

What about us as a church body? Are there new avenues in which the Lord is calling us to shine? Are there practices we need to change or abandon in order to more effectively shine the light of Christ in Bloomfield?

It is interesting that Jesus chooses to reveal His churches to John as lampstands in the book of Revelation (1:12, 20). We are intended to hold up the light. This is the Lord's will for us. So, if we pray that the Lord will do this in us, He will do it!

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him" (1 John 5:14-15).

The streets are dark. People are walking in darkness. There is a desperate need for the Light to shine.

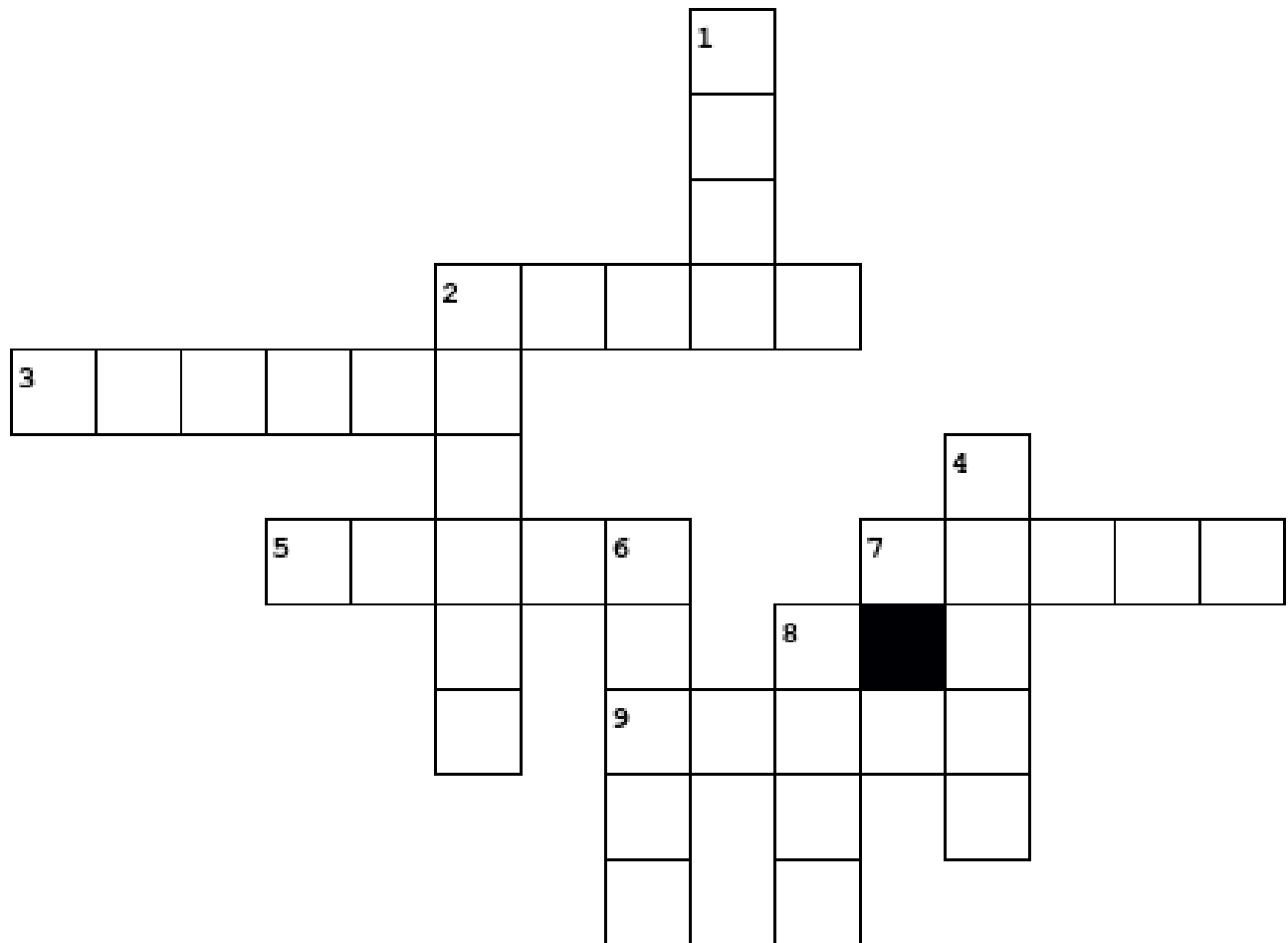
Jesus could do this unilaterally, but in His grace, He chooses to shine through us.

Lord, help us to faithfully shine your light in our community, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to your glory. Amen.

Grace and peace,

Nathan

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM



Across

2. "O come to us, ___ with us, Our Lord, Emmanuel." (Jn. 15:4)
3. Text was written by Phillips Brooks, Nathan's seventh ___, five generations removed.
5. The word became ___ and made his dwelling among us (Jn. 1:14).
7. "Yet in thy dark streets shineth the Everlasting ___..." (Jn. 1:9)
9. "...praises sing to God, the King, and ___ to men on earth." (Lk. 2:14)

Down




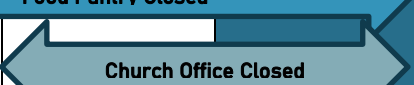
1. In the beginning was the ___, and the ___ was with God and the ___ was God (Jn. 1:1)
2. "...and gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the ___ keep their watch..." (Lk. 2:9, 13, 15)
4. "...how silently the wondrous gift is ___..." (Isa. 9:6)
6. "...the ___ and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight."
8. "For Christ is born of ___ ..." (Lk. 2:5-7)

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 7:00 Choir Practice	2 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball 6:00 Girl Scouts 6:30 Security Mtg	3 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship	4 4:45 Girl Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 Deacon Mtg	5 CLC res.	6 7:00 Gideons 12:30 SS Party (FH & CLC) 6:00 GGW 8:00 5 th Quarter
7 Communion 4:00 Jr/Sr SS Christmas Party	8 7:00 Choir Practice	9 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball	10 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship 12:30 Sewing Grp	11 6:00 Youth Set-up White Christmas 6:00 Pre. Program 6:30 Boy Scouts	12 9:00 Packing White Christmas 8:00 5 th Quarter	13 7:00 Gideons 6:00 GGW
14 12:00 CLC res. 6:00 Cantata	15 7:00 Choir Practice	16 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball 6:00 Girl Scouts	17 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship	18 4:45 Girl Scouts 6:30 Gideons 6:30 Boy Scouts 6:30 Cub Scouts	19 Girl Scout Lock-in (FH)	20 Girl Scout Lock-in (FH) 7:00 Gideons 6:00 GGW
21 3:00 Caroling	22 7:00 Choir Practice	 				27 7:00 Gideons 6:00 GGW
28	29 7:00 Choir Practice	30 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball	31 6:30 Christmas Eve Service	Christmas Day 1:00 FH res.		
		 				

Deacon of the Month
Jeff Coffin

Trustee of the Month

Usher of the Month

Prayers

7th Tasha Hudson
14th
21st
28th

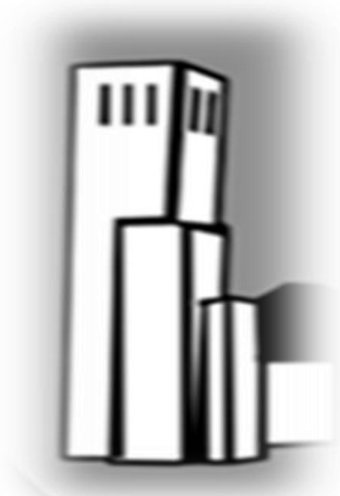
Snacks in the Narthex

7th
14th Ashley Terrell
21st The Hughes Family
28th

Greeters

Nursery Care Dec. 7

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