



The Bell Tower

january

2026

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

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



Watch FBC online:

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

Worship at Parkview Sunday, January 11

Pastor Nathan will be leading worship at Parkview in Odon Sunday, January 11 at 2:00 pm. Please join us and worship with the residents there.

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2026 are available on the library counter.

"Know the Signs" Presentation Thursday, January 29

Calling all parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, teachers, and caregivers of children. This presentation is for you! Come learn about the hidden dangers that are increasing on your child's phone, and how to protect against them. Featuring FBI Special Agent Russell Warlick. The presentation will take place in the sanctuary here at Bloomfield FBC on Thursday, January 29 at 6:00 pm. If you need childcare during the presentation, please contact the church office at 812-384-8459 no later than January 27.

Hoops for Him 2026



The 2026 Hoops for Him Season begins January 24th and runs each Saturday through March 14th. Any child age 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 this QR code. Andrew Templeton will be leading the charge this year, however you can still contact Eric Moody at 812-227-0700 if you are willing to help out during the season. Volunteers are needed to coach, lead devotions, and work in the concession stand each Saturday.

Backyard Kids Club

Future dates for Backyard Kids Club: February 1, March 1, April 12, May 3.

5th Quarter Ways You Can Help!

Many ways to help out with 5th Quarter: bake brownies, donate 2-liter bottles of pop, frozen pizzas, or deliver pizzas from Pizza Hut. Volunteer to hang out with teens one evening (about 8:30-11pm) on the following dates: Fri. Jan. 16, 30, Fri. Feb. 13, 20. Talk to Braden or Tasha with any ideas!

Kids invited! Ages 3 through 6th Grade



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.



BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL



The Lord
watches
over all who
love him.
Psalm 145:20



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

© the first grade roundup

January newsletter

Contact info
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or class dojo

Themes

- Winter- Gingerbread
- Winter- Snow
- Pets
- Fairy Tales

Bible

- AM- God Protects Us
- PM- We Must Forgive

Math

- AM- 1, 2, 3, 4
- PM- Teen Numbers

Language Arts

- AM- Ss, Ww, Uu, Bb
- PM- Aa, Hh, Yy, Dd, Beginning, Middle, and Ending Sounds

Reminders

- 1/6- Return to school
- 2/12- Valentine's Day Party

THE LITTLE LADYBUG SHOP

TUITION

Please pay your student's tuition by
the first Thursday of the month!
DUE: January 8



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!



ABC-IN/KY Youth Ministry Weekend Overnight Trip

FBC youth will be attending an ABC-IN/KY Youth Ministry Weekend event January 23-24 at Terre Haute First Baptist Church. They will meet at FBC at 6pm on Friday and return Saturday afternoon at 4pm. There will be bowling along with worship and breakout sessions. Scan the QR code for more information or to register. The registration deadline is Sunday, January 11. For more information see Aiden Malone or Tasha Hudson.

FBC Middle/High School Youth Trip to Hockey Game

The youth will be traveling to see the Evansville Thunderbolts vs. the Peoria Rivermen on Sunday, February 22. Face-off 3pm CDT. Depart FBC at 2pm EDT and return ~8:15pm EDT. All ages welcome. Elementary ages must be accompanied by an adult. Students 21 and under paid for by FBC youth ministries fund. Adults \$17 checks payable to FBC. Travel by church and/or personal vehicles if needed. Permission slips required for all students. Please sign up in the Narthex or by texting Nathan 812-381-4189 no later than January 22.



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!



ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S *O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM* CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 2. ABIDE
- 3. COUSIN
- 5. FLESH
- 7. LIGHT
- 9. PEACE

DOWN

- 1. WORD
- 2. ANGELS
- 4. GIVEN
- 6. HOPES
- 8. MARY



*Please pray for
First Baptist Church in 2026.
May the Light of Christ...*

Shine through Us
Mt. 5:14-16

Inspire Wonder and Gratitude in Us
Isa. 9:2
2 Cor. 4:6

Define Our Way of Life
1 Jn. 1:5-10
Eph. 5:8-10

Guide and Empower Us
Ps. 18:28
Ps. 119:105

Shine in Our Love for One Another
Jn. 13:34-35
Gal. 6:9-10

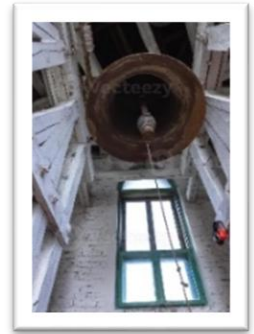
Be Our Confidence
Ps. 27:1-3

Produce Peace Among Us
Ps. 122:6-9
Eph. 4:1-7
1 Cor. 1:10

NOTE FROM NATHAN

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

Romans 8:18-21 (NIV, 1984)



The recent death of our family dog, Coco, has raised a question I've been asked before: *Do our pets go to heaven when they die?* The shortest and simplest answer is, the Bible does not say. But, I think we have much more hope than that.

First of all, the final goal of the Christian faith is not for a person to *go to* heaven, but for the kingdom of heaven to *come and fill* all of God's creation, as He makes all things new. When we pray, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," we are praying for this final reality. This is the "renewal of all things" Jesus describes (Mt. 19:28).

What happens to the deceased Christian in the meantime? Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one believing in me will live, even if you die, and everyone living and believing in me will never ever die in the age to come" (Jn. 11:25-26). He told the disciples He was preparing dwelling places for us in Father's household, that we might be with Him (Jn. 14:2-3). To the repentant thief on the cross, Jesus said, "Today, you will be with me in Paradise" (Lk. 23:43).

The Apostle Paul writes about being "apart from the body" but "at home with the Lord" (2 Cor. 5:8). He desires to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far (Phil. 1:23). We have glimpses in the New Testament of deceased witnesses who are apparently still speaking, interceding, and even cheering us on (Heb. 11-12; Rev. 6:9-11).

All of that is what we refer to when we talk about Christians "going to heaven" when we die. We have a legitimate hope, a sincere expectation, of being in the presence of Jesus upon our death. If we are already alive to God in Christ (Rom. 6:11) and seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6), we certainly will not cease to be so when our bodies physically die. But, as wonderful as that is, that is not the end of the story.

King Jesus is going to pay us another visit. God will bring with Jesus all those who have "fallen asleep" in Him. The dead in Christ will be raised, and then we who are living. Perishable will be clothed with imperishable, and we'll all sing together, "Where, O Death, is now thy victory?" (1 Thess. 4:13-18; 1 Cor. 15:23, 51-55).

When the children of God are revealed in our redeemed, resurrection bodies, *all of creation will be set free* (Rom. 8:18-25). There's the good news for our pets. God is making *all things new* (Rev. 21:1-5). The result will be complete peace and joy among all of God's transformed creation (Isa. 11:6-9; 55:12-13; 65:17-19). Everything in heaven and on earth will finally be brought together under the headship of Christ (Eph. 1:10). The earth will be full of the Lord's glory (Hab. 2:14).

Therefore, God's promises offer a great deal of good news, not just for individual believers and the community of faith, *but for the whole of creation*. The Lord who cares about the livestock of Nineveh (Jon. 4:11), who feeds the birds and clothes the flowers (Mt. 6:26, 30), has a heart for all of His creation, and He promises to heal it.

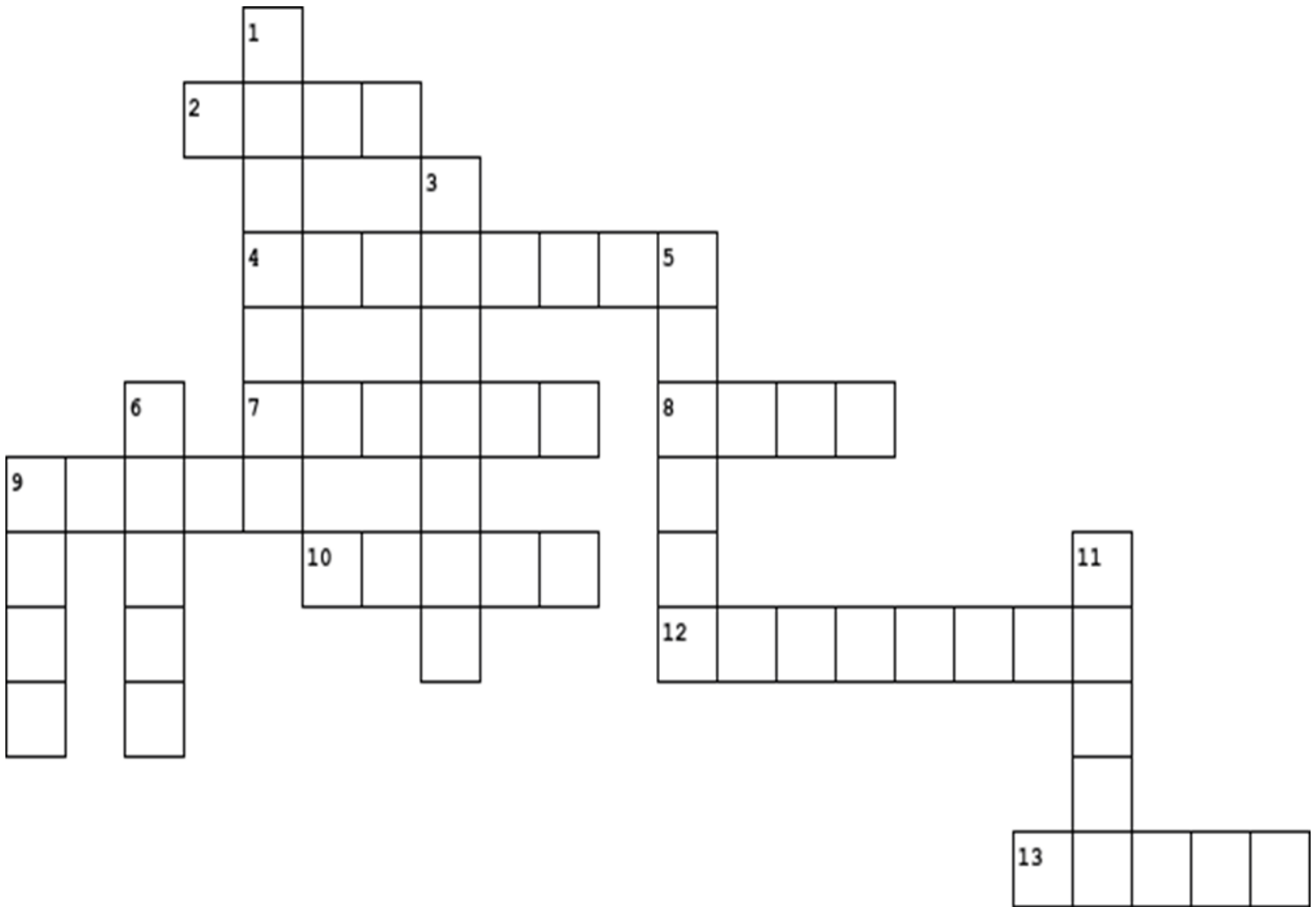
That is the good news for all critters who have wrongly suffered and died in this world. Creation is currently groaning, longing to be healed from a bondage that is not its fault. On the day that the Lord visits us and heals the bodies of His people, He will also set His creation free. That is what the Bible teaches.

Where are our pets located right now? What is the conscious experience of our pets right now? The Bible does not address these questions. But, the world to come will be unspeakably better than our present world. A world without our pets would not be as good as a world with our pets. But, a world in which our pets are alive and no longer plagued by injury or disease would be even better, still. When the Bible speaks of "new creation," it envisions that best possible world. Creation will be entirely healed. Anything else would fall short of the compassion, love, and justice of King Jesus.

Grace and peace,
Nathan

FAMILIAR HYMNS

Please complete the phrase.



Across

2. "Come, Thou Almighty ____; help us Thy name to sing."
4. "Because He lives, I can face ____..."
7. "So, I'll cherish the old ____ cross..."
8. "All hail the power of Jesus' ____!"
9. "To God be the ____, great things He has done!"
10. "Spirit of the Living God, fall ____ on me."
12. "Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed ____!"
13. "____ loves me, this I know..."

Down

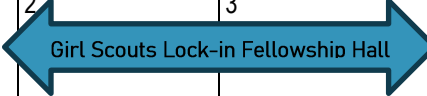
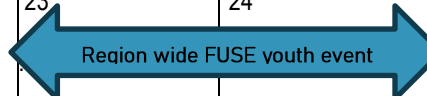
1. "O ____ in Jesus, my Savior, forever...."
3. "O, for a thousand ____ to sing..."
5. "O Lord, my God, when I in awesome ____..."
6. "There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its ____..."
9. "All to Jesus, I surrender; all to Him, I freely ____."
11. "'Twas ____ that taught my heart to fear, and ____ my fears relieved..."

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 New Years Day	2 	3
					6:00 GGW (CLC Kitchen)	7:00 Gideons
4 Communion 4:00 Backyard Kids Club	5 7:00 Choir Practice	6 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball 6:00 Girl Scouts	7 10:30 Community Fellowship	8 4:45 Girl Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 Deacon Mtg	9	10 Soup on Saturday 7:00 Gideons 2:00 CLC res
11 8:30 Fellowship Breakfast 2:00 Worship at Parkview	12 7:00 Choir Practice	13 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball	14 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship 12:30 Sewing Grp	15 4:45 Girl Scouts 6:30 Gideons 6:30 Boy Scouts 6:30 Cub Scouts	16 8:00 5 th Quarter	17 7:00 Gideons
18	19 MLK Jr. Day 7:00 Choir Practice	20 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball 6:00 Girl Scouts	21 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship	22 6:30 Boy Scouts 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 Worship & Music Mtg	23 	24 7:00 Gideons 8:00 Hoops for Him
25	26 7:00 Choir Practice	27 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball 6:30 Trustee Mtg	28 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship	29 4:45 Girl Scouts 6:00 Know the Signs Presentation 6:30 Boy Scouts	30 8:00 5 th Quarter	31 7:00 Gideons 8:00 Hoops for Him 2:00 Cub Scouts (CLC)

Deacon of the Month
Kathy Ham

Trustee of the Month
John Bailey

Usher of the Month
Charles Porter

Prayers

4th Georgia Flinn
11th Georgia Flinn
18th Tammy Young
25th

Snacks in the Narthex

4th Braden & Tasha
11th Fellowship Breakfast
18th Cheri & Steve
25th Terrells

Greeters

The Porter Family

Nursery Care January 4th

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