



# *The Bell Tower*

## february



## 2026

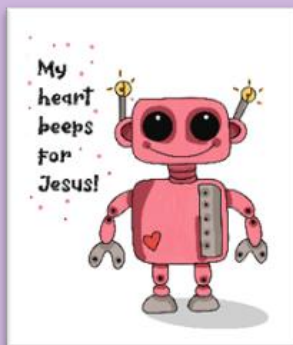
### BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

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6 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Smith
9 <sup>th</sup>	Casey Porter
10 <sup>th</sup>	Lindsey Sullivan
11 <sup>th</sup>	Kay Pierce
12 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy Sullivan
14 <sup>th</sup>	Lucy Foxworthy
15 <sup>th</sup>	Annette Rice
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sherry Weeks
24 <sup>th</sup>	Benjamin Hudson
25 <sup>th</sup>	Wesley Porter
27 <sup>th</sup>	Paula Bartlett
	Betty Miller

#### ANNIVERSARIES

14 <sup>th</sup>	Earl & Joanna White
16 <sup>th</sup>	Steve & Kathy Ham



#### *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](http://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

## Hoops for Him 2026



The 2026 Hoops for Him Season is underway and runs each Saturday through March 14th. Any child age 4 through the 6th grade may participate. Online Registrations are still available via our Facebook page or by scanning this QR code. Andrew Templeton is leading the charge this year, however you can contact Eric Moody at 812-227-0700 if you are willing to help. Volunteers are still needed to work in the concession stand.



## Backyard Kids Club

Future dates for Sunday afternoon Backyard Kids Club: February 1, March 1, April 12, May 3 from 4-6 pm.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter Ways You Can Help!



There are many ways to help out with 5<sup>th</sup> 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. Feb. 13, 20. Talk to Braden or Tasha with any ideas!



**Shazam!**  
The **TRIO**  
will be singing  
February 21 2:00 pm  
at Parkview  
in Odon.

# 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!

## WinterJam 2026

Interest is brewing for a trip to WinterJam in Indianapolis on Friday, February 6. See Aiden Malone if you would be interested in attending or chaperoning.

## 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 is 3pm CDT. We will 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. We will travel by church bus and personal vehicles. Permission slips are required for all students. Sign up is closed, see Nathan 812-381-4189 with any questions.



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### VALENTINE'S DINNER!

The meal includes different varieties of spaghetti, delicious garlic bread, salad, drinks, and desserts.



## SPAGHETTI TIME!

Fundraiser for  
Troop 464

Support your local  
Boy Scouts!



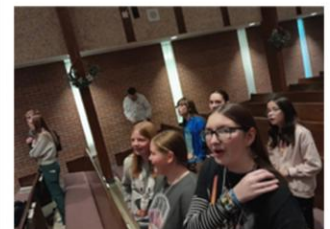
Thursday,  
February 12th

\$10 for adults  
\$5 for children  
12 and under  
Serving will begin  
at 5:30pm

Complimentary digital photo of each couple provided!



Daytona Hudson at FUSION  
in Terre Haute



# BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL



As I have  
Loved you, so  
you must love  
one another.  
**John 13:34**

© the first grade roundup



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

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## February newsletter

<b>Contact info</b> Camryn Deschamp- <a href="mailto:camrynhuffman@gmail.com">camrynhuffman@gmail.com</a> (812) 384-0400 x 28 or class dojo	<b>Themes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bears</li> <li>• Friendship</li> </ul> <b>Bible</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Love One Another</li> <li>• God Gives Family</li> </ul>
<b>Math</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AM: 5, 6, 7, 8</li> <li>• PM: Teen Numbers</li> </ul> <b>Language Arts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AM: Zz, Rr, Pp, Hh, Yy</li> <li>• PM: Gg, Jj, Ff, Tt</li> </ul>	
<b>Reminders</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valentine's Day Party- Feb. 12</li> <li>• Special Persons Day- March 19 (more info soon)</li> <li>• Preschool/Pre-k Roundup- March 12 (more info soon)</li> <li>• Spring Break- Off March 24 and 26</li> <li>• Spring Program/Graduation- May 7</li> <li>• Last Day of Preschool- May 14</li> </ul>	

Accepting students ages 2-5

## BACK TO SCHOOL

Bright Beginnings

### PRESCHOOL/PRE-K ROUND-UP

**MARCH 12, 2026**

**6-7:30 PM**

Located at 500 Lincoln Drive,  
Bloomfield, IN 47424

CONTACT  
CAMRYNHUFFMAN@GMAIL.COM OR  
CALL (812) 384-8459 FOR QUESTIONS



### Loving One Another through Prayer

Consider where you normally sit in the sanctuary. Use the "pews" below to list names and info for people who sit near you, to help you pray for them.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Consider 1 Cor. 13:4-5 and pray for those in our church who are hard for you to love. Surrender to the Lord any scorecard of wrongs you've been keeping against them.

Names/Initials:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

### Loving Our Neighbors through Prayer

Consider your neighborhood (or office or classroom). Use the map below to list names and info for your neighbors (the people next to you) to help you pray for them.




"Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the One who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference."

- Max Lucado

Read Matthew 22:37-40. For further ideas on how to bless your neighbors, you might want to read, "The Art of Neighboring," by Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon (Baker Books, 2012), or visit [www.artofneighboring.com](http://www.artofneighboring.com).

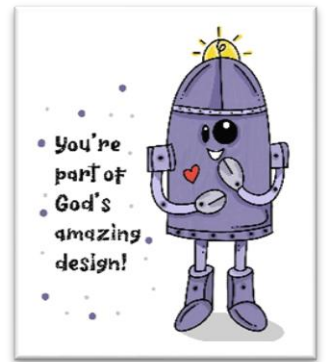


## Special Congregational Meeting Sunday, February 8



There will be a short Congregational Meeting held in conjunction with our Fellowship Breakfast on Sunday, February 8. The purpose of the meeting is in response to a notice the church received from our insurance carrier that our sexual misconduct claim coverage has been reduced, because we do not have an official Child Protection Plan in

place. In an effort to get our coverage back to its original amount, and to ensure the safety and protection of the people, resources, and ministries God has entrusted to our care, a Child Protection Policy has been developed. The document has been revised and approved by Council and now seeks approval by the congregation to immediately take effect and be incorporated into our Personnel, Policies, and Procedures Handbook. The document was emailed to you on Friday, January 23. If you have not received it, please contact Heather and she will resend it to you. Thank you!



### Attention Committee Chairs

Please send your 2025-year end committee reports to the secretary and to the moderator, Bob Templeton, by Thursday, February 12 to allow time for consolidation and inclusion into the 2025 FBC annual report. Thank you!

## 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 below to sign up. Thank you!



### ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S FAMILIAR HYMNS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

#### ACROSS

2. KING
4. TOMORROW
7. RUGGED
8. NAME
9. GLORY
10. FRESH
12. REDEEMER
13. JESUS

#### DOWN

1. VICTORY
3. TONGUES
5. WONDER
6. WORTH
9. GIVE
11. GRACE

*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

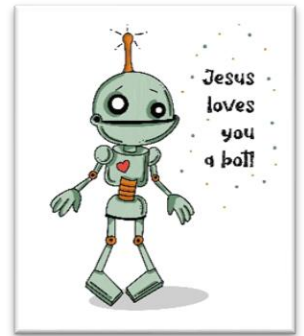
Be Our Confidence  
Ps. 27:1-3

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

# NOTE FROM NATHAN

"But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you."  
Luke 6:27-28, *NIV*

"You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness."  
James 1:19-20, *NRSV*



As of this writing, I am impressed again by the sheer divisiveness and anger that is rampant in our country. You are familiar with the particular events and issues which are causing consternation. People are not simply polarized; we are outraged. The expression of anger seems to have become virtuous, whether or not our anger is actually righteous, and regardless of whether our anger is being expressed in constructive ways. We are, on the whole, a very angry people.

Here comes Valentine's Day, a holiday our culture associates with love. Love means a lot of things to a lot of people. What does it mean to us? *God demonstrates his love for us in this: while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us* (Rom. 5:8). *Love one another as I have loved you... by this all people will know you are my disciples* (John 13:34-35).

What is distinctive about a Christian? How we dress? What we look like? Where we live? What language we speak? How we vote? What we think about particular social issues? In all of these categories and more, we find great variety among Christians. The global body of Christ is a diverse group. Christianity in America is a diverse group. And that is okay! If we were all exactly the same and agreed on everything all of the time, "love one another" might not be quite so challenging.

But "love one another" is our command. And the Bible is full of commands that go with it, like the two I have selected above. To be human is to have enemies, and not all of them are lined up on the other side of the battlefield in uniform. All of us have people in our lives whom we are inclined to dislike. Some are neighbors or relatives. Others are on TV. Some have actually done things to us that have been hurtful. Others, we have only heard of, but they make us angry.

My encouragement to you – and this is a challenge for me, as well – is to stop the next time someone makes you angry, and pray for them. You might see a news story and find yourself outraged at what some individual said or what some group did. Take the opportunity to pray for that person, or for those people. Not the condescending prayer of the Pharisee – "Lord, I thank you I'm not like so and so" – but a prayer of blessing. Pray for the person's family, spouse, children. Pray that the Lord would bring joy and peace to that person's life. Pray for that person's forgiveness – and that the Lord would help you and me to forgive them as well.

Along with this, when someone expresses an opinion we don't like – what if our first inclination was to listen? If you share an idea that I disagree with, what if I was more interested in hearing you out, learning why you feel that way, and appreciating the nuance of your perspective? What if we were actually quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger?

As I'm writing this, I find these commands are a little bit daunting! Love and pray blessing for my enemies? Be quick to listen and slow to speak? These are *so* hard sometimes. *Very* hard sometimes.

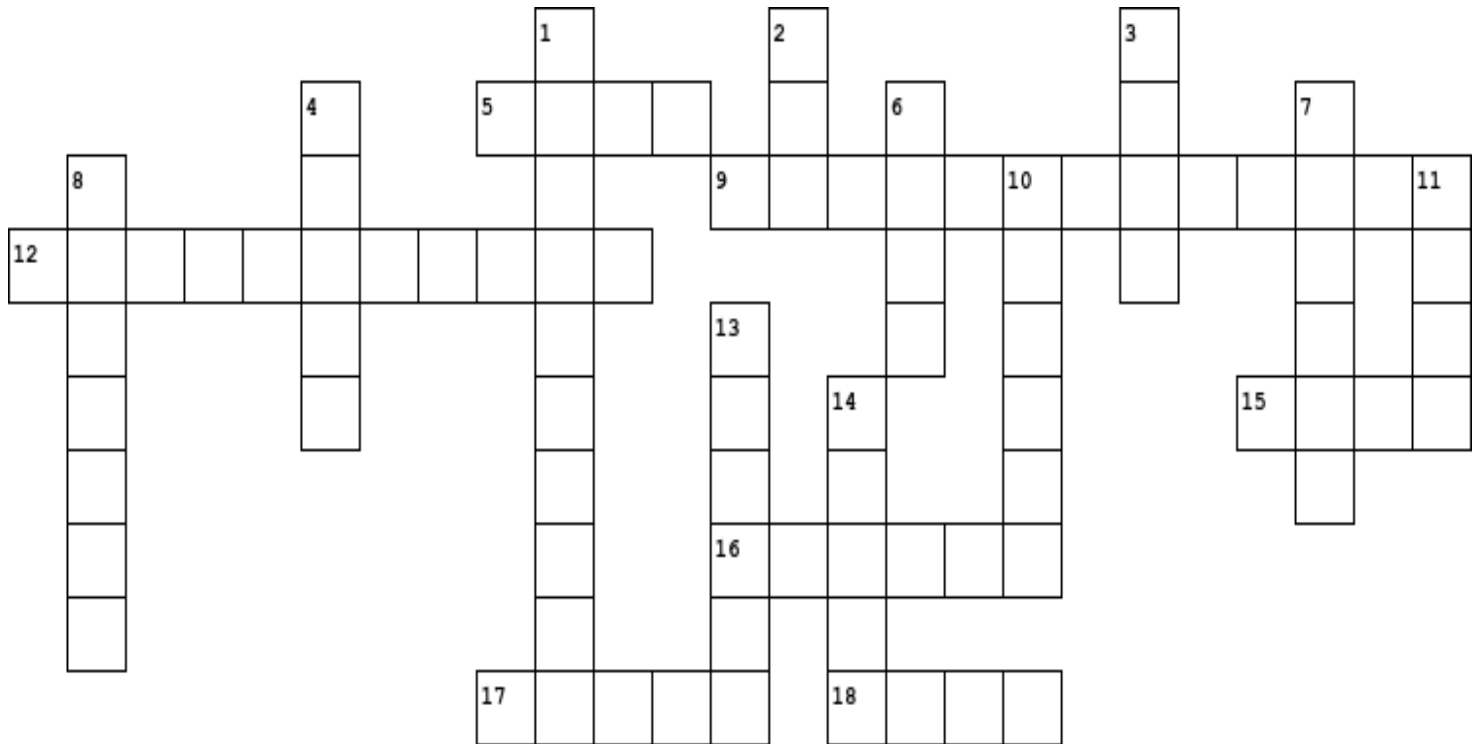
And yet the Crucified Jesus is alive in us. The one who said, "Father, forgive them," and who lovingly died at the hands of His enemies. This Jesus, who has defeated death itself, and is alive forever, is also living in us by the Holy Spirit. If the Spirit of Him who gave us these commands is living in us, then we have the potential to actually live them out.

*So, Holy Spirit, in this angry and divided world, help us to be a blessing. Help us to love and seek blessing for those who anger us most, and help us to be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger. Help us to love people well, that the love of Jesus might shine through us. Help us to stick with it when it's hard. And may You get all of the glory.*

Grace and peace,

Nathan

# PROVERBS



## Across

5. This audience keeps on seeking and desiring more wisdom. The \_\_\_\_ (1:5).
9. Discretion will protect you, \_\_\_\_ will guard you (2:11).
12. The \_\_\_\_ of fools will destroy them (1:32).
15. The \_\_\_\_ gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding (2:6).
16. If sinners \_\_\_\_ you, do not give in (1:10).
17. Trust in the Lord with all your \_\_\_\_ (3:5).
18. Wisdom will \_\_\_\_ you from the ways of the wicked (2:12).

## Down

1. Do not despise the Lord's \_\_\_\_; do not resent his rebuke (3:11).
2. "Listen, my \_\_\_\_, to your father's instruction... your mother's teaching (1:8).
3. The beginning of all wisdom or knowledge is this: the \_\_\_\_ of the Lord (1:7; 9:10; 15:33).
4. The adulteress'/strange woman's house leads down to \_\_\_\_ (2:18).
6. Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your \_\_\_\_ (3:3).
7. Proverbs are primarily useful for attaining this. Proverbs is also this kind of literature.
8. King to whom much of Proverbs is attributed (1:1; 10:1; 25:1).
10. The target audience of Proverbs is not only young but \_\_\_\_ (1:4). Opposite of complicated.
11. Do not withhold \_\_\_\_ from those who deserve it when it is in your power to act (3:27).
13. Wisdom calls aloud in the \_\_\_\_; she raises her voice in the public squares (1:20).
14. Do not set foot on their \_\_\_\_ (1:15, plural).




*The*  
**FEAR**  
*of the* **LORD**  
*is the beginning*  
**of KNOWLEDGE.**  
**PROVERBS 1:7**

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

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**FAX No: 812-384-8982**  
**Bright Beginnings Preschool: 812-384-2647**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion 4:00 Backyard Kids Club	2 7:00 Choir Practice	3 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball 6:30 Security Mtg.	4 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship	5 6:30 Boy Scouts 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 Deacon Mtg.	6 6:00 GGW (CLC Kitchen)	7 7:00 Gideons 8:00 Hoops for Him
8 8:30 Fellowship Breakfast Special Cong. Mtg	9 Presidents Day 7:00 Choir Practice	10 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball 6:00 Girl Scouts	11 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship 12:30 Sewing Grp.	12 4:45 Girl Scouts 5:30 Boy Scouts Valentine's Day Dinner	13 8:00 5 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	14 Valentine's Day 7:00 Gideons 8:00 Hoops for Him 1:30 CLC res 
15	16 President's Day 7:00 Choir Practice 	17 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball	18 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship	19 6:30 Gideons 6:30 Boy Scouts 6:30 Cub Scouts	20 8:00 5 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	21 7:00 Gideons 8:00 Hoops for Him 2:00 Trio sings at Parkview
22 Hockey Game 12:00 CLC res 	23 7:00 Choir Practice	24 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball 6:00 Girl Scouts 6:30 Trustee Mtg.	25 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship	26 4:45 Girl Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts 6:30 Cub Scouts	27	28 7:00 Gideons 8:00 Hoops for Him Gideon Banquet (CLC)

**Deacon of the Month**  
Debra Hudson

**Trustee of the Month**  
James Malone

**Usher of the Month**

**Prayers**

1<sup>st</sup>  
8<sup>th</sup>  
15<sup>th</sup>  
22<sup>nd</sup>

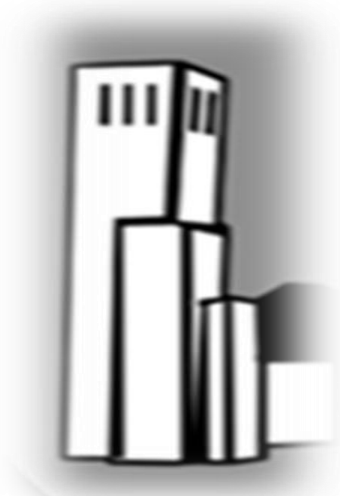
**Snacks in the Narthex**

1<sup>st</sup> Tammy Young  
8<sup>th</sup> Fellowship Breakfast  
15<sup>th</sup>  
22<sup>nd</sup>

**Greeters**

**Nursery Care February 1<sup>st</sup>**

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