



# The Bell Tower



2026

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Barb Stoner
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kelsey Moody  
Jeffrie Porter
- 4<sup>th</sup> Cheri Graf  
Gabe Brown
- 6<sup>th</sup> Sylvia Pischel  
Lora Kutch
- 15<sup>th</sup> Adrienne Hughes
- 19<sup>th</sup> Laverne Rollison
- 25<sup>th</sup> Ashley Terrell
- 28<sup>th</sup> Lori Resler

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 19<sup>th</sup> Doug & Barb Frye



### *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](http://www.fcbcbloom.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

## Church Office Hours

The church office will be closed Friday, April 3 in observance of Good Friday. It will also be closed Wednesday, April 8 through Friday, April 10. Thank you!



## No Bible Study Wednesday, April 8

There will be no Wednesday morning Bible Study on April 8. We will continue in the book of Proverbs the following Wednesday, April 15.

## Backyard Kids Club for Sunday, April 12 CANCELED

The last Kids Club for this season will be May 3 from 4-6 pm. We'll start in the CLC with games, and end in the Fellowship Hall with dinner.

## Sunday School Teacher Needed

We are currently seeking a Sunday School teacher for our 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade class. If you are feeling led to serve in this way, please see our Sunday School Superintendent, Aiden Malone.



*The Journey  
to the Cross*  
**Bloomfield, Indiana Holy Week Services**  
Maudy Thursday  
April 2 First Baptist Church 6:30 pm  
Good Friday Service  
April 3 First Presbyterian Church 6:30 pm  
Sunrise Service  
April 5 Methodist Church 7:00 am

## 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 \$500.00 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 Friday, April 24, 2026.

## Garage Sale April 24 & 25

The family of Joan Vaughn will be hosting a garage sale, Friday, April 24th, and Saturday, April 25th, at her former home, 466 David Drive, Bloomfield. All are welcome!



INDIAN CREEK BAPTIST CAMP

**DAY OF  
SERVICE & PRAYER**  
**SATURDAY APRIL 25TH**

Opening Prayer 9:00 AM

Lunch at 1pm



Join us at any time during the day

**RSVP TODAY**

[campindiancreek.com/serve](http://campindiancreek.com/serve)  
812-279-2161

If you or your group have special skills, call the camp and we can schedule you for a specific project!

# YOUTH HAPPENINGS

## FUSE/Seconds at ICBC Sunday, April 12

There will be a joint youth regional FUSE event/ Seconds at Indian Creek Baptist Camp on Sunday, April 12 from 3-5:30 pm. See Aiden Malone if you or your youth would like to attend.



# BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL



You are the God who performs miracles.  
*Psalm 77:14*

© the first grade roundup

## ENROLLMENT 26/27 SCHOOL YEAR

Current students must be enrolled by **May 1, 2026** to ensure a spot in one of our classes for next year. Enrollment paperwork, \$35 registration fee, and the first month's tuition must be paid to secure spot.

### April newsletter

**Contact info**  
Camryn Deschamp-  
[camrynhuffman@gmail.com](mailto:camrynhuffman@gmail.com)  
(812) 384-0400 x 28  
or class dojo

**Themes**

- Construction
- Community Helpers
- Dinosaurs

**Bible**

- AM: Jesus Teaches Us
- PM: God Did What?!

**Math**

- REVIEW

**Language Arts**

- AM: Ff, Ll, Cc/Kk, Qq
- PM: Digraphs, endings

**Reminders**

- Easter Egg Hunt/Party- April 2
- Parent/Teacher Conferences- April 28 & April 30 (Will send out a sign-up sheet)
- ALL CLASS SPRING PROGRAM PRACTICE- MAY 7, 9-11:20
- Spring Program/Graduation- May 7
- Last Day of Preschool- May 14

© THE LITTLE LADYBUG SHOP



Jesus began to teach them many things.  
*Mark 6:34*

© the first grade roundup

## TUITION

Please pay your student's tuition by the first Thursday of the month!  
DUE: April 2

### 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:

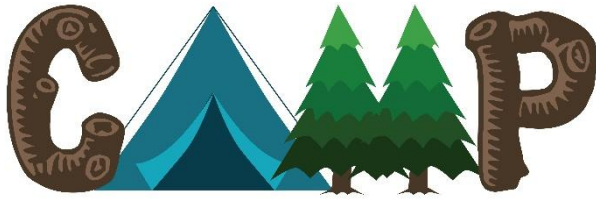
- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

### 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.




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).



## Indian Creek Summer Camp 2026

Registration is open to register for Indian Creek Baptist Camp. Register at <https://campindiancreek.com>. FBC will pay half of the registration fee for each camper from this church, but please let Adrienne know that your registration has been accepted. If you need assistance with the remaining funds, please contact Pastor Nathan or one of the Deacons to see about a scholarship. Questions may be directed to the camp by email: indiancreek@abc-indiana.org.

Grades	Sessions <small>Dates and prices subject to change</small>	Dates
4th-12th Grades	CLEARVIEW BC Camp <small>session operated by Clearview Baptist Church (Seattle)</small>	June 2nd - 5th
1st - 2nd	EXPLORER \$310	June - 7th-9th
2nd - 3rd	DISCOVERY \$335	June 10th-13th
4th-6th Boys Only	BOYS CAMP \$365	June 14th-17th
4th-6th Girls Only	GIRLS CAMP \$365	June 17th-20th
10th - 2026 Grads	SENIOR HIGH \$465	June 21st-26th
6th-8th	CHALLENGE \$465	July 12th-17th
7th-9th	FOCUS \$465	July 19th-24th
16yrs + <small>(open to nonmember special needs)</small>	SPECIAL PERSONS - \$225	October 16th-18th



CAMPINDIANCREEK.COM/CAMP

REGISTER AS A CAMPER OR CABIN LEADER

REGISTRATION GOES LIVE 1/1/26

# 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 PARABLES OF JESUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### ACROSS

8. LIGHT
10. ROOT
11. GOOD
13. CHOKED
14. EYES
15. HEAR
16. MUSTARD
18. ENEMY
19. WINESKINS

### DOWN

1. DISCIPLINE
2. SON
3. FEAR
4. DEATH
6. NECK
7. WISDOM
8. SOLOMON
10. SIMPLE
11. GOOD
13. STREET
14. PATHS

*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

# A NOTE FROM NATHAN

*Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them.  
Mark 14:10*

Recently, I preached about Judas Iscariot and his decision to betray Jesus to the chief priests for thirty pieces of silver. I have been encouraged to make the reflection questions from that sermon available so we can pray about them.

**First, what “little” issues of integrity am I harboring that might be “giving the devil a foothold” (Eph. 4:27)?** Judas was a dishonest treasurer for Jesus and the disciples; he was known to be stealing from the moneybag (Jn. 12:6). Little sins set us up for bigger sins, just as small acts of faithfulness prepare us for greater acts of faithfulness. So, Judas, who had been stealing from and therefore lying to the group all along, is open to the prompting and entrance of the devil into his life (Lk. 22:3; Jn. 13:2). He has invited the work of the enemy. What issues of integrity do you and I need to confess, and repent of? What sinful activities have we justified, perhaps as Judas justified his taking from the moneybag? Lord, help us to see, and to repent, and walk in ways of freedom.

**Second, am I praying as though I am in a spiritual battle?** Jesus had warned the disciples they would all fall away, but Peter most emphatically insisted that he never would (Mt. 26:31-35). Despite Jesus' repeated exhortations for his disciples to watch and pray, they are caught sleeping (Mt 26:36-46). Before the rooster crows, Peter has denied Jesus three times (Mt 26:69-75). If we think we are standing firm, we must be careful that we don't fall (1 Cor. 10:12-13). Let us put on the full armor of God, that we may stand against the devil's schemes, and let us pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests, always praying for all of the saints (Eph. 6:10-20). We don't need to be afraid, because Jesus has overcome the world (Jn. 16:33). But we do need to watch and pray (Mk. 14:38; Rev. 16:15).

**Third, are there any gaps between what Jesus taught/practiced and what I believe?** What Jesus declared to be beautiful, Thomas and other disciples labeled as wasteful (Mt. 26:6-13; Jn. 12:1-8). Jesus taught a number of radical and challenging things. There may be unaddressed gaps in our hearts and minds, teachings of Jesus that we've always had difficulty with. We may as well be honest about those tensions with Him in prayer. Unaddressed gaps can widen in any relationship, whether friendship or marriage or as disciples of Jesus. Let's invite the Holy Spirit to help us reconcile the distance between the teachings and practices of Jesus, and our own thoughts and actions. May the Spirit shape us into Jesus' likeness, with ever-increasing glory (2 Cor. 3:17-18).

**Fourth, what has it cost me to follow Jesus?** Think about that. It always costs us to follow Jesus. The costs may be different depending on when and where we live, or what our specific callings are, but sooner or later there are always costs for those who faithfully follow Jesus. **What other costs might there be for me to follow Jesus?** If I keep on following Jesus, the costs might get steeper. What else might He be calling me to surrender? What other resistance might I face? **At what point would those costs be too much?** What is Jesus worth to me? At what point would following him further no longer be worth it? We need to be honest with God and with ourselves about these questions. None of us like costs, but Jesus promises an abundant return for all who lose for His sake (Mk. 10:29-30). **What would be “thirty pieces of silver” for me?** What would tempt me to give up on Jesus? What offer would seem too good at the time? Judas came to regret his calculation (Mt. 27). May the Lord Jesus help us to faithfully follow Him, regardless of the cost.

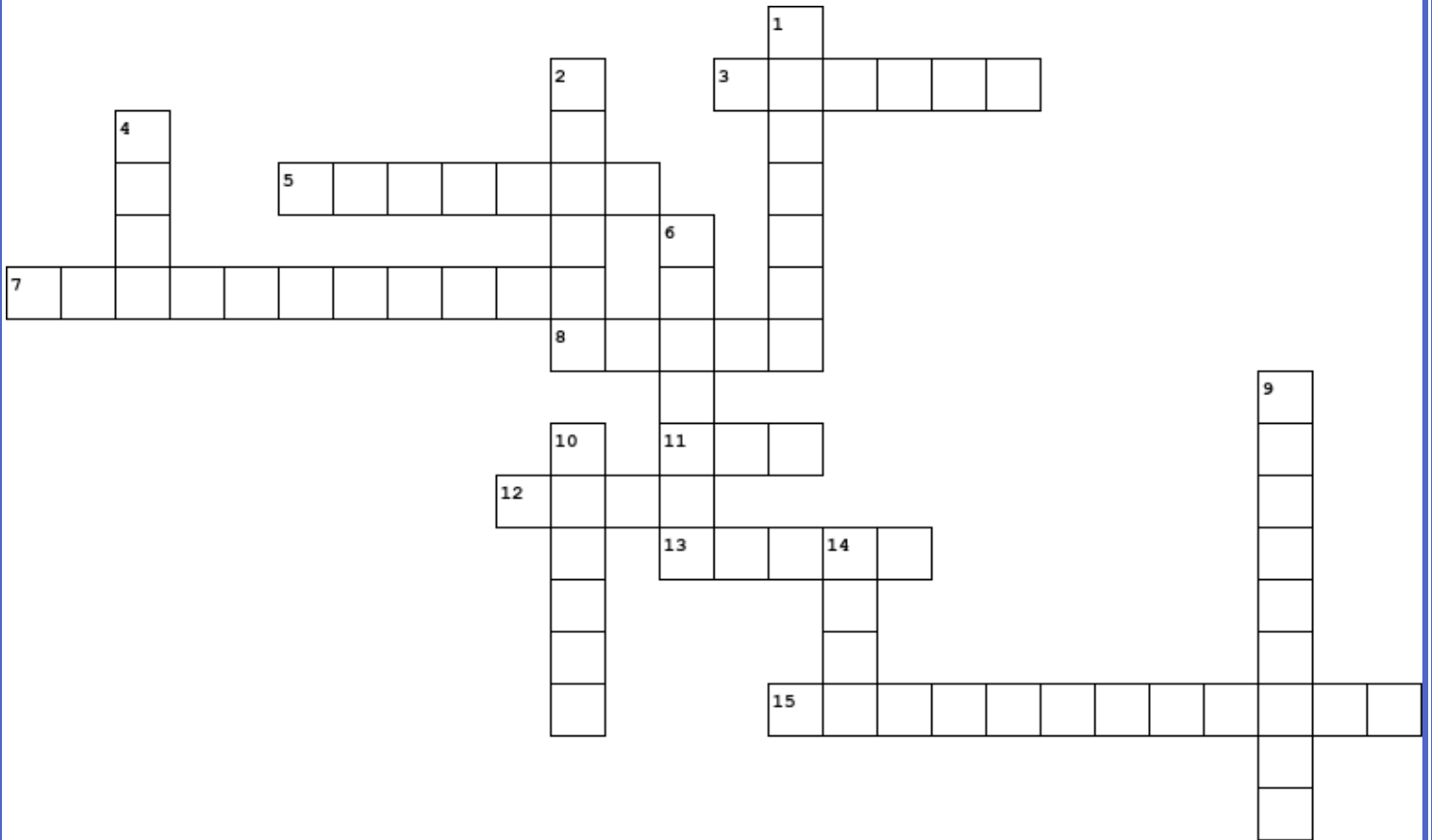
*“I have decided to follow Jesus. No turning back. No turning back.”*

Holy Spirit help us to remain faithful to the Crucified and Risen King!

Grace and peace,

Nathan

# EASTER CROSSWORD



## Across

3. He was \_\_\_ on the third day according to the scriptures (1 Cor. 15:4)
5. Death has been swallowed up in \_\_\_ (1 Cor. 15:54)
7. Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the \_\_\_ of those who have fallen asleep (1 Cor. 15:20)
8. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the \_\_\_ from all faces (Isa. 25:8)
11. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, but \_\_\_ raised him from the dead (Acts 10:39-40)
12. He who raised Christ from the dead will also give \_\_\_ to your mortal bodies (Rom. 8:11)
13. He will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples... he will swallow up \_\_\_ forever (Isa. 25:7-8)
15. Jesus said to her, "I am the \_\_\_ and the life..." (Jn. 11:25)

## Down






1. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the \_\_\_ (Rev. 22:2)
2. As in Adam all die, so in \_\_\_ all will be made alive (1 Cor. 15:22)
4. The dead will \_\_\_ the voice of the Son of God and those who \_\_\_ will live (Jn. 5:25)
6. We will not all sleep, but we will all be \_\_\_ (1 Cor. 15:51)
9. Let us rejoice and be glad in his \_\_\_ (Isa. 25:9)
10. I am the \_\_\_ One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever (Rev. 1:18)
14. On each side of the river stood the \_\_\_ of life (Rev. 22:2)

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

First Baptist Church  
500 Lincoln Drive  
Bloomfield, IN 47424

April  
2026

Church Office: 812-384-8459  
FAX No: 812-384-8982  
Bright Beginnings Preschool: 812-384-2647

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship	2 4:45 Girl Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts 6:30 Maundy Thursday Service	3  6:00 GGW (CLC Kitchen) 6:30 Good Friday Service	4 7:00 Gideons
5 Easter 7:00 Sunrise Service 	6 6:30 Choir Practice	7 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball 6:00 Girl Scouts	8  10:30 Community Fellowship 12:30 Sewing Grp.	9  6:30 Boy Scouts	10 	11 7:00 Gideons 2:00 Girl Scouts FH
12 8:30 Fellowship Breakfast FUSE/Seconds ICBC	13 6:30 Choir Practice	14 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball	15 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship	16 4:45 Girl Scouts 6:30 Gideons 6:30 Boy Scouts	17	18 7:00 Gideons
19	20 6:30 Choir Practice	21 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball 6:00 Girl Scouts	22 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship	23 6:30 Boy Scouts	24	25 7:00 Gideons 9:00 ICBC Day of Service & Prayer
26 Compassion Sunday 6:30 Cub Scouts FH	27 6:30 Choir Practice	28 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball 6:30 Trustee Mtg	29 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship	30 4:45 Girl Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts 6:30 Deacon Mtg		

**Deacon of the Month**  
Steve Graf

**Trustee of the Month**  
Steve Ham

**Usher of the Month**  
Cheri Graf

**Prayers**

5<sup>th</sup>  
12<sup>th</sup> Cheri Graf  
19<sup>th</sup>  
26<sup>th</sup>

**Snacks in the Narthex**

5<sup>th</sup> Ashley Terrell  
12<sup>th</sup> Fellowship Breakfast  
19<sup>th</sup> Braden & Tasha Hudson  
26<sup>th</sup> The Flanagins

**Greeters**

Norm & Nancy Sullivan  
**Nursery Care April 5<sup>th</sup>**

First Baptist Church  
500 Lincoln Drive  
Bloomfield, IN 47424



April 2026