



# The Bell Tower



## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS

- 5<sup>th</sup> Piper Hughes
- 7<sup>th</sup> Gracie Hudson
- 8<sup>th</sup> Marlen Flynn
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Cleo Weeks
- 24<sup>th</sup> Amaya Terrell
- 25<sup>th</sup> Becky Smith  
Zoey Rogers
- 26<sup>th</sup> Jason Brown
- 31<sup>st</sup> Casey Rice

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 12<sup>th</sup> Paul & Ginger Stewart
- 24<sup>th</sup> Braden & Tasha Hudson



# SPRING

### *Watch FBC online:*

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

### *Tithes and Offerings*

If you would like to support the church online, please visit our website at [www.fbc bloom.org](http://www.fbc bloom.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



## *Fellowship Breakfast Sunday, May 10*

The congregation is invited to a Mother's Day/Fellowship Breakfast on Sunday, May 10 at 8:30 a.m. The youth will be cooking and serving breakfast under the guidance of Dennis & Karen Kutch. It's sure to be a good time!

## *Church Council Meeting Thursday, May 14*

There will be a Church Council Meeting Thursday, May 14 at 6:30 pm in the Bible Study Sunday School classroom. Committee reps, please submit your Council reports to Heather before the meeting. Thank you!

## *Soup on Saturday May 16*

Our church is responsible for Soup on Saturday May 16. We need soups, sandwiches, and desserts donated. If you would be willing to donate or volunteer to help, please call or text Cheri Graf at 812-227-0117.



## *Senior Recognition Sunday, May 31*

There will be a taco luncheon immediately after Morning Worship in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 31 to honor our 2026 high school graduates: Oliver Foxworthy and Ethan Cummings.

## *How to do a Funeral Sunday, June 7*

If you might be involved in planning your own funeral or the funeral of a loved one, if you might be asked to share or sing at a funeral, or if you might be asked to lead a funeral at some point, this event is for you. Sunday evening, June 7, at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary, Nathan will lead this conversation. All are welcome!

## *"Conversations" Evangelism Training Saturday, June 13*

"Conversations", evangelism training by Gideons International, will be offered at FBC Saturday, June 13 from 9 am - noon in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. Contact Bob Weeks if you have any questions.

## *Summer Church League Softball*

Softball practices are under way and gearing up for the league games which will begin soon. Practices are held most Sunday afternoons at 5:00 pm, weather permitting, at the ball diamonds in Bloomfield. If you have questions, contact Braden at 812-381-1937.



# YOUTH HAPPENINGS

## *Youth Serving Fellowship Breakfast Sunday, May 10*

The congregation is invited to a Mother's Day/Fellowship Breakfast on Sunday, May 10 at 8:30 a.m. The youth will be cooking and serving breakfast burritos under the guidance of Dennis & Karen Kutch. The youth will need to be at the church by 7:00 am that morning.

# BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL



## 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.

### May 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>• Summer</li><li>• Review</li></ul> <b>Bible</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• God Gave Us Summer</li><li>• Review</li></ul>
<b>Math</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review</li></ul> <b>Language Arts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review</li></ul>	
<b>Reminders</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All Class Program Practice- May 7 (ALL Students attend class from 9-11:30)</li><li>• Spring Program/Graduation- May 7 @6 pm</li><li>• Field Trip to Library and Park picnic- May 14, leaving the church via bus 15 minutes after class start time</li><li>• Last Day of Preschool- May 14</li><li>• Please stay current on Dojo for more details regarding the last week of school events!</li></ul>	

Congrats to our Graduates:  
Eliana, Mavis, Noah,  
Tucker, & Reagan!

## TUITION

Please pay your student's tuition by the first Thursday of the month!  
**DUE: Your tuition for May was paid in August! Please pay any remaining balances you have by May 1!**



## 2026 VBS

We are very excited for our 2026 VBS this summer! The dates are July 26-31 from 5:30-8:15 pm. Mark your calendars now and be thinking about how you can help.

The theme this year will be Junkyard Redemption based on Ephesians 1:7, "In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace".

We will be looking for some metal scrap donations such as nuts, bolts and silverware to create robots, wind chimes, sculptures etc. We could also use buttons and other items to make mosaics and old CDs and DVDs for decorations. Stay tuned for more updates and contact Tasha Hudson or Ashley Terrell with any questions.





WHERE: THE NORTH SHELTER HOUSE AT BLOOMFIELD TOWN PARK (NEAR SUBWAY)

WHEN: EACH MONDAY AND THURSDAY, MAY 28 THROUGH AUGUST 6, 11:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

HOT LUNCHES WILL BE SERVED AND TO-GO BAGS OF NON-PERISHABLES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED.

ALSO: DRIVE-THRU PICK UP OF NON-PERISHABLES AT THE PARK, 4:00 - 6:00 P.M. ON MON. & THURS.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE? ANY CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18

THIS IS A COMMUNITY EFFORT BY MANY PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO LOVE KIDS.



QUESTIONS? CALL THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OFFICE 812-384-8459.



WE NEED:

- CHURCHES, ORGANIZATIONS, AND INDIVIDUALS TO SERVE THE MEAL ANY GIVEN MONDAY OR THURSDAY
- VOLUNTEERS TO PACK NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS ON SUNDAYS (@ TULIP) AND WEDNESDAYS (@ FIRST BAPTIST)
- ASSISTANCE WITH DISTRIBUTION OF NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS EACH MONDAY AND THURSDAY FROM 4-6 PM
- YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS
- PRAYER!

TO VOLUNTEER: CALL THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OFFICE AT 812-384-8459.

TO DONATE: SCANNING THE QR CODE TO THE RIGHT WILL TAKE YOU TO THE ONLINE GIVING PLATFORM FOR FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. PLEASE SELECT "SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM FOR KIDS" IN THE DROPDOWN MENU. PHYSICAL CHECKS MAY BE MAILED TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 500 LINCOLN DRIVE, BLOOMFIELD, IN 47424, WITH "FEED THE CHILDREN" IN THE MEMO LINE.



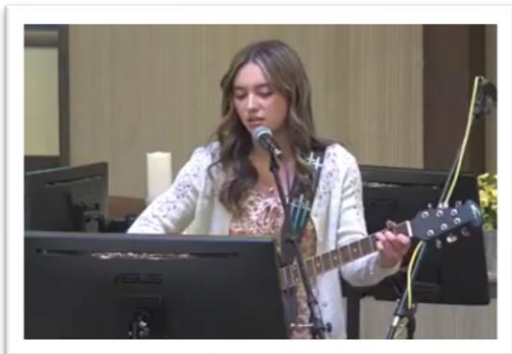
QUESTIONS? CALL THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OFFICE 812-384-8459 Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am-noon or 1-3 pm.

## 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. Contact Katlyn Moody to sign up. Thank you!



### ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S EASTER CROSSWORD PUZZLE

#### ACROSS

3. RAISED
5. VICTORY
7. FIRSTFRUITS
8. TEARS
11. GOD
12. LIFE
13. DEATH
15. RESURRECTION

#### DOWN

1. NATIONS
2. CHRIST
4. HEAR
6. CHANGED
9. SALVATION
10. LIVING
14. TREE

*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

*"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter— when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: 'Here am I.'"*  
Isaiah 58:6-9, NIV

This year, we have been praying that our church would shine like light in the darkness. Isaiah says one way we can do that is to feed the hungry. Food insecurity among children in our community is a major problem. This summer, we are partnering with many different churches and organizations in the Bloomfield area to feed kids. Here is how it will work.

Hot, freshly prepared meals will be served at the north shelter house at Bloomfield Town Park, every Monday and Thursday, from May 28 through August 6, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Non-perishable items will also be sent home with each child, similar to the "Bag Buddies" program that occurs during the school year. For those unable to come at lunch time, the non-perishable distribution will also be available at the park, 4:00-6:00 p.m., on Mondays and Thursdays.

Who is eligible? All children under 18 years of age.

Churches, organizations, restaurants, and individuals will be volunteering to prepare and serve food for each of the 21 lunches needed. Our church will be taking responsibility for the meal on May 28, to get things started. Others have already begun volunteering to help with other days. As an individual, you can sign up to help for any Monday or Thursday by calling Heather in the church office at 812-384-8459.

Tulip Church will continue to pack non-perishable items on Sunday mornings from 8:30-9:00 a.m., as they do during the school year for Bag Buddies. FBC will pack non-perishable items on Wednesdays beginning at 10:30 a.m., as part of the Community Fellowship program already meeting in our Fellowship Hall. These bags will be distributed each Monday and Thursday, respectively. Anyone can help with these packing sessions. All you have to do is show up.

Volunteers will also be needed for the evening distributions of non-perishables. This involves transporting food from our church to the park and back as necessary, on Mondays and Thursdays.

Then, of course, financial support is needed and welcomed. The QR code at right takes you to our FBC Tithely online giving program. If you select, "Summer Food Program for Kids" in the dropdown menu, those funds will go entirely to this ministry. You can also write a good old-fashioned check to First Baptist Church with "feed the children" or similar on the memo line.



Please pray for this program! Pray for Brenda Flanagin, who is taking the lead on this ministry. Pray for Heather Malone, in our church office, who will be fielding the phone calls from volunteers and handling the sign-up sheets. Pray for all of the churches, organizations, and restaurants who will be pitching in to help. And please pray for the children and their families, that they would feel loved by God and by us as they receive this food.

If you would like to help, please call Heather in the office to sign up at 812-384-8459. Brenda is also to answer your questions, as is Cheri Graf or myself.

Thank you for supporting this valuable ministry to our community.

Grace and peace,  
Nathan

**From the Trustees:**

You may have noticed new chairs have replaced a back pew in the Sanctuary. The intent is to create configurable space to better accommodate wheelchairs. To begin with, we have removed a few chairs near the North door to allow a wheelchair on the North end. When we have multiple wheelchairs, we will remove chairs on the South end to accommodate. Please feel free to sit in these chairs any time, however, be prepared to give up your seat when needed.

**Also from the Trustees:**

We were "fortunate" enough to receive significant hail damage during a recent storm; therefore, our insurance will be paying to replace the shingle roofs on the CLC and the church very soon. While inspecting the roof, the insurance adjuster made a strong recommendation to also replace the skylights that have been in place for 47 years. Of course, the insurance will not cover the estimated cost of \$21,000, so we are looking at the possibility of replacing the three skylights with caps custom made for each of the three peaks.



**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.

**2026 SUMMER CALENDAR**

Grades	Sessions <small>Dates and prices subject to change</small>	Dates
4th-12th Grades	CLEARVIEW BC Camp <small>session operated by Clearview Baptist Church Bedford</small>	June 2nd - 5th
1st - 2nd	EXPLORER	June - 7th-9th
2nd - 3rd	DISCOVERY	June 10th-13th
4th-6th Boys Only	BOYS CAMP	June 14th-17th
4th-6th Girls Only	GIRLS CAMP	June 17th-20th
10th - 2026 Grads	SENIOR HIGH	June 21st-26th
6th-8th	CHALLENGE	July 12th-17th
7th-9th	FOCUS	July 19th-24th
Kindergarten - 1st	FIRST TIMERS	August 22nd-23rd
16yrs + <small>(add'l to register for special needs)</small>	EMPOWER RETREAT <small>Formerly Special Persons Camp</small>	October 16th-18th

**SUMMER CAMP FAIR DAY**

**Saturday, May 16th  
9:00 AM - 7:00 PM (EST)**

**\$3 per Person  
\$12 per Car**




- Outdoor Adventure and Nature Experiences
- Arts & Crafts Market
- Animal Zone
- + MORE!



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May  
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 6:00 GGW (CLC Kitchen)	2 7:00 Gideons
3 Communion Healing Service 2:00 Worship at Parkview 4:00 Backyard Kids Club	4 6:30 Choir Practice	5 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball 6:00 Girl Scouts	6 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship	7 6:00 Preschool Program 6:30 Boy Scouts	8	9 7:00 Gideons 2:00 Girl Scouts FH
10 Mother's Day 	11 6:30 Choir Practice	12 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball 6:30 Gideons	13 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship 12:30 Sewing Group	14 4:45 Girl Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts 6:30 Council Mtg	15	16 Soup on Saturday 7:00 Gideons
17	18 6:30 Choir Practice	19 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball 6:00 Girl Scouts	20 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship	21 6:30 Boy Scouts	22 1:00 CLC res.	23 7:00 Gideons CLC res.
24  Graduate Recognition	25 Memorial Day  6:30 Choir Practice	26 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball 6:30 Trustee Mtg	27 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship	28 6:30 Boy Scouts	29	30 7:00 Gideons Girl Scouts FH

**Deacon of the Month**  
Chuck Young

**Trustee of the Month**  
Bill Hudson

**Usher of the Month**  
Dennis Kutch

**Prayers**

3<sup>rd</sup>  
10<sup>th</sup> Tammy Young  
17<sup>th</sup>  
24<sup>th</sup>  
31<sup>st</sup>

**Snacks in the Narthex**

3<sup>rd</sup> Steve & Cheri Graf  
10<sup>th</sup> Fellowship Breakfast  
17<sup>th</sup>  
24<sup>th</sup>  
31<sup>st</sup>

**Greeters**

Chuck & Tammy Young

**Nursery Care May 3**

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