

The Bell Tower



BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

1 st	Eric Moody
7 th	Gabe Brown
11 th	Bob Weeks
12 th	Maryann Snow
14 th	Alecia Henry
24 th	Kathy Ham
25 th	Bill Hudson
26 th	Alex Malone
27 th	Brady Hughes
28 th	Kinley Moody
	Keaton Wilson

ANNIVERSARIES

6 th	Mike & Barb Stoner
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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

Church Office Closed Friday, July 3

The church office will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day. Thank you!

Fellowship Breakfast Sunday, July 12

July's Fellowship Breakfast will be Sunday, July 12 at 8:30 am.

Feed the Children Summer Meal Program

The 2026 Summer Feed the Children Meal Program is underway and in full swing! As of June 29, 322 hot meals have been served, and 432 bags of nonperishable food have been handed out to children in our community. Meals are served to children under age 18 on Mondays and Thursdays from 11 am – 12:30 pm and nonperishable bags are distributed from 4–6 pm in the north shelter house at the Bloomfield Park. To volunteer, you can sign up online at [2026 Feed the Children Program](#) or call the church office 812-384-8459.

Summer Church League Softball

If you are age 14 and over and would like to play, contact Braden at 812-381-1937. Games are played at the Linton FOP Ball Diamonds.



FBC Church Softball July Games

Monday, July 6 6:30 pm
Monday, June 13 6:30 pm & 7:40 pm
Monday, June 20 6:30 pm

Come Support Your Team!

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend our annual church picnic on Sunday, August 23! More to come.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received during the month of July. The scripture emphasis for the offering is from 2 Corinthians 9:7 "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." The month of July, we will learn more about how this offering benefits immediate and long term needs around the world. Please add this offering to your prayers.

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S CHURCH CAMP CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 3. MOSQUITO
- 4. DINING HALL
- 8. CHAPEL
- 9. SUNBURN
- 10. MORRIS
- 12. PRAYER

DOWN

- 1. COUNSELOR
- 2. POOL
- 5. NURSE
- 6. CABIN
- 7. CAMPFIRE
- 11. FRIENDS

VBS 2026

We are very excited for our 2026 VBS this summer! We are looking for some metal scrap donations such as nuts, bolts and silverware to create robots, wind chimes, sculptures etc. We could also use buttons, flat magnets, and other items to make mosaics and old CDs and DVDs for decorations. There is a collection box on the library counter. To volunteer, or if you have questions, contact Tasha Hudson.



Required Background Checks

It is time to update our background checks for those who work with children here at FBC. We are able to conduct statewide background checks for volunteers. If you have not had a check completed within the last 5 years, or you are unsure when your last check was conducted, please see Heather in the church office. Please be sure your background check is current in time for VBS. Thank you! ☺

CAMPERS AT INDIAN CREEK

Challenge Camp (July 12-17)

Josie Hudson
Bryson Gouckenour

Focus Camp (July 19-24)

Daytona Hudson
Ozaiah Hudson

First Timers Camp (August 22-23)

Reagan Ingram
Alex Malone

Mailing Address

Indian Creek Baptist Camp
1770 Avoca Eureka Rd.
Bedford, IN 47421

2026 SUMMER CALENDAR		
Grades	Sessions Dates and prices subject to change	Dates
4th-12th Grades	CLEARVIEW BC Camp session operated by Clearview Baptist Church Bedford	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 + (only to monitor special needs)	EMPOWER RETREAT Formerly Special Persons Camp	October 16th-18th

*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

HIRING!

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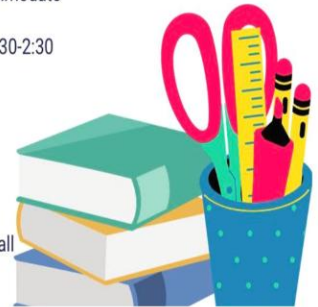
Preschool Classroom Assistant

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL

- No teaching experience required!
- Must be willing to assist teacher with classroom needs and accommodate students ages 2-5
- Tuesdays & Thursdays from 8:30-2:30
- Pay starts at \$11/hour
- Start Date: August 18th

INTERESTED?

Email lydia.wade26@gmail.com or call
the church at 812-384-8459



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



Josie, Belle, Tiffany, Lucy, Lizzy

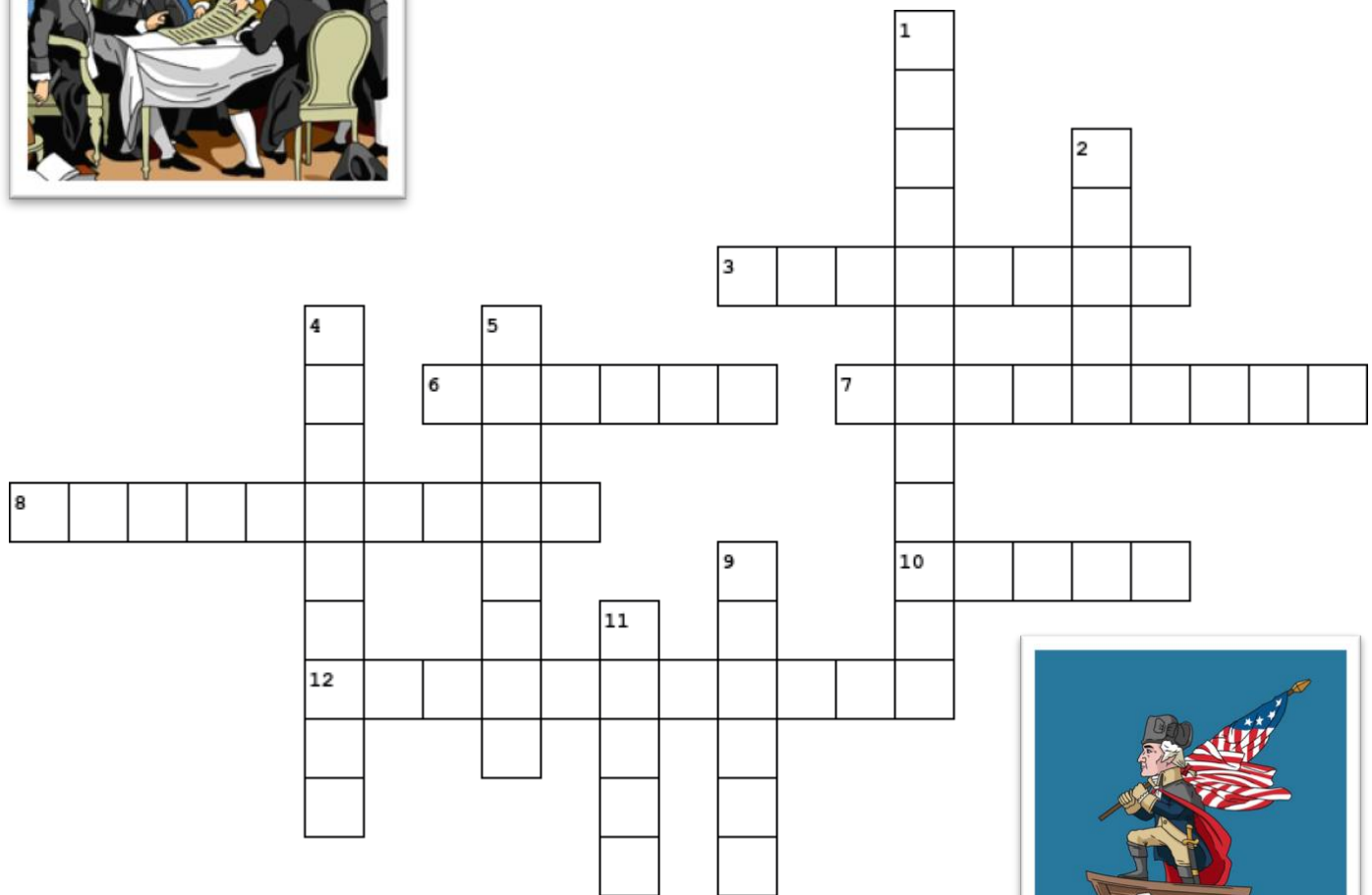
Special Music Sign-Up

Summer is upon us, and the choir season is over. This leaves several special music opportunities. If you are interested in singing, playing an instrument, or praising God in another way, please sign-up online using the QR code at the right. It is also located on the wall by the sound booth, or you can see Katlyn Moody. Thank you!





REVOLUTIONARY



Across

3. Washington famously led his men across this river on Christmas night, 1776.
6. George Washington's wife's first name.
7. Primary author of the Declaration of Independence. Thomas ____.
8. British general who surrendered at Yorktown, Virginia, effectively and eventually ending the war.
10. "Give me liberty, or give me death." – Patrick ____.
12. Henry Knox lugged canon from this upstate New York fort, forcing the British to flee Boston.

Down

1. Pennsylvanian city in which the Declaration was signed.
2. Washington's army spent a rough winter in this PA valley named for its ironworks. Valley ____.
4. French Marquis and beloved military aide to Washington, for whom a northern IN city is named.
5. This bright financial mind also served under Washington; pictured on our \$10 bill. Alexander ____.
9. Washington's home in Virginia. Mount ____.
11. Signer of the Declaration, diplomat to France and the Netherlands, VP, president. John ____.

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

A NOTE FROM NATHAN

"... and his voice was like the roar of many waters."
Rev. 1:15 (ESV)



Dr. Shadrach Meshach Lockridge, longtime Baptist pastor in San Diego, preached a sermon which is now known as "That's My King!" One hour deep into this stirring message, after rattling off a nearly-ten-minute litany describing Jesus, Lockridge quips, "I wish I could describe him to you!" There are no words to adequately describe our King.

Such is the sense of awe in the opening chapter of Revelation, as John attempts to describe his indescribable encounter with the Lord Jesus. John grasps for appropriate analogies. He has no adequate words. And Jesus' own words, John says, are "like the roar of many waters."

The roar of many waters. The *NIV* has "the sound of rushing waters." What do rushing waters sound like? What does the roar of many waters convey to us about the voice of Jesus?

This verse was on my mind during our family's recent trip to Niagara Falls. To be in Niagara Falls is to hear the roar of many waters. Traffic passes by, people are talking, music is playing, but if you listen carefully, in the distance, the roar is always there. Always.

Of course, if you are immediately in the vicinity of the falls, the roar is absolutely overwhelming. This is especially true if you ride one of the boats or walk the power plant tunnel right to the base of the falls. Talk about an immersive experience! The roar is inescapable. Built into this encounter is a tremendous sense of my own smallness.

The roar is also captivating. When I hear it from a distance, I want to walk closer. When standing at the rim overlooking the falls, I never got tired of watching. How does this keep going? Such power! Such steadiness! Such constancy! And, frankly, so scary! I love being *near* the falls, but I do not wish to be *in* the falls. There is an interesting paradox – the desire for nearness, and the awareness that I am not worthy to enter these cascades myself.

(Perhaps I can now relate to something of Israel's experience at Sinai, or the disciples' awe when the nets break or the storm is stilled! We are not worthy of this Holy Presence who has sought us out! Who is this Man?)

Finally, and perhaps surprisingly, these terrifying waters are calming. Flowing water has this effect, from the mountain streams of the Smokies, to the rushing of Richland Creek after it rains, to the white noise devices on our nightstands. There I was, standing but a few feet from violent, crushing waterfalls, and somehow my internal sense was peace.

Jesus' voice is somewhat like Niagara Falls. John of Patmos had never been to Niagara Falls, but he had encountered enough of the Mediterranean region to understand the roar of many waters. The voice of Jesus reminded him of that wonderful, awful roar of many waters. And he was enthralled by it.

Jesus' voice is constant. The challenge and the invitation is to shut out the other sounds, that we might hear him.

Jesus' voice is overwhelming. He is so great. We are so small. His voice inspires a sense of awe, "fear of the Lord."

Jesus' voice is captivating. I want to hear more. Like Zacchaeus, I want to climb the tree and get closer. And yet the closer I get, the more aware I am of my unworthiness to be close, if not for the love of the King whose voice beckons me.

Jesus' voice is calming. The world is agitating. The steady, overwhelming constancy of our Savior's voice delivers peace.

I wonder if you desire more of Jesus' voice today? "Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening."

Grace and peace,

Nathan

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July
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 6:30 Boy Scouts 6:30 Deacon Mtg	3 Church Office Closed 6:00 GGW (CLC Kitchen)	4 Independence Day  7:00 Gideons
5 Communion	6 6:30 Softball Game	7 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball	8 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship 12:30 Sewing Grp	9 6:30 Boy Scouts	10	11 7:00 Gideons
12 8:30 Fellowship Breakfast	13 6:30 Softball Game 7:40 Softball Game	14 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball 6:30 Gideons	15 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship	16 6:30 Boy Scouts	17	18 7:00 Gideons Soup on Saturday
19 12:00 CLC res.	20 6:30 Softball Game	21 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball	22 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship	23 6:30 Boy Scouts	24 Free Swim Day Bloomfield Pool 	25 7:00 Gideons
26	27	28 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:30 Trustee Mtg	29 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship	30	31	

Vacation Bible School

Deacon of the Month
Kathy Ham

Trustee of the Month
Steve Ham

Usher of the Month
Wesley Terrell

Prayers

5th
12th
19th
26th

Snacks in the Narthex

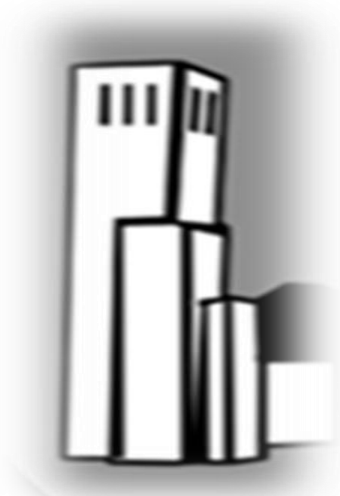
5th
12th Fellowship Breakfast
19th
26th

Greeters

Tooger & Charlotte Smith

Nursery Care July 5

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