



The Bell Tower



BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

4 th	Mary Puntney
7 th	Susie Moat
10 th	Barb Frye
	Ozaiah Hudson
14 th	Kylee Deckard
25 th	Braden Hudson
31 st	Willow Foxworthy

ANNIVERSARIES

4 th	Ron & Shelia McBride
	Chris & Erin Wilson
14 th	Wesley & Ashley Terrell
27 th	John & Mary Bailey



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

Fellowship Breakfast Sunday, August 9

August's Fellowship Breakfast will be Sunday, August 9 at 8:30 am.

Heather Out of Office Friday, August 14

Heather will be out of the office on Friday, August 14.

Church Picnic August 23

Our annual church wide picnic will be held on Sunday, August 23 at the FBC shelter house. Come at 5:30 p.m., eat at 6:00 p.m. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and paper products will be provided. A sign-up sheet for food is located in the Narthex. Come for fun, fellowship, games, and as always, great food!

Feed the Children Summer Meal Program

One more week for the 2026 Summer Feed the Children Meal Program. Hundreds of hot meals have been served, along with many bags of nonperishable food handed out to children in our community. Meals were served to children under the age 18 on Mondays and Thursdays from 11 am–12:30 pm and nonperishable bags were distributed from 4–6 pm in the north shelter house at the Bloomfield Park. Our last day of serving will be Thursday, August 06. Pizza donated from Pizza Hut will be served, and there will be a visit by the IU Hoosier Bison from 11–11:45 am.

Summer Church League Softball

The last game of the regular season is at 6:30 pm Monday, August 3 at the Linton FOP baseball diamonds.

Baptism Sundays, August 16 and October 11

We will be having baptisms here at FBC on Sunday, August 16 and October 11. If you would like to be baptized on either one of these days, please see Pastor Nathan.



🚚 Volunteers Needed – Food Pantry Donation Pickup

Our food pantry is looking for a volunteer to help pick up food donations from Ruler Foods on Mondays.

- A pickup truck is needed, as there is usually a large amount of food to transport.
- The pickup can be made any time on Monday—morning, afternoon, or evening—making it a flexible volunteer opportunity.
- This is a wonderful way to support our community and help keep our food pantry stocked for local families in need.

If interested, or for more information, please see Randy Flanagin.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve our community!



OGHS Mission Moment July 26

VBS 2026

VBS Success!

A good time was had by all! Thank you to Tasha for directing, and the many volunteers who helped to make VBS happen this year. We averaged 31 kids a night with 51 total registered. There were an average of 32 helpers and parents present every evening.



ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S REVOLUTIONARY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

3. DELAWARE
6. MARTHA
7. JEFFERSON
8. CORNWALLIS
10. HENRY
12. TICONDEROGA

DOWN

1. PHILADELPHIA
2. FORGE
4. LAFAYETTE
5. HAMILTON
9. VERNON
11. ADAMS

CAMPERS AT INDIAN CREEK

First Timers Camp (August 22-23)

Reagan Ingram
Alex Malone

Mailing Address

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

Bright Beginnings Preschool

Meet the Teacher Night

August 6th
5:30pm - 7:30pm

*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

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

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!

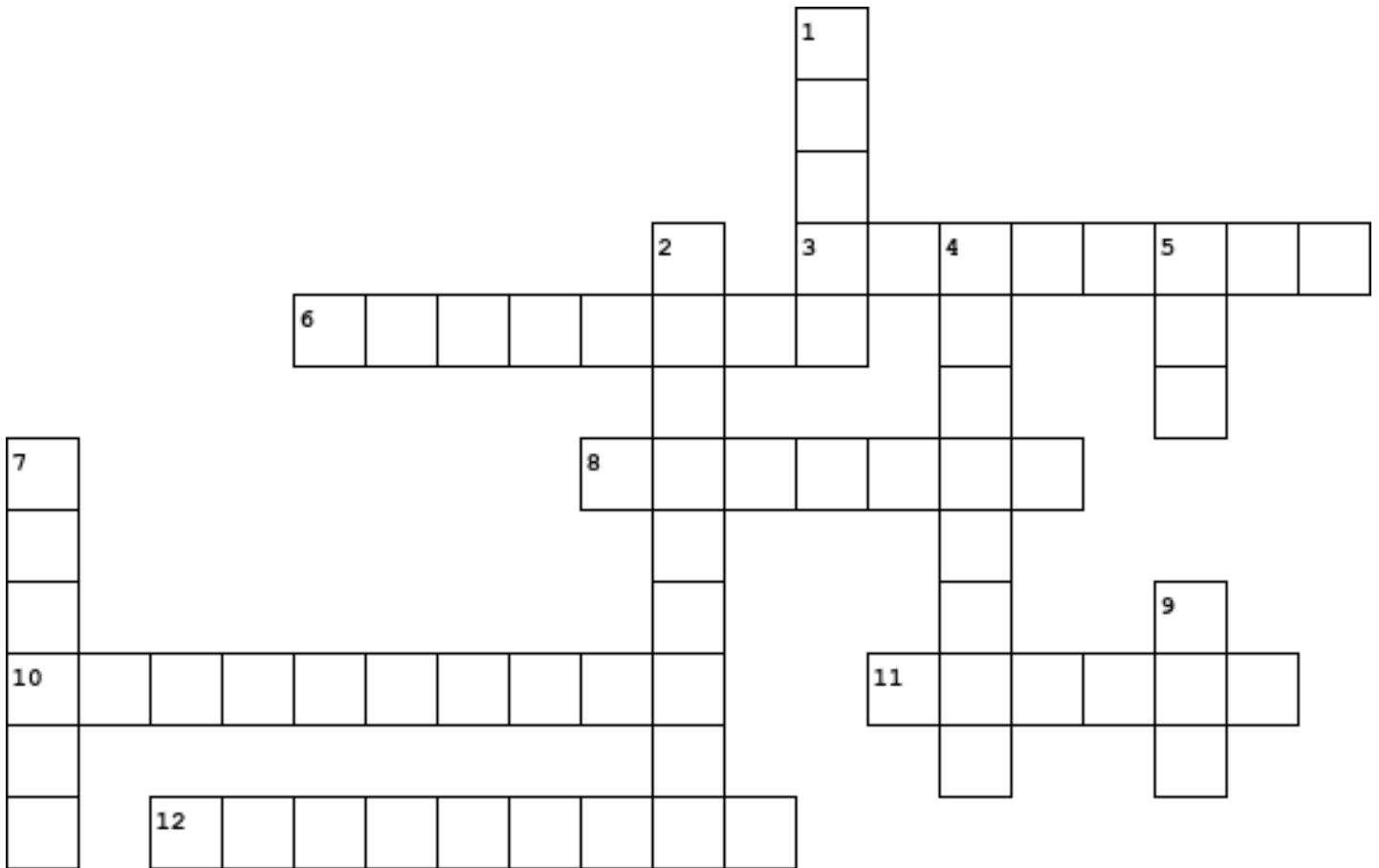


The Hudsons

Alecia Henry



BACK TO SCHOOL



Across

3. If you bring your mid-day meal from home, you'll need one of these.
6. Device worn on the reverse side of your upper body to carry school supplies.
8. Instructor.
10. Before our phones could do it, we needed one of these devices to help with math.
11. Device in hallway to store your stuff and visit between classes.
12. Head administrative professional in a given building.

Down

1. White, cylindrical rod-shaped item formerly and commonly used to write on blackboard.
2. Room in which students eat lunch.
4. Traditionally, a spiral-bound item with many horizontally-lined sheets inside.
5. The wheels on this go round and round.
7. Writing instrument with a lead.
9. Writing instrument with ink.

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

A NOTE FROM NATHAN

"The people are bringing more than enough for doing the work the LORD commanded to be done."
Exodus 36:5 (NIV)



Flyover country. This expression is often used of our part of the United States by those who have never lived here. The impression is, it's boring. While it is true that "flyover country" largely lacks the oceans, mountains, and huge cities found in other regions, those who have lived in the central U.S. know it is hardly devoid of life or excitement. As the crow in the old commercial used to say, "There is more than corn in Indiana." But confirming this assertion might require a person to slow down and take a closer look. When we slow down to carefully consider something that we have been accustomed to overlooking, we just might be surprised.

The Bible has some flyover country: places that we tend to avoid, because they have a reputation of being dull. To be sure, some parts of the Bible are more exciting than others. But, if we'll slow down and take a thoughtful look, we might find that some parts of the Bible – even if they still aren't the most thrilling – have hidden treasures for us to discover.

I was having a conversation with one of you today about Exodus 34–40. These chapters are "flyover country" – largely a mundane description of how the Israelites assembled the tabernacle they were commissioned to build in Exodus 25–31 (those chapters, themselves, can be challenging reading). But the Holy Spirit has more to say than meets the eye.

The wilderness generation, as you may know, has a well-deserved reputation for rebellion. The New Testament book of Hebrews lifts up that generation as the ultimate example of people we do not want to be like. They saw all of the signs and wonders the Lord wrought in bringing them out of slavery in Egypt, but ended up whining and complaining and rebelling in the wilderness, alleging that God was actually out to destroy them! We, of course, don't want to be like that!

But in the midst of their rebelling, when it comes to putting the tabernacle together, this generation of people turns out to be surprisingly exemplary. Two themes especially are emphasized.

First, their *willing hearts*. That's right, the wilderness generation, at least in Exodus 35–36, is commended repeatedly for having willing hearts. They give so generously that Moses has to ask them to *stop* bringing offerings for the tabernacle project (Ex. 36:5–7). *You people have given too much! Please stop!* Can you imagine hearing that kind of sermon?

In addition to willing hearts, they are commended for meticulous obedience – at least nine times, Moses and the people are commended for having done everything *exactly as had been commanded* (39:32, 42; 40:16, 19, 21, 25, 27, 29, 32).

The outcome of all of this? The glory of the Lord fills the tabernacle (40:34). Willing hearts and careful obedience always prepare the way for a fresh movement of God. This is why the Bible often exhorts us to examination and repentance (Acts 3:19, for example). Not deservedly, but graciously, the Lord always responds to our sincere obedience.

Do we desire a fresh movement of God in our midst?

There is both warning and opportunity in these observations. On the one hand, it is obviously possible for an obedient people to become rebellious and miss out entirely on what God has intended for us. But on the other hand, a stubborn and lackadaisical people have the potential for transformation of our hearts and full-fledged obedience once again.

It is love, Jesus says, that prompts obedience (John 14:15). May the love of Christ captivate us (2 Cor. 5:14) and may the Holy Spirit sustain us with abundant grace (2 Cor. 9:8) to willingly and persistently obey the commands of our Lord.

Jesus, may our church be known for our willing hearts and our faithful obedience, always to your glory and for the furtherance of your Kingdom in this place. Holy Spirit, help us, we pray. We are weak, but you are strong.

Grace and peace,
Nathan

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August
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 7:00 Gideons
2 Communion	3 6:30 Softball Game	4 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball 6:30 Security Mtg	5 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship	6 5:30 Preschool Meet & Greet 6:30 Boy Scouts 6:30 Deacon Mtg	7 6:00 GGW (CLC kitchen)	8 7:00 Gideons
9 8:30 Fellowship Breakfast	10	11 Back to School 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball 6:30 Gideons	12 1 st Day Preschool 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship 12:30 Sewing Grp	13 6:30 Boy Scouts 6:30 Council Mtg	14	15 7:00 Gideons
16 Baptism	17	18 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball	19 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship 10:30 Past. Rel. Com. Mtg	20 6:30 Boy Scouts	21	22 7:00 Gideons
23 Church Picnic  2:00 Worship at Parkview	24 30	25 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball 6:30 Trustee Mtg	26 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship	27 6:30 Boy Scouts	28	29 7:00 Gideons
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Deacon of the Month
Chuck Young

Trustee of the Month
James Malone

Usher of the Month
Wesley Terrell

Prayers

2nd Randy Flanagin
9th Tammy Young
16th
23rd
30th

Snacks in the Narthex

2nd Tammy Young
9th Fellowship Breakfast
16th Kathy Ham
23rd Amaya Terrell
30th Ginger Stewart

Greeters

Steve & Cheri Graf

Nursery Care Aug 2

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