



The Bell Tower



September
2026

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

2 nd	Jerry Boyer
3 rd	Sandy Clark
4 th	Judy Stahl
	Sue Sanford
	Brady Hudson
5 th	Kimberly Porter
7 th	Katlyn Moody
12 th	Ginger Stewart
	Steve Graf
19 th	Renee Young
20 th	Mike Henry
25 th	Oliver Foxworthy
	Gavin Rice
29 th	Gabe Copp
	Taylor Hudson
30 th	Hope Shirley
	Walter Pischel



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

No Wednesday Morning Bible Study September 9

We will pick up where we left off in the book of Proverbs the following week on Wednesday, September 16 at 9:00 a.m. It is never too late to join in.

Heather Out of Office September 10, 11 & 18

Heather will be out of the church office at noon Thursday, September 10 through Friday, September 11 and September 18.

Fellowship Breakfast Sunday, September 13

September's Fellowship Breakfast will be Sunday, September 13 at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Apple Festival Community Worship Service Sunday, October 4

Everyone is invited to attend the annual Apple Festival Community Worship Service on Sunday, October 4 at 10:00 a.m. at the Bloomfield Park – Temporary Bandstand (rain location-Glover Gymnasium).



2026 Apple Festival Chicken & Noodles

The 2026 Apple Festival is about 4 and a half weeks away – Fri, Oct 2nd through Sun, Oct 4th!

Our traditional Noodle Making Party will be Thu, Oct 1st, 6:00 – 9:30 pm. We will convert 24 dozen eggs into noodles, which is the same amount we have sold the past several years. We may add a second Noodle Making session during the day on Thu or Fri similar to last year.

We will serve Chicken & Noodles out of the North Shelter House for lunch and dinner on Friday and Saturday, and we will also serve lunch on Sunday following the community Church Service if we haven't sold out by then.

The Sign-up Binder for volunteers to make noodles, provide food & drink items, and work shifts in the kitchen, at the booth, and as runners will circulate through the Sunday School Classes and will be available at the Sound Booth during Worship. See Eric Moody if you have any questions.

Baptism Sunday, October 11

We will be having baptisms here at FBC on Sunday, October 11. If you would like to be baptized then, or any other time, please see Pastor Nathan.

Summer Feed the Children Meal Program

The Summer Meals for Kids Program operated from May 28 through August 6, 2026, providing a total of 847 hot lunches and distributing 1,035 bags of non-perishable food. A total of 58 volunteers generously contributed their time to prepare hot meals, assemble nonperishable meal bags, transport food, serve at the park shelter, and distribute evening meal bags. We are deeply grateful for the incredible support shown by our community. Every volunteer, donor, partner, and supporter played a vital role in making this summer's program a success. We look forward to continuing the Summer Meals for Kids Program in 2027. There will be a meeting to wrap up this summer's Feed the Children Program and begin planning for next summer Thursday, September 3, at 11:30 am at the south shelter (the shelter closest to the school) of the park. Bring your own lunch if you would like to eat during the meeting.

Attention FBC Committee Chairs

Please submit your committee's proposed budget to Moderator Bob Templeton by Sunday, September 13. Thank you!



ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S BACK TO SCHOOL CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

3. LUNCHBOX
6. BACKPACK
8. TEACHER
10. CALCULATOR
11. LOCKER
12. PRINCIPAL

DOWN

1. CHALK
2. CAFETERIA
4. NOTEBOOK
5. BUS
7. PENCIL
9. PEN

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL

*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



September

Bright Beginnings Preschool

This Month at School

Our morning preschool class is learning about the colors orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple. They are also learning shapes including rectangle, oval, rhombus, and triangle. We are practicing name recognition, too!

Our afternoon pre-k class is reviewing the colors and shapes listed above. They are learning numbers 1-5, and letters E, M, S, & W. We are practicing writing our names!

Bible Units

Both our classes are finishing our "God Made Me" unit. Our preschool is starting the "Fruits of the Spirit" unit, and our pre-k class will be learning "Jesus is our Healer"



Themes

ABC's (name practice & alphabet)
Farm
Transportation

Important Dates

9/8: Picture Day!

a Bible unit for ages 3-6



I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Psalm 139:14

FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT
a character unit for ages 3-6



But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness and self-control. Against such there is no law.
Galatians 5:22-23

JESUS IS OUR HEALER
a Bible unit for ages 3-6



I am the Lord who heals you.
Exodus 15:26



Welcome
Arlyn Wallace Wolfe

Born 8/20/2026

7 lbs. 13 oz.

20 ½ in. to

Suzanne & Donald Wolfe
Granddaughter of
George & Marilyn Dallaire

2026 CHURCH PICNIC



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!

Region Wide ABC-IN/KY Youth FUSE Event at FBC

FBC will be hosting a region wide ABC-IN/KY Youth FUSE event on Sunday, October 25 from 3:30-6:00pm. Stay tuned for the many opportunities to volunteer and help out.

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

The choir is back!! There are still special music opportunities available each month. 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!



Welcome John Carson, Substitute Pianist

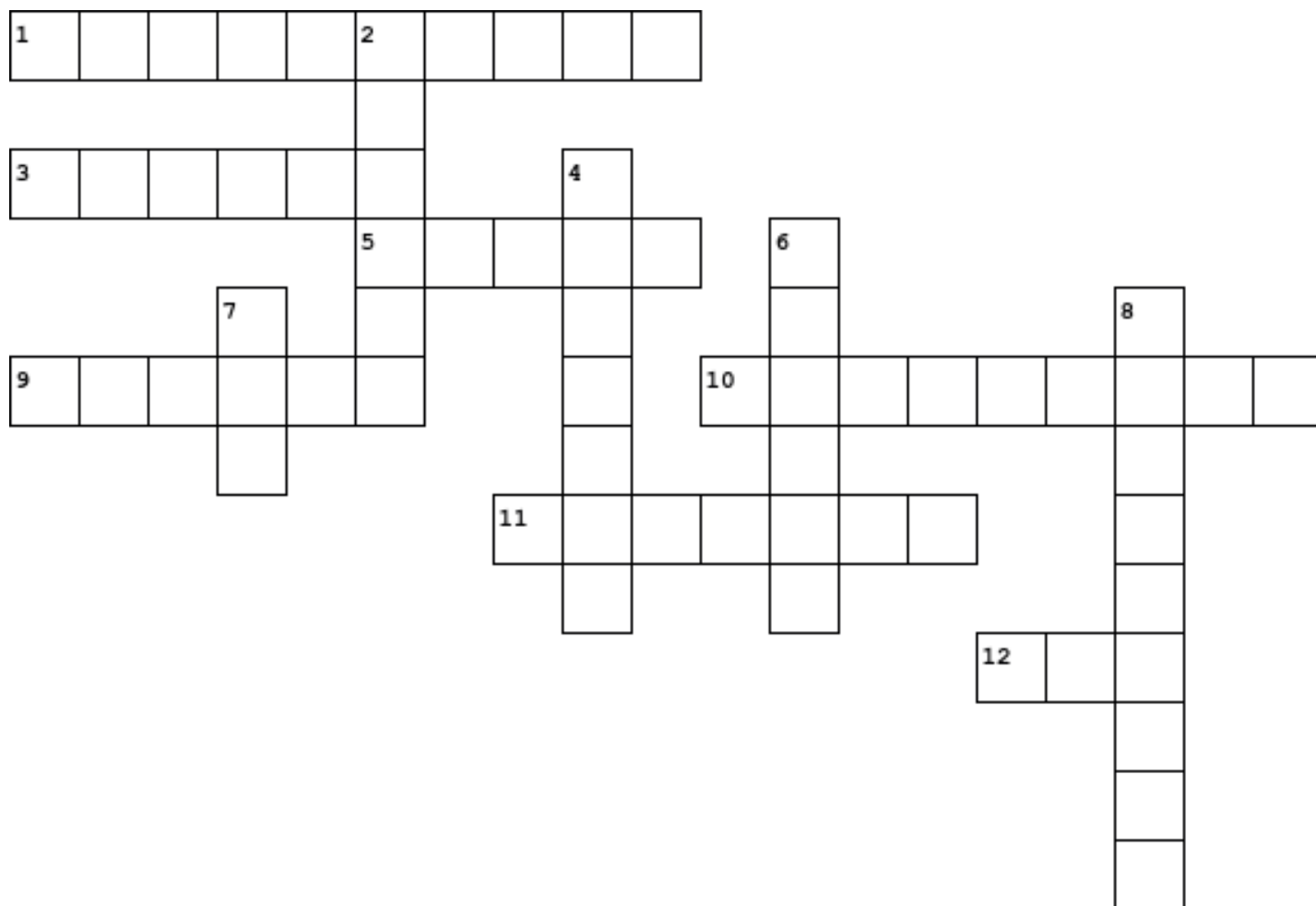
Please join us in welcoming John Carson, who will be substituting for Inna at the piano, as she works through changing her visa status. John is a fourth-year collaborative piano DMA student at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music.

The Choir is Back!

The FBC choir season will be starting this month. Practices are Monday evenings at 6:30 pm with the next practice being September 14. They welcome new members. If you're interested in joining the choir, contact Brenda Flanagan or Steve Clark.



FOOTBALL



Across

1. After a six point score, the kicker may attempt this. Two words.
3. This player kicks the ball, but is not the kicker.
5. A team gets four of these opportunities to advance the ball ten yards.
9. This official, perhaps visiting from a baseball game, stands on defensive side in the middle.
10. Worth three points. Two words.
11. Winners of the NCAA National Championship in 2025-2026. School name. State name.
12. Color for which the last 20 yards of the field is nicknamed, zone in which a team is close to scoring.

Down

2. Big Ten football team from Indiana that enjoyed success when Drew Brees was their quarterback.
4. Zone at the end of the field a team must reach in order to score six points. Two words.
6. High school games are typically played on this night of the week.
7. The football itself is often referred to as being the skin of this farm animal.
8. Worth six points.

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

A NOTE FROM NATHAN

The soothing tongue is a tree of life, but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit.
Proverbs 15:4 NIV



Your mouth has tremendous potential. Potential for good, potential for evil. Potential to destroy, potential to heal.

Our mouths, the Bible teaches, are inherently capable of making significant impact. Nowhere is this clearer than the Book of Proverbs, which has dozens of things to say about our mouths, our lips, or our tongues.

How will we use our mouths?

It is more than just “watching what we say.” Jesus teaches that what comes out of our mouths was in our hearts first (Luke 6:45). The heart is where words are cultivated. Proverbs, therefore, exhorts us to guard our hearts at the same time it tells us to put away corrupt talk (Prov. 4:23-24). I cannot just try harder to speak better; I need to deliberately guard my heart. This involves both offense and defense, as far as Proverbs is concerned: guarding what I take in, and guarding what I let out. Patience and timing are important factors when it comes to speaking wisely.

Therefore, we are exhorted to pray, “Search me, O God, and know my heart” (Ps. 139:23). If we go to the doctor with symptoms of a disease, we are naturally inviting the doctor to examine us, diagnose us, and prescribe a course of treatment, which very often involves a willingness on our part to make changes in our diet, medication, or exercise.

We might need to make changes in the diet and habits of our hearts. Where are we taking our hearts? What do our lives reveal about our hearts? All of these concerns are evident throughout Proverbs (as in 4:20-27, for example).

This is a big deal. The New Testament teaches that we are the salt, light, and aroma of Christ in a lost and hurting world. We are the King’s Ambassadors – God is making his appeal through us. Does our speech reflect positively upon our King? Do our hearts faithfully represent our King? Would people, upon hearing us talk, have any interest in following our King?

I am convicted and challenged by these questions. I find that there are still gaps between my heart or my lips and the way King Jesus is calling me to go. I still think – and speak – things that are not honoring to Him. I continually need to examine and confess and repent, at least to the Lord and sometimes also to others whom I have hurt by my words.

Perhaps you can relate.

The good news is, Jesus is in the business of making holy those whom He has made whole by the cross (Heb. 10:14). He knew the work He was getting into when He came to save us. We are not magically transformed overnight. The ongoing, sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit causes us to look more like our Lord, with ever-increasing glory (2 Cor. 3:18).

Therefore, on the one hand, we have an exhortation, to take seriously what comes out of our mouths, because that enhances or damages our witness to our King. On the other hand, we have a word of grace, that though we may feel like we’re getting nowhere, the Holy Spirit specializes in works in progress. The Lord’s patience still means salvation, for us!

The teaching of Proverbs I get most excited about is represented in the text above – our tongues have the capacity to heal! Think of the healing words we have heard which people have given to us at just the right time. Beautiful blessings. God is at work, healing creation and the nations (Rev. 21-22), and our tongues, now, by the power of the Holy Spirit, can be instruments of God’s healing work in the lives of precious human beings around us.

So, we pray, *Search our hearts, O God. We give them to you, Lord Jesus. Holy Spirit, transform our hearts to look like Jesus’ heart, and use our words to be blessings in His name.*

Grace and peace,
Nathan

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball 6:00 Girl Scouts	2 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship 4:15 Girl Scouts	3 11:30 Feed the Children Mtg 6:30 Boy Scouts 6:30 Deacon Mtg	4	5 7:00 Gideons
6 Communion	7 Labor Day 6:30 Choir Practice 	8 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball 6:30 Gideons	9 10:30 Community Fellowship 12:30 Sewing Grp	10 Church Office Closed at Noon 6:30 Boy Scouts	11 Church Office Closed	12 7:00 Gideons
13 8:30 Fellowship Breakfast	14 5:00 Erin's Purpose FH 6:30 Choir Practice	15 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball 6:00 Girl Scouts	16 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship 4:15 Girl Scouts	17 6:30 Boy Scouts	18 Heather out of Office 6:00 GGW (CLC kitchen)	19 7:00 Gideons Soup on Saturday
20	21 5:00 Erin's Purpose FH 6:30 Choir Practice	22 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball 6:30 Trustee Mtg	23 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship	24 6:30 Boy Scouts	25	26 7:00 Gideons
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Deacon of the Month
Alex Malone

Trustee of the Month
Eric Moody

Usher of the Month
John Bailey

Prayers

6th
13th
20th
27th

Snacks in the Narthex

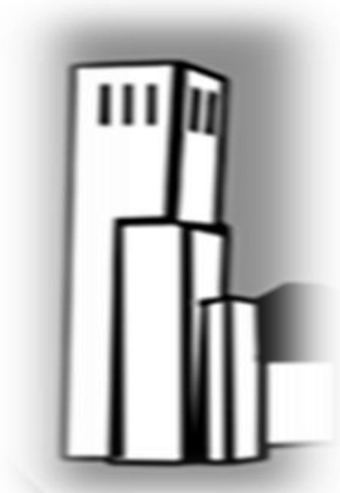
6th Amaya Terrell
13th Fellowship Breakfast
20th
27th

Greeters

Norm & Nancy Sullivan

Nursery Care Sept. 6

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