



The Bell Tower



BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

1 st	Jeff Hughes
3 rd	Norm Sullivan
	Trey Shirley
4 th	Bob Templeton
5 th	Joey Rice
7 th	Karen Kutch
9 th	Rex Kirchoff
11 th	Steve Ham
	Delene Weeks
12 th	Alan Brown
	Charlie Rogers
19 th	Nancy Brinson
20 th	Dennis Kutch
24 th	Lisa Padgett
25 th	Wyatt Shirley
29 th	Zachary Hudson
30 th	Daytona Hudson

ANNIVERSARIES

9 th	James & Heather Malone
11 th	Steve & Sandy Clark
18 th	Jeff & Teresa Coffin
20 th	Randy & Brenda Flanagan
27 th	Michael & Lindsey Sullivan

Watch FBC online:

1. Links for live worship services are posted weekly at [Facebook.com/groups/fbc bloom](https://www.facebook.com/groups/fbc bloom).
2. Recorded worship services are available to the public at [YouTube.com/fbc bloomfield](https://www.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.

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



2026 Apple Festival Chicken & Noodles

The 2026 Apple Festival is here! - Fri, Oct 2nd through Sun, Oct 4th!

Our traditional Noodle Making Party will be Thu, Oct 1st, 6:00 - 9:30 pm.

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.

Contact Eric Moody if you have any questions.

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).



Church Council Meeting Thursday, October 8

Church Council will meet on Thursday, October 8 at 6:30 in the Bible Study classroom. Please email your council reports to secretary@fbcbloom.org. Thank you!

Fellowship Breakfast & Worship at Parkview Sunday, October 11

October's Fellowship Breakfast will be Sunday, October 11 at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. There will also be worship at Parkview Village in Odon at 2:00 pm in the afternoon. Pastor Nathan will be preaching.

Heather Out of the Church Office October 12-16

Heather will be on vacation and out of the church office Mon., October 12 - Fri., October 16.



World Mission Offering and Silent Auction Reminder

We will once again have a "silent auction" at our Love Feast to benefit the World Mission Offering. We encourage you to begin thinking and praying about how you can participate. There are so many possibilities. Together, we can raise funds to share the Good News in fun and creative ways. Any questions, contact Cheri Campbell Graf 812-384-8980.



Love Feast Sunday, November 8

This year's annual FBC Love Feast will be held on Sunday, November 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the CLC. The Social Committee will provide table service, drinks, turkey, ham, ham balls, mashed potatoes, noodles, and dressing. Our Church Family is asked to bring a side dish or dessert.

2026 Operation Christmas Child

National Collection Week is Nov.16-23. The OCC table will soon appear in the Narthex and be stocked with a few boxes, labels, toys, miscellaneous items and the information letter from Linton First Baptist Church. The letter has the drop-off times and dates. Keep in mind, the postage for each box is \$10. The postage can be paid online by scanning the QR code available on the table. There are a limited number of boxes available. You can order your own boxes, or regular shoe boxes can be used. Thank you!



White Christmas Donations Appreciated

Donation envelopes will soon be placed in the backs of the pews if you would like to donate to the White Christmas Baskets. Sign-up to receive a basket will begin on Oct. 21. Distribution is December 12 from 9-11am. Thank you!

Knights of Columbus Annual Charity Fall Fish Fry

On Friday, October 9, 2026, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 450 E Street Northeast, Linton, IN 47441.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children. When you purchase a ticket, you can choose which of several organizations will receive the proceeds. The FBC Food Pantry is one of the choices.

Please see Randy or Brenda Flanagan for tickets. Thank you for your support!



Farmer Family Estate Sale October 9-11

There will be an estate sale at the Farmer home 260 W. Post St in Bloomfield Friday, Oct. 9 from noon to 7pm and Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 10-11 from 9am-5pm. There are an abundant number of items for sale.

Bright Beginnings

Preschool

October

Bright Beginnings Preschool

This Month at School

Our morning preschool class is learning about the colors purple, pink, and black. They are also learning shapes including rhombus/diamond, star, heart, and hexagon.

Our afternoon pre-k class is reviewing the colors and shapes listed above. They are learning numbers 5-7, and letters Uu, Ii, and Bb. We are learning about blending and vowels too.

Bible Units

Our morning class is continuing Fruits of The Spirit. Our afternoon class is starting our God is Powerful unit.



Themes

Apples
Pumpkins
Halloween

Important Dates

10/06: Picture Day!
10/20 & 10/22: Fall Break
10/29: Fall Party

FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

a character ed 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

GOD IS POWERFUL

a unit on Moses for ages 3-6
With God all things are possible. Matthew 19:26



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

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S FOOTBALL CROSSWORD PUZZLE

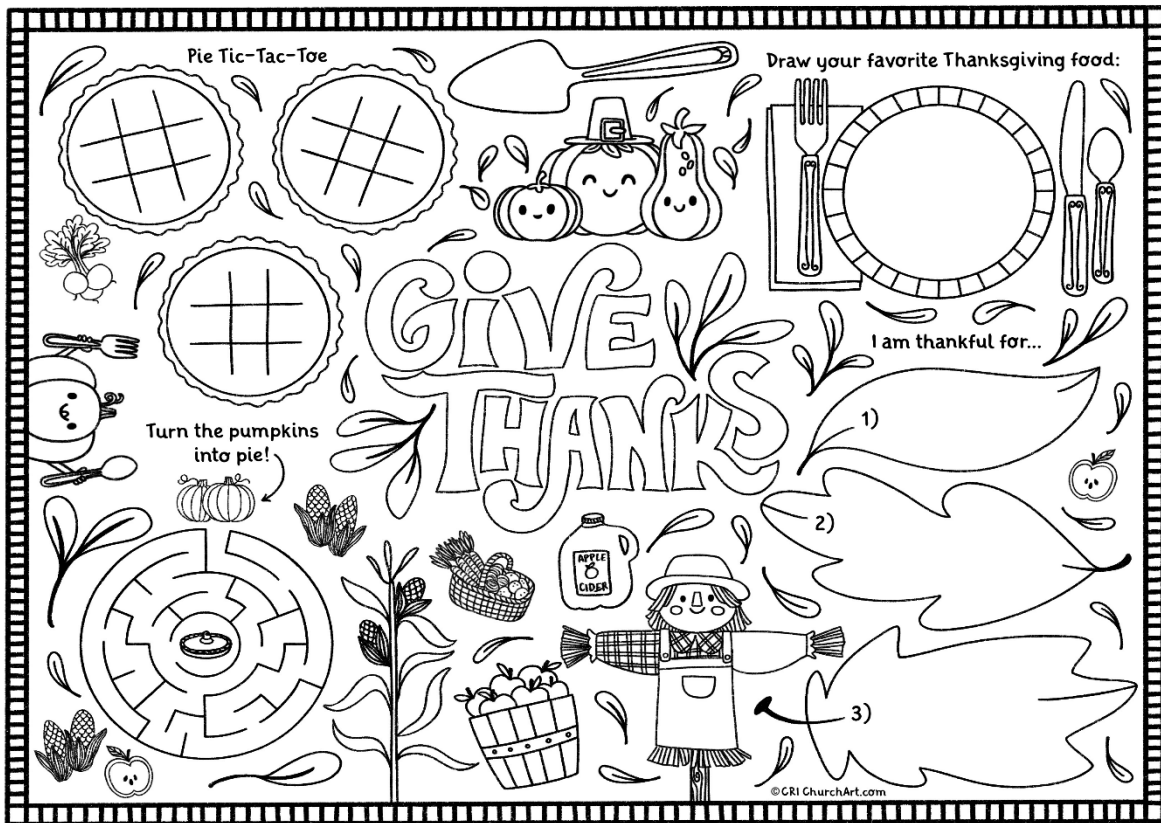
ACROSS

1. EXTRAPPOINT
3. PUNTER
5. DOWNS
9. UMPIRE
10. FIELDGOAL
11. INDIANA
12. RED

DOWN

2. PURDUE
4. ENDZONE
6. FRIDAY
7. PIG
8. TOUCHDOWN





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 Bloomfield FBC Sunday, October 25

FBC will be hosting a region wide ABC-IN/KY Youth FUSE **fall themed** event on Sunday, October 25 from 3:30-6:00pm. There are many opportunities to volunteer and help out. Please contact Aiden Malone if you would be willing to help. Thank you!



THE SWEET SOUND OF MUSIC



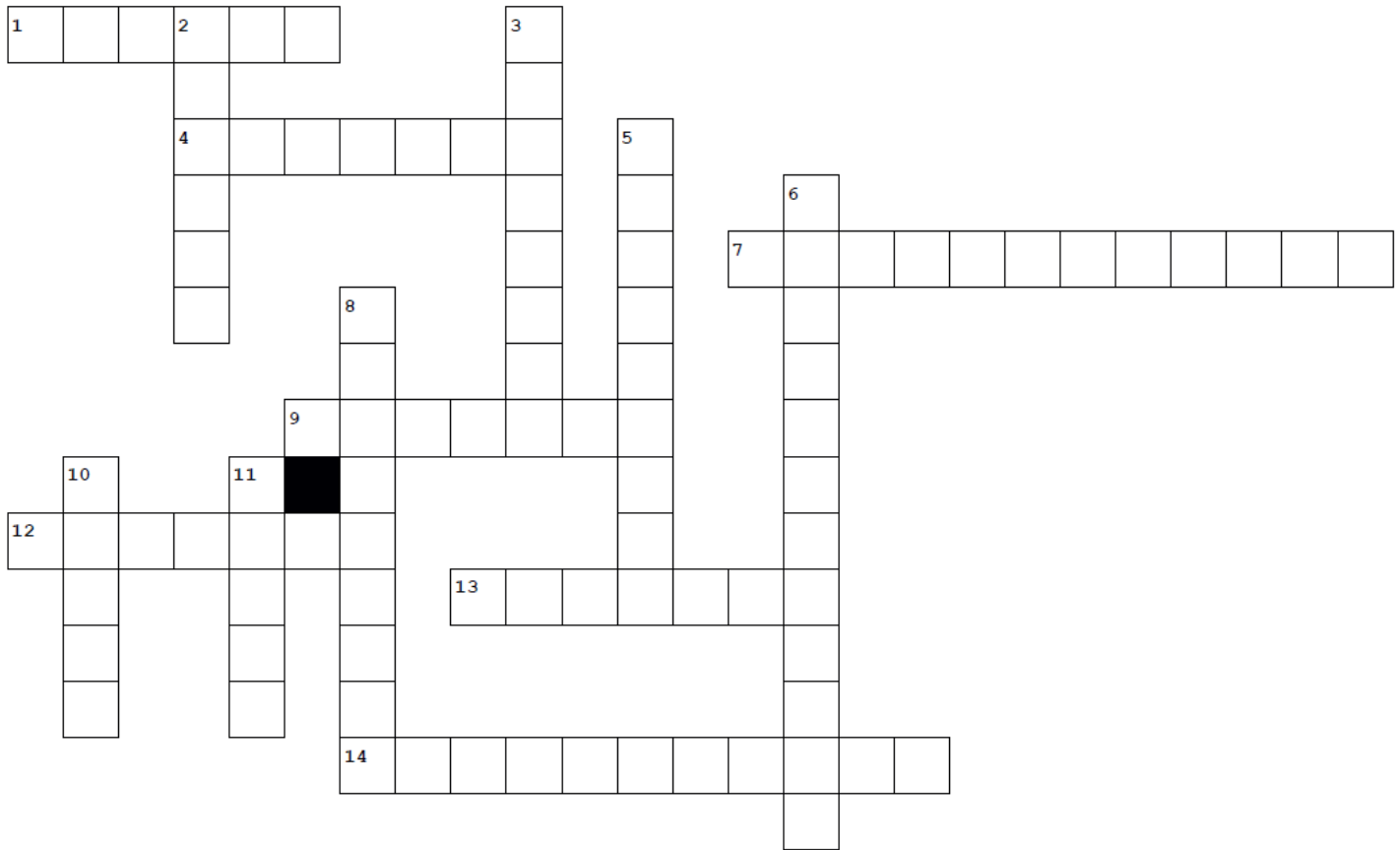
*Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our
salvation. Psalm 95:1*

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!



PUMPKIN PATCH



Across

1. VERSATILE AUTUMN VEGETABLE
4. FARM VEHICLE FOR PULLING EQUIPMENT
7. SWEET TREAT ON A STICK
9. GATHERING OF RIPE CROPS
12. RECREATIONAL RIDE ON A WAGON FILLED WITH HAY
13. LARGE, ROUND ORANGE SQUASH
14. SINGLE-WHEELED GARDEN CART

Down

2. ANOTHER NAME FOR THE FALL SEASON
3. AGRICULTURAL ATTRACTION WITH WINDING PATHS
5. EDUCATIONAL OUTING AWAY FROM SCHOOL
6. CARVED PUMPKIN WITH A LIGHT INSIDE
8. STRAW-FILLED FIGURE TO DETER BIRDS
10. FOUR-WHEELED VEHICLE FOR HAULING
11. PRESSED APPLE BEVERAGE

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

A NOTE FROM NATHAN

*It is not good to have zeal without knowledge,
nor to be hasty and miss the way.*
Proverbs 19:2 (NIV)



October is the last month to feed hummingbirds in this part of the country. Tonight, Liz made our final batch of nectar for the season. I was putting it in a container for storage, but I got in a hurry. In moving the pot from the stove to the counter, I spilled some on the floor. Not a lot – I still have enough to refill the feeder again – but I had to stop and clean up the mess. Hummingbird nectar is very sticky! The process took longer than I had planned, all because I got in a hurry.

Earlier this week, I watched a press conference by a baseball executive whose team has been down the last few seasons. In trying to get the team back on track, he continued to emphasize patience with the process. Fans don't like to hear that word, "patience." We want a winner, and we want one now! But he insists that if his team tries to take shortcuts, it will take even longer to become consistently competitive again. If they get in a hurry, they just might make it worse.

Perhaps you've made a muddle of things at some point or another by getting in too big of a hurry. Most of us probably have. The spilled hummingbird nectar was not my first experience with this phenomenon! Hurry is often not good for us.

We are studying Proverbs on Wednesday mornings, taking note of the concepts that arise again and again. Some themes are obvious and dominant. Others quietly build as the book moves along. One of those subjects is "haste" or "hurry."

Hurry is the wrong way to gain an inheritance (20:21). We might think of the prodigal son, who demands his inheritance early (Lk. 15:12). Proverbs insists that it is much better to gain wealth *the right way* than to get it *right away*.

Hastiness is the wrong posture from which to speak (29:20). Proverbs repeatedly urges us not to utter unnecessary words or start needless quarrels (17:14; 20:3). We get in trouble when we speak too quickly (Jas. 1:19-20).

Haste, perhaps surprisingly, is an opposite of "diligence" (Prov. 21:5). Diligence is an opposite of "laziness" (10:4; 13:4). Diligence involves careful planning and persistent hard work, but it does not require hastiness. I think of a quote from missionary Dr. E. Stanley Jones, who said about Jesus, "The Man with most to do seemed never to be in a hurry." There is a faithful and effective perseverance that accomplishes much but hurries little.

Then, there is the verse at the top of this page. It is better to act in wise ways than to act in hasty ways. Hurry is often not the wise pace. In Isaiah's day, the people hurried up to make an alliance with Egypt, rather than waiting and trusting in the Lord. "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it" (Isa. 30:15). But Jesus frequently withdrew to the solitary places for prayer (Lk. 5:16).

Hurry is related to patience, which I've written about in this space before. It's not so much a matter of trying hard not to hurry, but of asking the Lord, "Why was I so hasty? Why did I hurry in that situation?" And if we ask the Lord to search our hearts (Ps. 139:23-24), then He will show us some desire, fear, pressure, or anxiety that was driving our hurry. Usually, when I am in a hurry, I need to surrender to the Lord. There is something I need to trust into His hands.

It seems to me that avoiding hurry – or being patient – is less a matter of effort and more a matter of release. What do we need to surrender (perhaps surrender again) into the Lord's hands?

Lord Jesus, we confess to you our hurry. Save us from unnecessary hastiness. Save us from trusting your will and your timing. Help us to lay down our desires and anxieties. Fill us instead with your peace. Cause us to persevere at your pace.

Grace and peace,
Nathan

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2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:00 Noodle Making (CLC)	2 Noodle Making (CLC)	3 Noodle Making (CLC) 7:00 Gideons
4 Communion 10:00 Apple Festival Community Worship 	5 6:30 Choir Practice	6 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball	7 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship	8 6:30 Boy Scouts 6:30 Council Mtg	9	10 7:00 Gideons
11 Baptisms 8:30 Fellowship Breakfast 2:00 Worship at Parkview	12 Columbus Day 6:30 Choir Practice 	13 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball 6:00 Girl Scouts 6:30 Gideons	14 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship 12:30 Sewing Grp 4:15 Girl Scouts	15 6:30 Boy Scouts 6:30 Deacon Mtg	16	17 7:00 Gideons
18	19 6:30 Choir Practice	20 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball	21 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship	22 6:30 Boy Scouts	23	24 7:00 Gideons
25 ABC Region Youth Event 	26 6:30 Choir Practice	27 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball 6:00 Girl Scouts 6:30 Trustee Mtg	28 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship 4:15 Girl Scouts	29 6:30 Boy Scouts	30	31 7:00 Gideons 

Deacon of the Month
Steve Graf

Trustee of the Month
Paul Stewart

Usher of the Month
Randy Flanagin

Prayers

4th Tammy Young
11th
18th
25th

Snacks in the Narthex

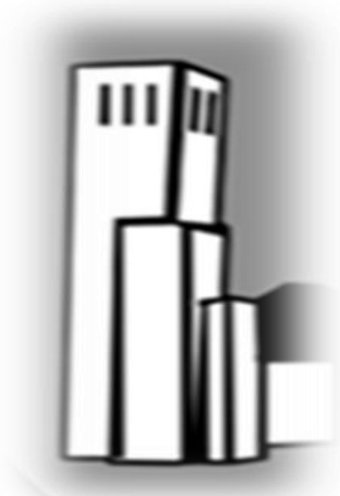
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Greeters

Steve & Cheri Graf

Nursery Care

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