The Bell Tower

NOVEMBER 2026

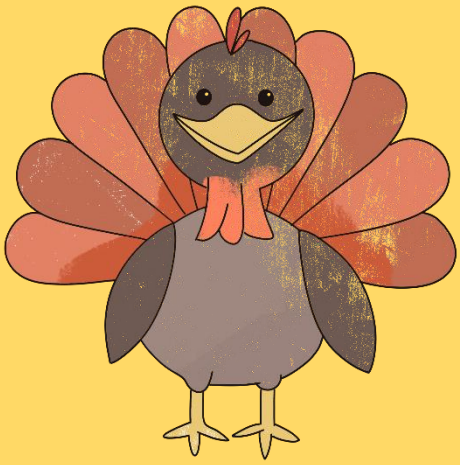
BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

7th	Nathan Brooks
9th	Randy Flanagin
	Wesley Terrell
12th	Mylee Manuel
16th	Charles Porter
17th	Liz Brooks
19th	Jodie Hudson
23rd	James Malone
	Mike Stoner

ANNIVERSARIES

11th	Kevin & Kala Flinn



Watch FBC online:

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

Church Office Closed Wed. Nov 25 – Fri. Nov. 27
For Thanksgiving

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

Love Feast Sunday, November 8



Our annual Love Feast will be held Sunday, November 8 in the CLC at 6 pm. The Social Committee will provide turkey, ham, ham balls, rolls, drinks, and table service. Our church family is asked to bring a well-filled basket to share. Please bring a serving utensil for your dish. Your invited guests are not expected to bring food. If you have not already, please sign up in the Narthex with the number attending and the food items you plan to bring.

World Mission Offering and Silent Auction Reminder



We are still accepting items for our silent auction. Bid sheets are available on the tables in the Narthex. The World Mission offering will be received throughout the month of November, with envelopes available in the pews. Please pray for the offering and how God would have you participate.

2026 Annual Congregational Meeting Thursday, Nov. 12

Please plan to attend the Congregational Meeting scheduled for 6:30 pm on Thursday, Nov. 12th in the FBC sanctuary. There are several issues to vote on (see agenda below). To vote on any issue requires a quorum of at least 20 members to be present. To be eligible to vote, you must be a member of FBC and at least 16 years of age.

The agenda is as follows:

1. Vote to approve minutes of the November 13, 2025, congregational meeting and the minutes from the March 8 and August 30, 2026 special congregational meetings
2. Committee reports (no vote required)
3. Vote to approve the slate of FBC officers and deacons for 2027 (closed ballot)
4. Vote to approve the proposed amount designated non-taxable for the FBC parsonage
5. Approval of the 2027 FBC Budget (closed ballot)



Baby Shower Saturday, November 14

Please join us for a baby shower in honor of Kylee and Jarod Deckard. Saturday, November 14th at 10:30 am in the FBC CLC. Please RSVP to Jennifer Moody. Kylee and Jarod are registered at my.babylist.com/babydeckard.

2026 Operation Christmas Child



National Collection Week will be Nov. 16-23 for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. The table in the Narthex has more information, collection location, and drop-off times. Contact Cheri Graf if you have questions.



White Christmas Donations Appreciated

Envelopes are now located in the backs of the pews if you would like to donate to the White Christmas Baskets. Distribution will be December 12 from 9-11am. Thank you!

Calling All Youth for a Special Music Opportunity!



The Youth are putting together a special song for special music for Dec. 20 & 24. They will be acting behind a screen, showing shadows. We would like for many youth to be able to participate! If you are available, please tell Kimberly Porter or Tasha Hudson. Next practice dates include: Sun. Nov. 15th, 22nd, and Sun. Dec. 6 @ 2pm, in the Sanctuary.

Ladies Bible Study

Ladies, who wants to join me in a Bible study on the book of Ecclesiastes? The study is called Ecclesiastes: Wisdom for Living Well by Courtney Joseph. We plan to meet at 6:00 pm on Tuesday evenings in January and February beginning January 5. Please let Liz Brooks know by December 13 if you'd like a book ordered for you (please plan to reimburse the church $15). You can also find the study on Amazon if you'd like to order yourself. Either way, please let Liz know if you plan to attend so that I can have a general idea of how many to anticipate. This is a study more focused on personal study and discussion although there are some short videos from the author that accompany it. I'm looking forward for the chance to fellowship and study with women from our church family!

Pregnancy Choices Giving Tuesday December 1

Giving Tuesday is December 1! Join Pregnancy Choices in moving *Together Towards Tomorrow* by supporting their mission to provide compassionate care, resources, and education to women, men, and families in our community. Donate today and help save lives!
https://gcpchoices.networkforgood.com/projects/305257-2026-giving-tuesday-together-towards-tomorrow

Mission Trip Opportunity

Our church is joining with other American Baptists for a Mission Trip to Seymour, IN. https://www.mission-serve.com/2027-projects/seymour, June 12-19, 2027. Partnering with 1st Baptist Seymour, this project mobilizes teams to perform essential home modifications and general construction for elderly and low-income families. Volunteers also engage in community-focused ministry and local outreach initiatives.
For more information, please talk to Tasha.

Bright Beginnings Preschool Fundraiser

The Preschool will again be selling Dillman Farms jams, jellies, and salsas to be used personally, or as great gifts for others. The sale will run until December 6. Delivery will be on December 13. Order forms are available on the library counter. Order forms and payment can be given to Bob Templeton or Adrienne Hughes. Checks can be made out to FBC with "Preschool Fundraiser" in the memo line. Thank you!



ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S *PUMPKIN PATCH* CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS	*DOWN*
1. SQUASH	2. AUTUMN
4. TRACTOR	3. CORNMAZE
7. CARAMEL APPLE	5. FIELD TRIP
9. HARVEST	6. JACKOLANTERN
12. HAYRIDE	8. SCARECROW
13. PUMPKIN	10. WAGON
14. WHEELBARROW	11. CIDER



October 11 Baptisms at FBC



Lucy Foxworthy



Belle Shrader



Gavin Rice



Joey Rice

October Baby Dedication

Oliver Dean Howard was dedicated by his parents, Malea and J.W. Howard. He is the grandson of Mike and Melissa Toon and great-grandson of Steve and Cheri Graf.



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





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 hosted approximately 20 youth during a region wide ABC-IN/KY Youth FUSE fall themed event on Sunday, October 25. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped to make this a fun time for all.







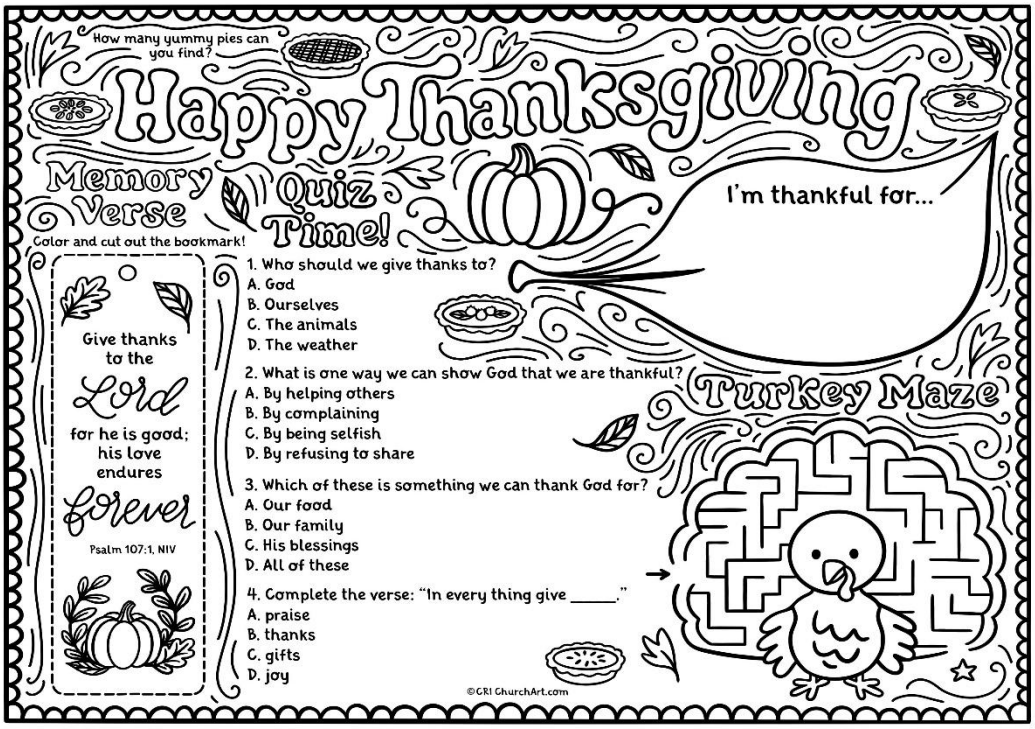
THE SWEET SOUND OF MUSIC



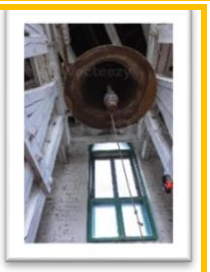
Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Psalm 95:1

Special Music Sign-Up

There are 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.



A NOTE FROM NATHAN



Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners,
and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.
Hebrews 13:3 (*NIV*'84)

This November we again began the month by observing the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. This is, as the verse above indicates, meaningful ministry. It is our calling and our privilege to pray for Christians who are suffering. If you would like to make learning about and praying for our persecuted sisters and brothers part of your own devotional rhythm, there are many resources available to help.

First, check out *Voice of the Martyrs* (VOM) magazine. It is a free monthly subscription, and you can sign up to receive it by visiting persecution.com (or vom.org – it's the same website) and clicking on "free magazine." Each issue shares stories from persecuted Christians. I am challenged and encouraged by their testimonies and moved to prayer. These stories provide good perspective. We can become complacent about our faith or discontent with our circumstances. Reading about Christians who are faithfully serving Christ in costly places inspires intercession and adjusts my attitude. It is healthy to get to know people whose journey of following Jesus is much more circumstantially costly than our own.

Second, VOM has an app for your phone. You can search "VOM app" on the App Store or Google Play. The app provides a daily prayer request for a specific country – sometimes a particular Christian in that country. If you want to learn more about what it's like to follow Christ in that place, you can click on the "learn" button. That link will provide a map of where the country is located, give more information regarding the kind of persecution experienced there, and list further requests for prayer. The app also provides links to video, audio, and children's resources regarding the persecuted church. If you like, you can set up the app to remind you daily to pray.

If apps on the phone aren't your thing, VOM also provides physical prayer guides that do much the same thing: providing maps, describing the nature and source of persecution in each nation, and listing specific prayer requests. VOM also has a wall calendar which gives you a particular nation to pray for each day of the year.

On November 1, I distributed a limited number of magazine issues and prayer guides in our adult Sunday school classes. If you were unable to get one, please check with me. There may still be some left over.

For all of these resources and more, please visit persecution.com (or vom.org). You can sign up to receive emails or give to address the needs of persecuted Christians. If the Holy Spirit is nudging you to explore any of these opportunities, I encourage you to go for it. The persecuted church is a blessing to us, and we have a calling to be a blessing to them.

Grace and peace,
Nathan

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November 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion Intl Day of Prayer Daylight Saving Time Ends	2 6:30 Choir Practice	3 Election Day 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball	4 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship	5 6:30 Boy Scouts	6	7 7:00 Gideons CLC res.
8 6:00 Love Feast	9 6:30 Choir Practice	10 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball 6:00 Girl Scouts 6:30 Gideons	11 Veterans Day 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship 12:30 Sewing Grp 4:15 Girl Scouts	12 6:30 Boy Scouts 6:30 Cong. Mtg.	13	14 7:00 Gideons CLC res.
15	16 6:30 Choir Practice	17 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball	18 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship	19 6:30 Boy Scouts	20 .	21 Soup on Sat. 7:00 Gideons CLC res.
22	23 6:30 Choir Practice	24 10:00 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 Pickleball 6:00 Girl Scouts 6:30 Trustee Mtg	25 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship 4:15 Girl Scouts	26 Thanksgiving Day FH res.	27	28 7:00 Gideons Sanctuary/FH res.
29 Hanging of the Greens CLC res.	30 6:30 Choir Practice					

Deacon of the Month
Debra Hudson

Trustee of the Month
Bill Hudson

Usher of the Month
Casey Rice

Prayers

1st
8th
15th
22nd
29th

Snacks in the Narthex

1st Braden & Tasha Hudson
8th Tammy Young
15th
22nd
29th

Greeters

Nursery Care

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