



# Church Newsletter

First Baptist Church of  
Niles

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WHAT WE ARE DOING? AND WHAT WE SHOULD DO?

IN THIS ISSUE

## WELCOME

Welcome to Volume 2 of the FBCN Newsletter or the “current new normal” editions.

Pastor Myers has started a new series from the Book of Philippians. The title of this weeks sermon is, “The Key to a joyful and generous life” The scripture passage will be Philippians 4:2-23

2 I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. 3 Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life. 4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in

Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. 10 I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. 11 Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. 12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me. 14 Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. 15 And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving

and receiving, except you only. 16 Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. 17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. 18 I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. 19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. 20 To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. 21 Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. 22 All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household. 23 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

## FBC Newsletter March 24, 2021

Grace and peace from God our Father through Jesus Christ our risen Lord and one day returning Savior and King brothers and sisters! A few notes of praise and warning, request for prayer due to evil murdering sprees and an encouraging story from church history below:

1. Praise and warning: Pastor James Coates up in Canada has been freed! Praise God for answered prayers but let us not forget others who are still in chains for Christ all over the world (top countries being: communist North Korea, Islamist Afghanistan, Somalia, Libya, Pakistan, Eritrea, Yemen, Iran, Nigeria and India. And for those of us in the West, this persecution may only be the beginning as one pastor in Australia recently wrote (and our brother Scott mentioned) *"How to Pastor When Sanctification Becomes Illegal"* There are many in our day who are enemies of the cross (Philippians 3:18) whose god is there belly and glory in their shame with minds set on earthly things (Philippians 3:19): people who want the world's approval, people who are redefining what the Lordship of Christ really means, redefining what sin is and redefining what repentance looks like and redefining what God will bless. Watch out for them—with tears carefully mark them. Who today is saying repentance for sin is not necessary? Who is directing people away from Christ's bloody, necessary death on the cross for sinners and because of sin? What is your relationship to

these people? Beware of them friends.

2. Friends let us be praying for the victim's families and friends of the shootings in Woodstock Georgia last week and the shootings this week in Boulder, CO. Murdering an image bearing woman or man or boy or girl is an absolutely heinous and wicked evil. It is an assault ultimately on the Creator God and leaves lives of other precious image of God bearing people traumatized for decades. Come Lord Jesus.
3. Encouraging story from church history below: Sunday I briefly shared the glorious story of Perpetua. You can [read more about her witness/martyr's death for Christ here:](#)

*With her hearing approaching, her father visited again, this time, pleading more passionately: "Have pity on my gray head. Have pity on me, your father, if I deserve to be called your father, if I have favored you above all your brothers, if I have raised you to reach this prime of your life."*

*He threw himself down before her and kissed her hands. "Do not abandon me to be the reproach of men. Think of your brothers; think of your mother and your aunt; think of your child, who will not be able to live once you are gone. Give up your pride!"*

*Perpetua was touched but remained unshaken. She tried to comfort her father—"It will all happen in the prisoner's dock as God wills, for you*

*may be sure that we are not left to ourselves but are all in his power"—but he walked out of the prison dejected."*

This sister went to death and would not compromise for Christ! Praise God for her faithful witness and may it please the Lord to find us so faithful, prayerful and willing to suffer!

In and for Christ,

Brandon



## PRAYER LIST

- ✓ Continuing Prayers for comfort for the families that have lost loved ones this past year. Including the families of Juanita Cariaga, Brenda Covington and Carmen Pearson
- ✓ Continuing Prayers for physical needs: Gloria-Lynn Fernandez, Kaiti and Haddon Myers, Brenda Covington
- ✓ Pray for our shut-ins Betty Matson, Rita McManus, Maria Hatfield, Nancy Yatabe, Erwin and Elizabeth Lickmann, George Sargis.
- ✓ Continuing Prayers for our Ministry Needs: Pastor Brandon Kaiti, Eva, Audrey, Patrick and Haddon Myers, Our Deacons, Continued Financial support
- ✓ Continuing Prayers for our Sister Ministries: BIEM Ministries, Orchard Church, Pastors Davis, Billow, Eddy, Vitel, Ebi and Esther Perinbaraj, Gaetano and Krista Paolino
- ✓ Continuing Prayers for Spiritual Needs: Leonard Hatfield, Carol Pelfrey's family, Daniel Ruehlman, George Bizadellis
- ✓ Continuing Prayers for: The spread of the Gospel, Our Government, Our Nation, Our Community, Our Neighbors, Our Families, Pray for our members that have lost employment and for those who still have jobs that God will protect. Pray for safety for those who are attending schools during the Pandemic. Lift up all our health professionals and their families who are on the front line of this pandemic. Nel and Brendas Daughter Nina recovering from surgery.

**UPDATES:** Brenda Covington recently lost her second sister and brother-in-law as well as her and Claude's niece. Carmen and Lee just lost their son-in-law Matt. Keep Lee, Carmen and Matts wife Laura in your prayers.

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Pastor mentioned three specific areas of prayer for First Baptist Church of Niles for 2021. Remember these in prayer.

1. Continue to fortify the congregation by increased community prayer, provide opportunities for growth as disciples of Christ and introduce times of fellowship with respect to current health concerns.
2. Fortify the church membership by strengthening the leadership and solidifying the foundational beliefs, i.e. Statement of Faith. Pastor Myers conveyed Pastor McManus' heart for the congregation citing I Corinthians 1:10, *"I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment."*
3. Nurture a heart for evangelism by reaching the local community and our neighbors..

## SAVE THE DATES

All Men of the church are invited to call in to a Zoom Meeting with Pastor beginning on Wednesday, March 10 at 7:30pm. The topic of the meeting will be Biblical Eldership and what Scripture reveals about eldership, clearly define what Biblical Eldership is and according to the New Testament concept of eldership Elders lead the church, teach and preach the Word, protect the church from false teachers, exhort and admonish the saints in sound doctrine, visit the sick and pray. Providing a path to build Church Leadership.

### Call information:

Topic: Biblical Eldership

Time: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 @ 7:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.com>

Meeting ID: 873 1076 7885

Passcode: 269498

To join by audio: 13126266799

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All current and prospective members are encouraged to attend an in-person follow-up discussion around the topics of the current Church Constitution, By-Laws and Statement of Faith. The discussion will be held on consecutive Sundays beginning March 14, 2021 at 9:45am downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee plus will be available.

Church Spring Cleaning is scheduled for this Saturday, March 27 @ 8:30am. Be prepared to put in a few hours of "enjoyable" work as we get the building ready for Easter and the upcoming wedding of Gene and Kimberly on Saturday, April 10 the church family is invited to this joyous occasion.

All Ladies are invited to attend Ginger Coopers baby sprinkle at 12:30pm, Sunday, March 28.