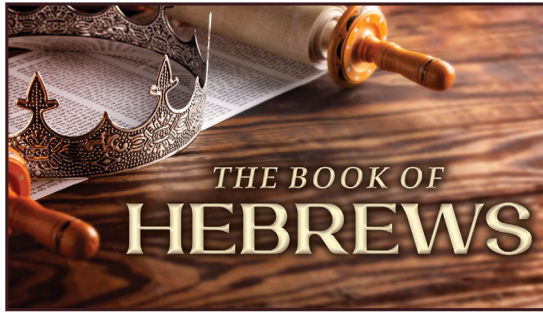


***Welcome to
First Baptist Church
Sunday, January 26, 2025***



9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

Missions Presentation
Zach & Evamarie Burnham, Missionary
Appointees with Wycliffe

10:30 AM SERVICE

Message - Message: What is Faith?
Hebrews 11:1-3
Pastor Tim Knaus

Church Information

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Today's Events

- 3:00pm** • **Hazel Findlay Country Manor Service**
Come join in worshipping with the residents.
- 5:30pm** • **College Bible Study**
(Office Level-Classroom #2)
- 6:00pm** • **Sr. High Bible Study** (Youth Room)
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This Week's Events

MONDAY

10:00am
6:30pm

- **Shuffleboard** (Gym)
- **Men's Basketball** (Gym)

TUESDAY

6:00pm

- **Pickleball** (Gym)

WEDNESDAY

6:30pm

- **Awana**
- **24/7 Jr. High**
- **Prayer Meeting**
(Office Level-Classroom #1)
- **Bible Study Classes**
(Lower Level-Adult Wing)
- **Women's Bible Study**
(Ruth Hills' Home)

THURSDAY

6:00pm
6:30pm

- **Pickleball** (Gym)
- **Single Women's Bible Study**
(Bancroft Barn)

FRIDAY

10:00am

- **Women's Bible Study**
(Office Level-Classroom #1)

Coming Events

Sun., Feb.2

- **Sunday School--9:15am**
- **Communion, AM Service--10:30am**
- **PM Service--5:00pm**
- **Evening Fellowship--After the PM Service** (Gym) See Article
- **College Bible Study--After PM Service**
(Office Level-Classroom #2)
- **Sr. High Bible Study--6:45-8:00pm**
(Youth Room)

Mon., Feb. 3

- **Men's Bible Study--7:00pm**
(Lane Barger's Home)

Tues., Feb.4

- **Busy Hands for Missions--9:30am**
(Lower Level-Classroom #15)

Wed., Feb. 5

- **Women's Bible Study -- 6:30pm**
(Ruth Hills' Home)

Fri., Feb. 7

- **Elders Meeting--7:00am**
(Office Level-Conference Room)
- **Pickleball--6-8:00pm** (Gym)

Sat., Feb. 8

- **Coffee Conversations for Men--7:00am**
(Gym) Sign up at the Information Area

Sun., Feb.9

- **Sunday School--9:15am**
- **AM Service--10:30am**
- **College Bible Study--5:30pm**
(Office Level-Classroom #2)
- **Sr. High Bible Study--6-8:00pm**
(Youth Room)



THANK YOU FOR VISITING TODAY

We invite all our visitors, to fill out the visitor slip located in the pocket on our chairs. You may place it in the offering. You can also use the QR code to fill out a visitor card on our website.



February Sunday Evening Fellowship **Sunday, February 2, 2025**

Our February Sunday Evening Fellowship menu: Your favorite BBQ or Sloppy Joe recipe (crock pots welcome,) fruit, veggie trays and dessert.

It's important that we all sign up for items needed for the meal. Use Church Center: www.PerfectPotluck.com/FIZI2112, OR on the sign up sheet in the Information Area.

We look forward to gathering together as a church family!

Church Leadership Trip **to the Kora Church in Papua, Indonesia**

Six of our church leaders, Chris Bouck, Mike and Amy Briggs, Chad and Julie Konieczny, and John Kresge, will visit the Kora Church in the Kora Valley of Papua, Indonesia. The trip will take place from **February 10th to February 26th**. This trip was requested by and is being organized by our missionaries, Craig and Shelly Schafer.

The group will see firsthand what God is doing in the Kora Church. Through these six leaders, it will affect all of us at First Baptist. And hopefully our leaders will impact the Kora people as well. We want to share the ministry of presence – just being there with them. Please be praying for our leadership team!

Beacon of Hope

We have a critical need for volunteers in our playroom on Tuesday nights to be an assistant to Kathleen Castner. We also have a new spot on Tuesday evenings in our food pantry we would like to fill. If you would like to come observe what those positions involve, we would love to have you! Please contact Cyndi Thelen at the Beacon number, 989-224-0328.

Friends of Beacon

Our request for this week is Hamburger Helper.

Kroger Rewards Digital Coupon has purchasing any combination of 5 for \$1.29 price. Although we don't expect 5, any quantity is very much appreciated. If you cannot download digital coupons, we have been told you can tell the cashier and they will give you the coupon price.

Annual Meeting Ballot Results

Approved

2025 Budget

Approved

Using our church Excess Funds to purchase tickets and expenses to send the leaders from First Baptist to the Kora church at the request of Craig & Shelly Schafer.

Elected Officers

Elders - Jim Davis*, John Leif*, Roger Schafer*

Deacons - Lane Barger, Dennis Eilert, Bill Garlick*, Nathan Hoard, Mark Lutz, Leon Mills*, Jim Thelen*

Missions Committee - Chris Bouck*, Aaron Davis*, Dawn Gudbrandson*, Doug Merignac*, Celena Mills

*Re-elected

Wednesday Night Bible Study Groups for the Winter
Classes will begin on January 22nd, @ 6:30pm
Sign up at the Information Area

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Men's Wednesday Evening Bible Study
Fully Devoted: From First Steps to Fully Surrendered
How to Be a Disciple and How to Disciple Others
Teacher: Pastor Tim Knaus, Cost for the Book: \$5.00,
9-Week Course Starting January 22nd

Men & Women's Wednesday Bible Study Class
The Old Testament Book of 1 Samuel
Teacher: Pastor Chad Konieczny
11-Week Course Cost of Book: \$0

We will once again use a video/discussion format. You will learn a reproducible pathway for discipleship that takes believers from first steps to full surrender to Jesus. It will help you gain a biblical understanding of the gospel and the call of discipleship.

We will cover most of the key verses during our time together. We'll look at the themes of leadership and character, through the life of Israel and the last judge, Samuel and the first 2 Kings, Saul and David. All of this must be observed through the lens of God's sovereign rule over all things.

The course will teach you how to give new and growing believers access to your life so that they might follow Jesus as you follow Jesus. You will also learn how to invest in discipleship relationships and challenge growing disciples to go and make disciples for Jesus.

Session One: The Birth of Samuel - 1 Sam. 1:1-28
Session Two: Hannah's Song - 1 Sam. 2:1-11
Session Three: Eli's Sons - 1 Sam. 2:12-26
Session Four: The Lord Calls Samuel-1 Sam. 3:1-21, 4:1-2
Session Five: Repent, Rescue, Remember - 1 Sam. 7:3-17
Session Six: Israel Demands a King - 1 Sam. 8:1-21
Session Seven: A Reluctant King - 1 Sam. 10:17-27
Session Eight: Samuel's Farewell Speech - 1 Sam. 12:1-25
Session Nine: Saul's Fear and Impatience - 1 Sam. 13:1-15
Session Ten: The Lord Rejects Saul as King - 1 Sam. 15:1-35
Session Eleven: Samuel Anoints David - 1 Sam. 16:1-13

Wednesday Evening Women's Bible Study
Continuing their Study for the Winter

Esther - Lydia Brownback
Teacher: Julie Konieczny Cost of the Book: \$5
Meets Every Other Wednesday Off Site at Ruth Hills' Home

If you would like to join the group, please reach out to Julie Konieczny: (989) 668-1616, or email: juliebk9@gmail.com.

Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Acts
by Nancy Guthrie

Teacher: Ann Hufnagel Cost of the Book: \$5
This class ends at 8:00pm

If you would like to join the group, please reach out to Ann Hufnagel: (989) 664-0213, or email: ann.stine.hufnagel@gmail.com.

Mission Conference Flag Ceremony ***All are welcome!***



The 2025 Missions Conference Flag Ceremony will be held on Sunday, March 9, 2025. Participants will line up in costume (or church clothes) in the children's wing and move up to collect flags in the Ambassador Room, then to the foyer to march in for a roll call of nations early in the morning service. They will then return to gather as a mass "choir" at the front of the auditorium to join in the Mission Conference theme song for this year.

Registration is open today for adults, teens, children, families to participate in this year's ceremony. Deadline to register to participate is Sunday, February 9th!

We would also welcome adult volunteers to assist with practices, during the flag ceremony and to sit with children on the balcony for the remainder of the service. At the end of the service, children will be dismissed as parents arrive for pick up at the bottom of the balcony stairs.

Please register through the Church Center app, the church website or at the registration table in the foyer on February 2nd and this QR Code.



If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Benson at (989)640-2478 (call or text) or email: bensonstjohns@gmail.com.

Practices will be Saturdays, March 1st, and March 8th, beginning promptly at 9:30 AM in the auditorium. Opening, two run through practices are usually done in under an hour with time for costume fitting after the practice. It is best if participants could attend both practices, but the Church Center registration allows you to notify if you are not available for one of the rehearsals!

***Updated December 2024**

Wednesday Nights: When St. Johns Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather, all church activities will be cancelled for that evening. If inclement weather develops late in the afternoon, the pastors may feel we need to cancel all activities. To find out if the service has been cancelled, go to Church Center App, our website: www.stjohnsfbc.com, or call the church. The church answering machine will have a message stating that the services have been cancelled. When you call the church office press '6' to listen to the message.

***Weekdays:** When St. Johns Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather, all church activities will be cancelled for that day. All meetings scheduled for that day will be cancelled unless the meeting can be conducted virtually.
Beacon of Hope: All Beacon of Hope programs and food distribution times will be cancelled for the entirety of that day.

Sunday Services: If inclement weather develops and the pastors cancel one or all services, go to Church Center App, our website: www.stjohnsfbc.com, or call the church. The church answering machine will have a message stating that the services have been cancelled. When you call the church office press '6' to listen to the message.

When there is a weather advisory, there is a good chance we will cancel a service. If you are in doubt, before you leave home, please call the church office and press "6" to listen to the message on the answering machine. We encourage you to use your own judgment whether to travel as the weather may be more severe where you live.

Our Text Alert System will send you a text on your phone as soon as a decision to cancel a service is made. **(If you have texting on your phone, please go to our website and sign up!)**

AM Sermon Notes

Message: Message: What is Faith?

Hebrews 11:1-3

Pastor Tim Knaus

I. What is Faith?

- A. This morning, we come to one of the most beloved chapters in the Book of Hebrews, chapter 11.
- B. The basic Biblical word for faith means belief, trust, or confidence, but verse one expresses this definition in two parallel and almost identical phrases.

John 20:29

2 Corinthians 5:7

II. A Life Pleasing to God

- A. From Genesis to Revelation, people please God when they walk by faith.
- B. One of the greatest acts of faith for a Christian is to believe that God spoke the universe into existence.
- C. Throughout this study of Hebrews chapter 11, I want each of us to think carefully about what it means to be a man or woman who walks by faith.

Here is how you can accept Christ into your life:

- Admit your need. (*I am a sinner*)
- Be willing to turn from your sins. (*Repent*)
- Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the grave. (*Be saved by faith*)
- Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to control your life through the Holy Spirit. (*Receive him as Lord and Savior*)

We suggest a prayer like this one:

“Dear God, I know I’m a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe Jesus Christ is Your Son. I believe that He died for my sin and that you raised Him to life. I want to trust Him as my Savior and follow Him as Lord, from this day forward. Guide my life and help me to do your will. I pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.”

(From the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association)

FINANCIAL UPDATE
YEAR TO DATE FIGURES

BUDGET: \$81,872.29

ACTUAL YTD

TOTAL INCOME: \$102,625.96

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$68,703.83

Income Minus Expenses: \$33,922.13

The Gideons International Offering

\$1,262.00

- **Childcare for ages 0-3yrs. old and Children’s Church for 4-8 yrs. old is available in the Children’s Wing during the 10:30am service.**
- **Drinks with lids are allowed in the Auditorium**
- **Hearing devices are available at the sound desk**

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Tuesday - Friday 8-12 & 1-4

Guest WIFI

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