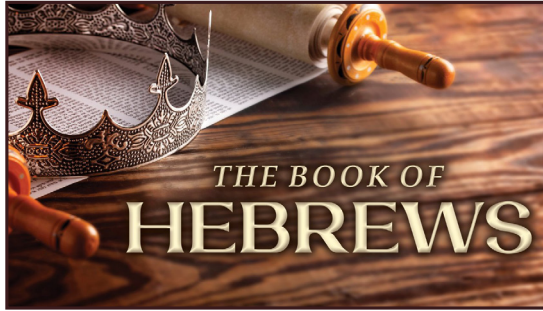


**Welcome to
First Baptist Church
Sunday, February 2, 2025**



10:30 AM SERVICE

Message - By Faith Abel Offered a More
Acceptable Sacrifice
Hebrews 11:4
Pastor Tim Knaus
Communion

5:00 PM SERVICE

Teaching Session: Trials Will Happen
James 1:2-18
John Leif
Churchwide Fellowship After the Service
in the Gym (See Article for what to bring)

Church Information

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Today's Events

- **College Bible Study-After the PM Fellowship**
(Office Level-Classroom #2)
- 6:45pm** • **Sr. High Bible Study** (Youth Room)

This Week's Events

MONDAY

10:00am
6:30pm
7:00pm

- **Shuffleboard** (Gym)
- **Men's Basketball** (Gym)
- **Men's Bible Study**
(Lane Barger's Home)

TUESDAY

9:30am
6:00pm

- **Busy Hands for Missions**
(Lower Level-Classroom #15)
- **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)

FRIDAY

7:00am
6:00pm

- **Elders Meeting**
(Office Level-Conference Room)
- **Pickleball** (Gym)

SATURDAY

7:00am

- **Coffee Conversations for Men**
(Gym)

Coming Events

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)

Thurs. Feb.13

- **Missions Committee Meeting--6:30pm**
(Office Level-Conference Room)
- **Single Women's Bible Study--6:30pm**
(Bancroft Barn)
- **Pickleball--6-8:00pm** (Gym)

Fri. Feb.14

- **Women's Bible Study--10:00am**
(Office Level-Classroom #2)

Sun., Feb.16

- **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 TONIGHT

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 signup sheet in the Information Area.

We look forward to gathering together as a church family!

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 Maruchan Chicken Flavor Ramen Noodles or any flavor. Kroger has purchasing any for \$.39 price.

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!

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!

The Pastors' Book of the Month ***Recommendation***

Grace at Work: Redeeming the Grind and the Glory of Your Job by Bryan Chapell (Crossway)

A Biblical View of Work in Light of the Gospel

For many people, their job is merely "the daily grind" needed to provide for family or pay the bills. Yet our work is a vital means for fulfilling God's purpose for our lives and displaying his grace to those around us. We bear God's image in our workplaces, experiencing his blessings and expressing his nature through our efforts, integrity, creativity, generosity, and excellence. No earthly chore is without the opportunity to observe his divine hand. No challenge in task or relationship is without opportunity to represent God's heart.

Author and pastor Bryan Chapell shares this biblical perspective of vocation, explaining how God gives purpose to our work by making it an instrument of his grace to our own hearts, as well as a way of bringing his goodness and glory into our world. Chapell explains how we can worship God by our work, rising above drudgery, duty, or self-interest with the understanding that our jobs are unique callings for displaying God's character and care. Our work is worship when we see the glory beyond the grind, the mission in the mundane, and the grace at work.

This book is now available in our church library!

February Birthdays

The February Birthday list is available at the Information Area.



Mighty O.A.K.S.
February Potluck Luncheon
Tues., Feb., 11th
11:45am @ First Baptist
Gymnasium

Please bring a dish to pass and we will eat the potluck meal at noon in the church gym. Table service, coffee and water will be provided.

Please sign up with the number coming and what you would like to bring so we have a good variety and enough tables and chairs set for an afternoon of food, fellowship and sharing!

CANCELLATION OF SERVICES

***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: By Faith Abel Offered a More Acceptable Sacrifice

Hebrews 11:4-

Pastor Tim Knaus

Communion

I. A More Acceptable Sacrifice

A. The historical account of Cain and Abel teaches us the importance of obeying God and living for God by faith.

Genesis 4:3-7 (NIV84)

B. The most important lesson we need to learn from Abel is that he was accepted by God because, by faith, he brought a God-ordained sacrifice.

C. Abel's brother Cain disobeyed God and tried to worship Him in his own way rather than the way that God had commanded.

II. Abel Still Speaks

A. The last sentence of verse 4 tells us that Abel still speaks.

B. As we take Communion this morning, we are coming to God by faith based entirely on the sacrifice of His Son on the cross.

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: \$109,163.08

ACTUAL YTD

TOTAL INCOME: \$126,469.28

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$60,596.06

Income Minus Expenses: \$65,873.22

- **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

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