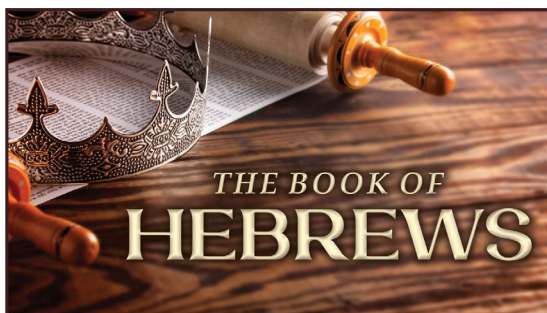


***Welcome to  
First Baptist Church  
Sunday, February 9, 2025***



**10:30 AM SERVICE**

Message - By Faith, Enoch Did Not  
See Death

Hebrews 11:5-6

Pastor Tim Knaus

***Church Information***

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## Today's Events

- 5:30pm • **College Bible Study**  
(Office Level-Classroom #2)
- **NO Sr. High Bible Study**
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## 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)

### WEDNESDAY

6:30pm

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

### THURSDAY

6:30pm

- **Missions Committee Meeting**  
(Office Level-Conference Room)
- **Single Women's Bible Study**  
(Bancroft Barn)

### FRIDAY

10:00am

- **Women's Bible Study**  
(Office Level-Classroom #2)

## Coming Events

**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)

**Tues. Feb. 18**

- **Pickleball--6-8:00pm** (Gym)

**Wed., Feb. 19**

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

**Thurs. Feb. 20**

- **Deacons Meeting--6:00pm**  
(Office Level-Classroom #1)

**Fri. Feb. 21**

- **Pickleball--6-8:00pm** (Gym)

**Sun., Feb. 23**

- **Sunday School--9:15am**
- **AM Service--10:30am**
- **Hazel Findlay Country Manor Service--3:00pm** Come join in worshipping with the residents.
- **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.*



## Church Ministries Conference AWE March 7-8, 2025 Calvary Baptist Church Grand Rapids

There is a sign up sheet and Brochures explaining the Conference at the Information Area. (Please don't take a brochure unless you plan to attend-there is a limited supply). You can view a full list of workshops on their website: <https://grchurchministriesconference.com/resources/>. If you are a ministry leader or volunteer, the church will pay your registration fee. Sign up ends Wednesday, February 19th!

### Food Containers for Leftovers

The Funeral Committee would like food containers to put leftover food in to give to families. The containers need to be clean and have lids. Please place them in the kitchen.

## Beacon of Hope

Beacon was the recipient of a HUGE donation of 661 products from our Awana's SOUPer Bowl Night this week! What a blessing! Thank you to all the families who made this happen.

We are in need of a couple of Spirograph toys for our older Tuesday night kids. These are children who range in age from 8-12. If you have other gently used items that individual kids could use to stay quietly busy while they wait for their parents, we would be glad to take those.

As always, we are in need of clean plastic bags.

## Friends of Beacon

**Our request for this week is Pace Salsa, Picante sauce, and Mission Soft Shells/Tortilla Chips.** Kroger Rewards(Digital Coupon) card has purchasing any combination of 5 for \$1.49 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.

## 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 TODAY!**

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 this QR Code:**



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

### **Busy Hands for Missions Needs**

**We can use gently used, light colored or white sheets and pillowcases for projects. If you would be interested in making Wordless Book Bracelets or pill envelopes, please contact/text Dee Chapman @ 989.640.2704.**

**Missionary of the Month**  
**Kent & Jenny Schafer**  
**Prayer Requests**

**Praises:**

- For God's protection, guidance to leave Micaune, and in the timing of our trip to Quelimane and then South Africa
- For MAF and their willingness to live in difficult places and stay during difficult times, in order to be a blessing to others.
- For wonderful friends and church family in South Africa where we and other missionaries have stayed during this unexpected trip.
- For the believers and churches who have shared financially with us during this time. God has provided for us so abundantly!
- That our time in South Africa was a time of growth as a family and that we were able to keep to a good schedule of work and homeschooling.
- That we were able to have some medical appointments in South Africa and discover that Kent has asthma and that Sophia likely has asthma, as well

**Pray:**

- For peace and justice in Mozambique.
- For protection for the Mozambican people, that believers could be a shining light, and that God would draw many to Himself during this difficult time.
- For continued safety and travels for us and other missionaries in Mozambique.
- That the 2nd Maindo literacy class would be able to start up again without too many issues (after the unexpected break).
- For our family, as we transition back to our normal routine in Micaune.
- For God's wisdom and guidance as we continue to transition into being a family with 2 "big" kids. That God would continue to grow us as a family.
- That God would continue to draw us closer to Himself and to each other (in our marriage).



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



Please join us as we gather at the gym and enjoy sharing a potluck and fellowship together at noon.

Sign up to bring your favorite dish to share, an appetizer, salad, main dish or dessert of your choosing.

Following our time of food and fellowship, we will move to the Ambassador Classroom for a presentation by John Thelen sharing the community services with St Vincent de Paul in St Johns.

St. Vincent de Paul operates a thrift store in St Johns to generate financial resources to assist people with emergency needs. Join us while we learn together about their collaboration with Beacon of Hope and our Deacon's Fund to meet needs of our community neighbors. We will plan for a time of questions and answers with John.

Please sign up with the name of each person who will be attending, what you plan to bring for the potluck and we will have seats and name tags ready for each person.

**February Birthdays**

The February Birthday list is available at the Information Area.

## AM Sermon Notes

### Message: By Faith, Enoch Did Not See Death Hebrews 11:5-6 Pastor Tim Knaus

#### I. Enoch

- A. Enoch is an obscure Old Testament figure who has fascinated Bible students for centuries.

Genesis 5:21–24

- B. The writer of Hebrews provides an important commentary on Genesis chapter 5.

#### II. Enoch Walked with God

- A. I want to share six things implied Biblically by the phrase “Enoch walked with God.”

1 Chronicles 28:9

Jeremiah 29:13

- B. To walk with God should be the highest desire and deepest longing of every Christian.

#### 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: \$136,453.87

#### **ACTUAL YTD**

TOTAL INCOME: \$144,189.24

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$75,971.18

Income Minus Expenses: \$68,218.06

- 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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