

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



9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

NEXT Sunday March 16th, Jr. High - Adults will meet in the auditorium for Sunday school.

10:30 AM SERVICE

Flag Ceremony

Message - Till the Whole World Knows

Romans 15:20-21

Pastor Tim Knaus

AFTER THE AM SERVICE

International/Ethnic Potluck in the Gym

Church Information

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Today's Events

- 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 • **Shuffleboard** (Gym)
- 6:30pm • **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 • **Pickleball**
(Gym)
- 6:30pm • **Single Women's Bible Study**
(Bancroft Barn)

FRIDAY

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

Coming Events

- Sun., Mar. 16 MISSIONS CONFERENCE MONTH**
- **Sunday School--9:15am** (Jr. High, Sr. High and Adults meet in the auditorium with Brooks & Nina Buser, Radius International)
 - **Missions Conference Speaker, Brooks Buser, AM Service--10:30am**
 - **Missions Committee Meeting--12:00pm**
(Office Level-Conference Room)
 - **College Bible Study--5:30pm**
(Office Level-Classroom #2)
 - **Sr. High Bible Study--6-8:00pm**
(Youth Room)
- Tues. Mar. 18 • Pickleball--6:00pm**
(Gym)
- Wed. Mar. 19 • Women's Bible Study--6:30pm**
(Ruth Hills' Home)
- Thurs. Mar. 20 • Deacons Meeting--6:00pm**
(Office Level-Classroom #2)
- **Pickleball--6-8:00pm** (Gym)
- Sun., Mar. 23 MISSIONS CONFERENCE MONTH**
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(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.



Missions Conference 2025

I Will Build My Church from All Peoples

Philippians 2:10-11

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

March 9 – Flag Ceremony & International Potluck

March 16 – Brooks Buser, Radius International

March 23 – Steve & Sue Mayo, ABWE,

Regional Administrator Asia Pacific

March 30 – Bryan & Kelli Morrison, CRU,

MSU & Lansing Community College

Beacon of Hope

Kroger will donate to First Baptist based on the shopping you do every day. This donation is used for our Awana program and Beacon of Hope. Once you link your Card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Shopper's Card. Here's how it works:

If you use the Kroger app on your phone, navigate to "Rewards". There you will find "Community Rewards" where you can search for First Baptist of St. Johns, or enter our identification number SY097.

Friends of Beacon

Our request for this week is Broth! any brand and any flavor. Kroger has their Simple Truth Organic Broth on sale with their digital coupon for \$1.49/32oz. If you cannot download digital coupons, we have been told you can tell the cashier and they will give you the coupon price.

March Birthdays

The March Birthday list is available at the Information Area.

Membership Class

For those who are interested in being part of the next Baptism/Membership Service on June 1, 2025, we are asking that you attend all of our membership classes. The location and date of the classes will depend on the number of people who sign-up. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Chad.

There is a sign-up sheet at the Information Center for those who are interested or you can sign up through Church Center <https://stjohnsfbc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/87791>.

Deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 30th.

Here are the topics covered in our membership classes:

What We Believe – A Review of the First Baptist Church Statement of Faith and THE Story of the Bible

The Importance of Baptism, The Lord's Supper, and Church Membership

Preparing and Sharing a Salvation Testimony

First Baptist Church Ministries and Leadership Structures

Missions Conference Offering

We will be taking a special offering for our Missions Conference Speakers. The offering will be split evenly to help them with their ministry.

Please mark your giving envelope "Missions Project." You may also give online. Please click on the box for "Missions Project". Deadline to give is March 30th.

Mission Cry Book Collection

During the conference we are collecting used books for an organization called Mission Cry. They collect Bibles and Christian books (new or used) to provide for national Christians overseas. Many of us have bookshelves full of books we don't use/want any more that would be very useful to these Christians: Bibles, college & seminary books, Christian fiction & nonfiction, commentaries, etc. (There is a complete list of acceptable literature in the foyer). There will be box in the foyer during the month of March to put your books into. If you would like to contribute toward the cost of shipping the books overseas, you can mark your giving envelope "Mission Cry" or give online and click the box "Mission Cry".

Missions Closet Needs

Missions month is a good time to restock the missions closet. You can help provide for our missionaries by bringing any of the following items:

***Gift cards (needed most!)** - Amazon, Walmart, gas, fast food, restaurants, home improvement stores, etc.

Sheet sets - twin & queen (some prefer all cotton)

Card games - Uno (in any variations)

Hot/cold therapy wraps (corn/rice bags)

Bath products - body wash, foaming hand soap, lady-style razors, lotions, creams

Bath towel sets (prefer gray or blue)

Socks - basic men's & women's

Rubbermaid storage sets

Dish towels

Sharpie markers

Bath mats

Fleece throws

Printer paper

Dish mats

Sticky notes

Tools:

Skill saws

Tape measures (metric)

Socket sets (metric or standard)

Wrench sets (metric)

Files (wood, metal, etc.).

One-hand **quick clamps**

Drill bits

Hammers

Flashlights

Work gloves

Pry bars

There will be a container in the foyer to put your donations in during the missions conference. We also collect pop tabs, unopened "Happy Meal" toys, old jewelry, sewing notions (buttons, lace, pin cushions), & canceled commemorative stamps. Any questions, contact Diana VanOrsdol (989-627-1248).

Missionary Prayer Albums Missions Update and Prayer Guides

Since praying for our missionaries is vital to their ministries, we want to remind you of a couple resources for doing that. The **missionary prayer albums** have pictures of each of our missionaries and tell where they serve. This can be used as a flip book to pray for one of our missionaries each day. If you don't have an album yet, you can pick one up at the missions table in the foyer. If you already have an album for your family, you may want to grab a **list of the missionaries** we currently support to make sure you have the right cards in your album.

The second resource we want to remind you of is the **missions update and prayer guide**. This is a summary of all the letters from our missionaries that have come in during the previous month. We try to publish them at the beginning of each month and email them to the congregation. We also have a printed version available in the foyer for those who prefer hard copy. These are helpful to know the latest needs of our missionaries and be able to pray more specifically. They will be available on the miaaion table. Please take the above resources and use them to pray for our missionaries!



Mighty O.A.K.S.
February Potluck Luncheon
***Tuesday, March, 18th**
***Please note date change!**
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.

Our speaker will be our missions committee chairman, Chris Bouck. He will be sharing about missions at First Baptist Church. We will also spend some time in prayer for our missionaries.

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!

The Pastors' Book of the Month
Recommendation

The Coming Golden Age: 31 Ways to be Kingdom Ready by David Jeremiah (Thomas Nelson)

In this definitive book, trusted Bible teacher and Pastor Dr. David Jeremiah unfolds the Second Coming of Christ and His Millennial Reign here on earth with stunning clarity while also showing how the correct interpretation of these pivotal events changes how we live here and now. The King is coming, and we have a part to play in this story that promises to set right all that is wrong and usher in a new golden age.

Read with fresh eyes, how the coming reign of Christ impacts us today.

This book is now available in our church library!

AM Sermon Notes

Message: Till the Whole World Knows

Romans 15:20-21

Pastor Tim Knaus

- I. World Missions and First Baptist Church
 - A. For the last 35 years, the people of First Baptist Church have labored and fought to make world missions central to everything we do as a church.
 - B. It is up to all of you to keep the fire and passion of world missions burning in our church.
- II. Till the Whole World Knows
 - A. People must be told about Jesus because there is no salvation where the gospel of the crucified and risen Son of God is not heard and believed.

Romans 10:14–15

Romans 1:16
 - B. The Apostle Paul had a passion to take the gospel to the utterly unreached and unengaged peoples of the world.

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Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday 8-12 & 1-4

Guest WIFI

FBC_Guest, password: Godisgood

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: \$245,617.03

ACTUAL YTD

TOTAL INCOME: \$234,963.35

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$169,175.99

Income Minus Expenses: \$65,787.36

- **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**