

***Welcome to
First Baptist Church
Sunday, March 16, 2025***

**Missions Conference
2025**

I Will Build My Church from All Peoples

Philippians 2:10-11

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

9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

Jr. High - Adults will meet in the auditorium for Sunday school throughout the Missions Conference.

10:30 AM SERVICE

Missions Conference Speaker
Brooks Buser
Radius International

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
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

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

6:00pm

- **Pickleball**
(Gym)

FRIDAY

10:00am

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

Coming Events

Sun., Mar. 23

MISSIONS CONFERENCE MONTH

- **Sunday School--9:15am** (Jr. High, Sr. High and Adults meet in the auditorium with Steve & Sue Mayo, ABWE)
- **Missions Conference Speaker, Steve Mayo, 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. 15

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

Thurs. Mar. 27

- **Pickleball--6-8:00pm** (Gym)
- **Single Women's Bible Study--6:30pm**
(Bancroft Barn)

Fri. Mar. 28

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

Sun., Mar. 30

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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

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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



Missions Conference Speaker Bio **Brooks & Nina Buser**

Brooks & Nina Buser now serve with Radius International.

Brooks and Nina met at San Diego Christian College and upon graduation they married. Brooks worked in the field of accounting and eventually as a CFO of a Dutch multinational. Through their time in the word, and with the blessing of their local church, they eventually felt led to church planting among an unreached people group. In 2003, after 2 years of training, they, along with their 3-year-old son, left for the country of Papua New Guinea and lived among the Yembiyembi people.

By God's grace, they became fluent in the language of the Yembiyembi, developed an alphabet, taught the Yembiyembi to read and write in their own language, translated the scriptures, and saw the Yembiyembi church born and brought to maturity.

In 2016, they returned to the U.S. where Brooks now serves as the President of Radius International and Nina is the Hospitality Coordinator. Brooks recently received an honorary Doctorate in Linguistics and Bible Translation from San Diego Christian 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.

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.

For those who are interested please sign up on ChurcCenter, on our website www.stjohnsfbcc.com, or on the sign-up sheet at the Information Center.

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

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.

Missions Conference Book Table

During the conference we will have a table with books and audio books available from the Library that you can check out. Examples are: Francis Asbury(1745-1816) - Francis was born in England in 1745. He travelled to America and became a circuit Methodist preacher in New England.Rowland Bingham (1872-1942) Rowland was born in England in 1872. He started Sudan interior mission (SIM) to Sudan and Ethiopia. Amy Carmichael(1867-1951) Amy was born in Ireland in 1867. Amy reached out to people in the slums of Belfast. Mary Slessor (1848—1915) Mary's Slessor was born in 1848 in Scotland. She went on to become a missionary to Nigeria and West Africa. Some of these may be available as Audio Books

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 missions 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!

AM Sermon Notes

Message: Goers and Senders: God's Plan for the Nations Romans 10:13-15

Brooks Buser

“ These verses are the great charter for foreign mission enterprises. They are the argument for the necessity and the urgency of taking the good news of salvation to all countries under the sun.”—Martyn Lloyd Jones

In Romans 10:13-15 Paul gives us some insight into how the gospel message is able to save those who have never had access to the gospel.

Romans 10:13-15

1. God _____ sinners

It's an act that is _____, not that they have achieved!

The Bible says no, the problem isn't outside of you,
_____.

2. _____ in Missions

John Piper, based on Romans 10:13-15, says that there are three responses the Christian has to missions. Goers, Senders or Disobeyers.

God uses ordinary means to bring his message to the world, he uses his people.

A. Goers need to be _____

One of the tragedies that has taken place in the last 100 years is the lowering of the bar in missions. The ones who head overseas with the message of life need to be our BEST, ones that the church aches to send because they are future of the church, the best the brightest.

B. Goers need to _____

I Corinthians 1:21

The remaining language groups of the world can never understand the gospel until someone goes and preaches the Word to them. A message, through a messenger, who can preach, proclaim, and defend the message of truth, must be brought to them.

C. Goers must see _____ this world!

“One dear Christian saint cried: ‘The cannibals, you will be eaten by the cannibals!’—The Autobiography of John G. Paton

3. _____ in Missions

Romans 10:15

A. Good Senders raise their _____ to be Goers

Everyone loves the idea of Goers in missions as long as we are talking about _____ sons and daughters

B. Good Senders allow the Great Commission to _____

III John 5,7,9

C. Good Senders are _____ members

The Bible knows nothing of lone ranger Christians that go out apart from the local church, it also knows nothing of faithful Christians who are not faithful to the local Church.

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: \$272,907.82

ACTUAL YTD

TOTAL INCOME: \$264,333.70

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$271,818.03

Income Minus Expenses: **\$-7,484.33**

- **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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