

***Welcome to
First Baptist Church
Sunday, March 23, 2025***

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.

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

Steve Mayo

Regional Administrator Asia Pacific

ABWE

Church Information

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Today's Events

- 4:00pm • **Choir Rehearsal**
(Lower Level-Classroom #7)
- 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)

THURSDAY

6:00pm

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

6:30pm

FRIDAY

10:00am

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

Coming Events

Sun., Mar. 30

MISSIONS CONFERENCE MONTH

- **Sunday School--9:15am** (Jr. High, Sr. High and Adults meet in the auditorium with Bryan & Kelli Morrison, CRU)
- **Missions Conference Speaker, Bryan Morrison, AM Service--10:30am**
- **Missions Committee Meeting--12:00pm**
(Office Level-Conference Room)
- **Choir Rehearsal--4:00pm**
(Lower Level-Classroom #7)
- **College Bible Study--5:30pm**
(Office Level-Classroom #2)
- **Sr. High Bible Study--6-8:00pm**
(Youth Room)

Tues. Apr. 1

- **Busy Hands for Missions--9:30am**
(Gym)
- **Pickleball--6:00pm**
(Gym)

Wed. Apr. 2

- **NO AWANA or 24/7 Jr. High**

Thurs. Apr. 3

- **Mentoring Moms--6:30pm**
(Where?)

Fri. Apr. 4

- **Elders Meeting--7:00am**
(Office Level-Conference Room)

Sun., Apr. 6

- **Sunday School--9:15am** (Jr. High, Sr. High and Adults meet in the auditorium with Pastoral Candidate)
- **Pastoral Candidate, AM Service--10:30am**
- **Choir Rehearsal--3:30pm**
(Lower Level-Classroom #7)
- **PM Service--5:00pm**
(Q & A with Pastoral Candidate and his wife)
- **College Bible Study--After the PM Service** (Office Level-Classroom #2)
- **Sr. High Bible Study--6:45-8pm**
(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.



April Sunday Evening Fellowship **Sunday, April 6, 2025 at 5:00pm**

Our April Sunday Evening Fellowship menu is your family's favorite Italian recipe. Examples: lasagna, mac & cheese, stuffed shells, spaghetti etc. Fruit or veggie plate, dessert. Casseroles or crockpots welcome!

It's important that we all sign up for items needed for the meal, either on the church website (www.stjohnsfbc.com) OR on the signup sheet in the Information Area. Both signups are very straightforward and easy to follow, and include the food items needed.

We look forward to gathering together as a church family!

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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 Steve & Sue Mayo

Steve & Sue Mayo serve in church planting and missionary administration. Their direct responsibility is for Declare International (mission organization, declare.org.au), Calvary Baptist Church (church plant, calvarybaptistchurch.com.au), and ABWE's Asia Pacific region.

Beacon of Hope

Beacon is being blessed with leftover bakery items from Freshies in downtown Dewitt. We are looking for volunteers to go to Freshies between 3-4:00 each Thursday to pick up what they have for us, and then bring it to Beacon.

If you are interested in helping out, please call the Beacon office at 989-224-0328, and we will sign you up for a date! Thank you!

Friends of Beacon

Our request for this week is Ketchup! Any brand and any flavor.

Easter Choir

Easter Choir will begin rehearsals today for four Sundays at 4:00pm in the Lower Level Classroom #7. Come join us! Please contact Pastor Mike. They will be singing in the Good Friday Service on April 18th, at 6:00pm and Easter Sunday morning April 20th, at 10:30am.

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.stjohnsfbc.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

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 Conference Offering." You may also give online. Please click on the box for "Missions Conference Offering". 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!

AM Sermon Notes

Message: 'Declare His Glory'

Psalm 96:1-9

Steve Mayo

1. Worship for Witness (vv 1-2)
2. Witness for the World (vv 3-6)
3. The World for Worship (vv 7-9)

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: \$300,198.61

ACTUAL YTD

TOTAL INCOME: \$283,801.49

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$274,543.54

Income Minus Expenses: \$9,257.95

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Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday 8-12 & 1-4

Guest WIFI

FBC_Guest, password: Godisgood

- 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