

**Welcome to
First Baptist Church
Sunday, March 30, 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

Message - The Gospel: Foundation and Fuel for Mission

Ephesians 2:11-22 (NIV)

Missions Conference Speaker

Bryan Morrison

CRU on the Campuses of MSU and LCC

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

- 9:30am
6:00pm

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

WEDNESDAY

- 6:30pm

- **NO Awana**
- **NO 24/7 Jr. High**
- **Prayer Meeting**
(Office Level-Classroom #1)
- **Bible Study Classes**
(Lower Level-Adult Wing)

THURSDAY

- 6:00pm
6:30pm

- **Pickleball**
(Gym)
- **Mentoring Moms**
(Dawn Gudbrandson's Home)

FRIDAY

- 7:00am

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

Coming Events

Sun., Apr. 6

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

Tues. Apr. 8

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

Thurs. Apr. 10

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

Fri. Apr. 11

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

Sat. Apr. 12

- **Coffee Conversations for Men--7:00am**
(Gym)

Sun., Apr. 13

- **Sunday School--9:15am**
- **Kora Team Missions Trip Presentation, AM Service--10:30am**
- **Choir Rehearsal--4:00pm**
(Auditorium)
- **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.



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 sign-up 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!

Lead Pastor Candidate Weekend

Our Lead Pastor candidate is Brandon Crawford from Grace Baptist Church-Marshall, MI. He and his wife Melanie, as well as their two children, will be joining us for a candidate weekend on April 5th and 6th. Their Saturday will be spent in various meetings with different leadership groups within the church. Sunday Morning, Brandon will share in the auditorium for Sunday School and preach in the service. They will join us Sunday evening to share their testimonies and answer questions from the congregation. (There is a box at the information area and card to fill out if you would like to submit a question. Please sign your card.)



Missions Conference Speaker Bio Bryan & Kelli Morrison

Bryan and Kelli serve with CRU. They serve to see God transform the hearts and minds of college students at a time that is critical and sets the trajectory for the rest of their lives. They're committed to sharing the love of Jesus and hope of the Gospel with students, helping them grow in their faith through community, and preparing them to live a life surrendered to Christ after college.

At Michigan State University and Lansing Community College they serve with a team in ministry to a collective student body of 65,000. They are passionate about impacting the world by sharing the love of Jesus with students at MSU and LCC!

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 Dish Soap! Palmolive is on sale at Kroger for \$1.49 with digital coupon up to 5 in a single transaction this week, but we are happy as larks with any brand.

April Birthdays

The April 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.

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 TODAY!

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 TODAY!

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 - The Gospel: Foundation and Fuel for Mission
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Peace with God

Peace with Man

United with Him for a Purpose

Reflection:

Where do I operate in life with godly peace or worldly/false peace?
(with God & with others)

Where do I need to experience the gospel? How will this help me engage in his purpose for my life? (honoring and glorifying Him, v. 21: being built as a part of holy temple in the Lord, being a part of His plan to build the church from all nations)

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: \$327,489.40

ACTUAL YTD

TOTAL INCOME: \$308,647.67

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$316,802.82

Income Minus Expenses: **\$8,155.15**

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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