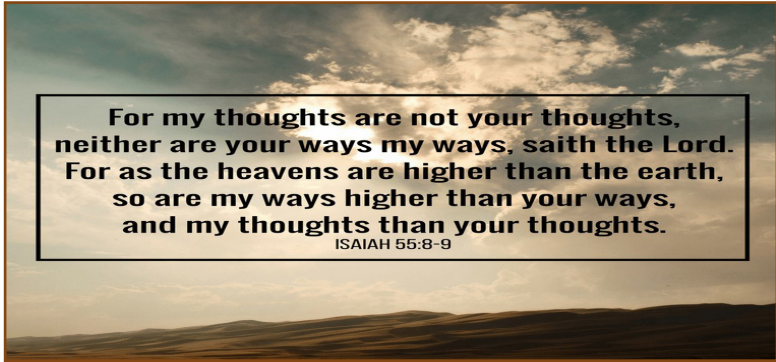


Welcome to First Baptist Church Sunday, May 4, 2025



10:30 AM SERVICE

Message - The Loving and Gracious
Wisdom of God
Isaiah 55:8-9
Pastor Tim Knaus
Communion

5:00 PM SERVICE

Devotion: Let everyone be quick to hear, but not
always. Slow to speak when it is best to remain
silent. Slow to anger when it's God talking.

James 1:19-25

Roger Schafer

Churchwide Fellowship After the Service

Church Information

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Today's Events

- After the PM Service • **College Bible Study**
(Office Level-Classroom #2)
- 6:45pm • **Sr. High Bible Study**
(Youth Room)
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This Week's Events

MONDAY

- **NO Shuffleboard**
- **NO Men's Basketball**

TUESDAY

- 9:30am
- **St Johns School Bond Election**
(Gym, Precinct 1 & 3)
 - **Busy Hands for Missions**
(Lower Level-Classroom #15)

WEDNESDAY

- 6:30pm
- **24/7 Jr. High** (Incoming 7th graders are welcome to see what the Jr. High ministry looks like!) (Youth Wing)
 - **Prayer Meeting**
(Office Level-Classroom #1)

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)

SATURDAY

- 7:00am
- **Coffee Conversations for Men**
(Gym) Coffee & Donuts provided. Sign up at the Information Area.

Coming Events

- Sun., May 11** **Mother's Day**
- **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--6:00pm**
(Youth Room)
- Wed., May 14** • **24/7 Jr. High--6-8:00pm** (Youth Wing)
End of Year Party
- Thurs., May 15** • **Deacons Meeting--6:00pm**
(Office Level-Classroom #1)
- Sun., May 18** • **Sunday School--9:15am**
- **AM Service--10:30am**
 - **College Bible Study--5:30pm**
(Office Level-Classroom #2)
 - **Sr. High Bible Study--6:00pm**
(Youth Room)

May Birthdays

The May Birthday list is available at the Information Area.



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.

May Sunday Evening Fellowship TONIGHT After the PM Service (Gym)

Our May Sunday Evening Fellowship menu is: Tacos & fresh fixins, fruit plate, desserts

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!

Beacon of Hope

Beacon has been chosen by Meijer to be a Spring Campaign pantry partner. Each Meijer store is matched with one food pantry. We are matched with the Bath store since the Dewitt store is matched with Redeemer's pantry.

This means that from now until Saturday, June 28th, anyone who is shopping at the Bath store can donate increments of \$10.00 to us when they check out, and Meijer will match that dollar for dollar. **Even more exciting is on Saturday, June 14th, Meijer will double their match so a \$10.00 donation becomes \$30.00!** At the end of the campaign, Meijer then sends Beacon gift cards for us to purchase items for the pantry. These cards do not go to individuals as they are exclusively intended to stock our pantry shelves.

If you would like to donate without driving to Bath, you may do so by bringing your cash donation to the Beacon office, and we will get it to the Bath Meijer on the 6/14 Double Match Day!

If you have any questions, please call Beacon 989-224-0328. We have fliers explaining the program in detail on the Beacon Cart outside the church offices and at Beacon.

Friends of Beacon

Our request for this week is: Mix & Match Participating items at Kroger with card \$.99. We can really use Knorr Pasta Sides, Yogurt, Sunny D, BBQ sauce, and Hot Dogs. If you choose a perishable item, please plan on dropping it off IN THE OFFICE during drop-off hours listed below so we can properly refrigerate it. See picture below and beacon hours to drop off perishable items.

Drop-off hours at Beacon are:

Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays: 9 am - 3 pm.

Tuesdays: 10 am - 7 pm.

Wednesday: 10 am - 3 pm.



99¢ ea
with Card

Mix and Match 5 or more participating items and pay **99¢ each!**

Discount applied at checkout with Card. Items must be purchased in the same transaction.

Campbell's Condensed Soup, 10.5-11.25 oz • Kroger Pasta, 12-16 oz • Knorr Sides, 4-5.7 oz • Chobani Greek Yogurt, 5.3 oz • Vitaminwater, 20 fl oz • Kraft Mac & Cheese, 7.25 oz • Snapple, 16 fl oz • Kraft BBQ Sauce, 17.5-18 oz • Sunny D, 64 fl oz • Pillsbury Cake Mix, 15.25 oz • Bar's Franks, Select Varieties, 12 oz

*99¢ ea when you mix/match 5 or more in the same transaction with Card. Quantities less than 5 will be up to \$1.99 each with Card.

Teen Service (Missions) Trip Boston, MA June 28-July 4



What Will We Be Doing?

From June 28-July 4 First Baptist Church will send a group of 17 to serve alongside Open Air Campaigners (Paintboard Ministry) in Boston, MA. Our trip is going to be facilitated by Brian Harmon. We will be doing a 5-day kids club in a neighborhood 2 blocks from the church (we start the 5-Day Kid's Club on Sunday afternoon). We will do some adult outreaches in downtown Boston. Throughout the week, there will be a few meetings for training and evangelism lectures. Wednesday p.m. we hope to do some evening ministry (black-light) on the beach/boardwalk. We will be partnering some with members from Lighthouse; this is a great way to build a bridge from the community to the church.

How Can You Pray?

This trip is going to be a Spiritually challenging trip as it is going to require students to be bold in the proclamation of the Gospel. Pray that God would already be working in our hearts of our students, and of the people who will hear the Gospel through our students on the trip.

What is the Cost?

One of the hallmarks of FBC is our generosity. We are committed to supporting our students financially because we value their spiritual growth. Every year, the church raises a considerable portion of the funds needed for each trip the students embark on. For this trip, the cost for each student is \$450. One way you can support this trip is by donating to the Teen Mission Trip. Mark your giving envelope Teen Mission Trip or select Teen Mission Trip in Online Giving.

Who Is Going?

Students

Levi Bancroft	Evelyn Crandall	Tim Crandall
Taylor Feldpausch	David Garlick	Will Garlick
Logan Hazel	Ethan Hemmingway	Kerith Hoard
Titus Konieczny	Rylee Miller	Grace Peterson

Leaders

Cody Fleischer	Dan Dubois	Brian Harmon
Andrea Bancroft	Becky Peterson	

Graduation Sunday, June 1st

We will honor our High School Graduates and recognize our College Graduates in the AM Service.

Parents and Graduates we need your help!!!!

We would like to include your High School/College graduate in the bulletin and the display easel (High School Only) in the foyer on Sunday, May 11th.

High School Graduates - - senior picture, date of graduation, school graduating from, open house information by **Tuesday, May 6th**. Please Note: If your graduate's Open House is in May, we need that information ASAP!

College Graduates - - date of graduation, college or university graduating from, and the degree they are receiving by **Tuesday, May 27th**.

Please drop off, email, or mail your information to the church office or place in our Secretary's box in the Office Work Room.

The Pastors' Book of the Month Recommendation

Prophet, Priest, & King: The Three Offices of Christ by R. Albert Mohler Jr. (B&H Books)

In this book, Al Mohler delves into the historical significance of the offices of prophet, priest, and king. He traces their origins in the Old Testament to their ultimate fulfillment in the person and work of Jesus Christ. Mohler presents a compelling argument: the three offices should not be compartmentalized. They are interconnected and essential for Christian faithfulness in the home, the church, and society. When Jesus Christ returns, the whole world will bow to him as Lord—*Prophet, Priest, and King*.

This book is now available in our church library!

Missionary of the Month
Bryan & Kelli Morrison (CRU)

- Please pray for us (May 25-July 1) as we help facilitate Cru's Chicago Summer Mission alongside other regional staff. This spiritual growth and leadership focused mission trip will gather 50 students from around the country who will get summer jobs, be developed spiritually by staff and peer community, and participate in regular evangelistic outreach on campuses and in different settings in the city. We love the opportunity to do this!
 - Packing and moving stress is real and we would appreciate prayer for wisdom and harmony as a couple as we prepare our family and navigate different ministry roles than the norm.
 - Pray that God would use us powerfully in the lives of students who are participating (including 2 Spartans) and help us glorify Him on campus and around the city.
- Please pray for 3 grads planning to serve as ministry interns with our team next school year! - Claire, Josue, and Ben. Please pray for encouragement and provision from the Lord as they raise financial support to join us. Pray that God would strengthen their faith despite barriers or discouragements. That God would help them minister to people they meet this summer as they share their testimonies and calling.



Mighty O.A.K.S.
May Picnic Lunch

***Tuesday, May, 20th**
***12:30pm @ Rotary Pavilion**
***Please note date**
& time change!



Picnic

Please join us as we gather at the Rotary Pavilion on East Railroad Street in St Johns to enjoy our picnic lunches and a time of fellowship. *Please note the time change that is necessary due to the rental agreement with the City of St Johns for the Pavilion and Depot.

You may choose to pack a lunch at home and carry a brown bag/lunchbox or bring a drive through bag or styrofoam carry out box from a local restaurant. Perhaps there will be sharing or trading for favorite items just like the "old" days in school!

Following our meal, we will learn about the St Johns Veteran's Memorial. Bring your questions about the planning, design, and names on the memorials. Gordon Shipley will share about his research that located Clinton County soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice in United States Military Service.

In addition to the Veteran's Memorial and Rotary pavilion, we will have access to the Railroad Depot for restrooms and touring. We also have the opportunity to be tourists in our own town at the Veteran's Memorial, CIS Rail Trail, St Johns Depot and the newly renovated Brigg's District Library!

Please sign up for each person attending so that we can have name tags ready for our gathering and confirm sufficient seating.

AM Sermon Notes

Message - The Loving and Gracious Wisdom of God

Isaiah 55:8-9

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Communion

I. The Wisdom of God

- A. The wisdom of God means that God always pursues the highest possible good by the highest possible means.

Romans 11:33

Colossians 2:3

Job 12:13

- B. Wisdom and glory are often related because the highest end of wisdom is the glory of God.

II. God's Providence

- A. God's wisdom is on display in His providential guidance of world history and our individual lives.
- B. The greatest display of God's wisdom that this world has ever seen or ever will see is in the salvation purchased for us at the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:23–25

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: \$463,943.35

ACTUAL YTD

TOTAL INCOME: \$427,066.15

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$415,529.59

Income Minus Expenses: \$11,536.56

- 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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