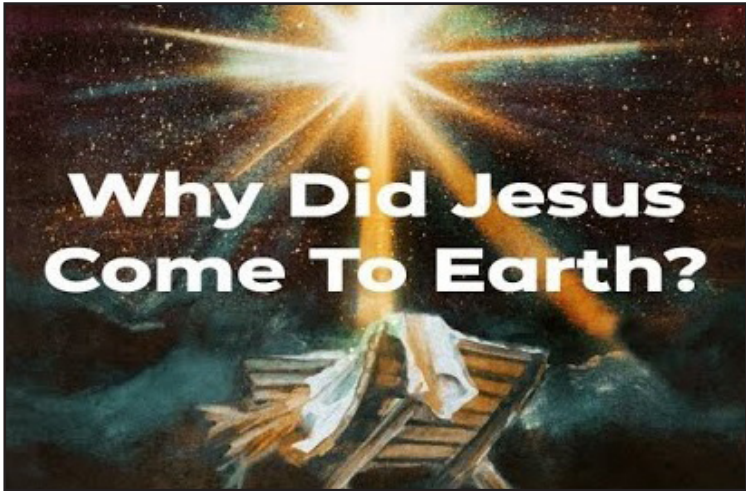


***Welcome to
First Baptist Church
Sunday, December 15, 2024***



10:30 AM SERVICE

Message - Why Did Christ Come into the
World? Part 2
Matthew 1:23
Pastor Tim Knaus

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)
- 7:00am • **Men's Bible Study**
(Lane Barger's Home)

TUESDAY

- 6-8:00pm • **Pickleball**
(Gym)

WEDNESDAY

- 6:30pm • **Women's Bible Study**
(Ruth Hills' Home)

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

- 10:00am • **Women's Bible Study**
(Office Level-Classroom #1)

Coming Events

- Sun., Dec. 22** • **NO Sunday School**
• **AM Service -- 10:30am**
• **College Bible Study--5:30pm**
(Office Level-Classroom #2)
• **Sr. High Bible Study--6-8:00pm**
(Youth Room)
- Tues., Dec. 24** • **Christmas Eve Service--6:00pm**
- Wed., Dec. 25** • **Christmas Day**
• **Church Office Closed**
• **NO Evening Activities**
- Sun., Dec. 29** • **NO Sunday School**
• **AM Service -- 10:30am**
• **College Bible Study--5:30pm**
(Office Level-Classroom #2)
• **Sr. High Bible Study--6-8:00pm**
(Youth Room)



Invitations

There are invitations for you to hand out to friends and family 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.



January Sunday Evening Fellowship **Sunday, January 5, 2025**

Our January Sunday Evening Fellowship menu: Your family's favorite hearty soup or stew, fruit tray, dessert. (Crockpots welcome).

It's important that we all sign up for items needed for the meal on the sign-up sheet in the Information Area.

We look forward to gathering together as a church family!

2024 Year End Contributions

In Person Giving will be accepted through December 29 and Online Giving will be accepted through December 30.

In order to receive a giving statement from First Baptist Church, you need to use the envelopes which the church provides on the chairs or give online.

You will receive your giving statement electronically if you have email. If you do not have email, it will be mailed to you. Please contact the church office if you do not receive a statement by the end of January.

If you did not use the giving envelopes provided and need a giving statement, we would be happy to provide one for you. We need you to give us an itemized list of your gifts (date, check # and amount). You may mail it to us or stop by the office, Tuesday - Friday, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-4 p.m.

Beacon of Hope

Beacon will be serving as a drop off location for a project Housing Services of Mid Michigan has launched. They are collecting supplies to give to homeless individuals and families who have secured housing in Eaton and Clinton counties. (See List below). While this is much like the Welcome Home Baskets we provide at Beacon, some of these items can be gently used and the scope of this project may reach many more than we are able to at Beacon.

Items can be left in the brown bin under the sign Friends of Beacon on the south side of the building. Thank you!

Friends of Beacon

Our request for this week is Jars of Pasta Sauce any brand/size. Kroger's digital coupon is \$1.29, for Prego Pasta Sauce. Limit 5. Although we don't expect 5, any quantity is very much appreciated.

Housing Services Mid Michigan Household Items Drive

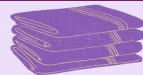
**For December, please consider donating
gently used or new household items to
help those in need.**

Drop-off locations:



HSMM: 319 S Cochran Charlotte, MI 48813

Beacon of Hope: 401 S Swegles St Door #1 St Johns, MI 48879



Items Needed:

Pots and pans

Lamps

Silverware

Plates/cups

Smaller furniture

Small kitchen appliances

Laundry Baskets

Cleaning Essentials

**Home Tools (brooms, vacuums,
toilet brushes, plungers, and
more)**

Hygiene Treasures

**We ask that cotton items such as blankets,
pillows, and towels are new!**



AWANA

We need your help to restock the AWANA Store!

Every week AWANA Sparks and T&T members earn points by attending, saying verses and wearing their uniforms. Two times a year, they can spend the points they've earned at the AWANA Store. Items are needed for both Boys and Girls ages 5 - 12!! We will be collecting items until TODAY. Cost for the items should be between \$1-\$15. Things like Lego sets, Hot Wheels, toy horses, puzzles, and craft items are always needed. Please drop off your donations in the large box marked "AWANA Store" by the church offices.

Christmas Cookies for the Clinton County Jail Christmas Party

Reach the Forgotten Ministry hosts a Christmas Party for the inmates and their families. They are asking for volunteers to provide homemade Christmas cookies.

The cookies should be individually wrapped (no ziploc/baggies or ties). The cookies need to be placed in the church kitchen by Sunday, December 22nd. If you can provide cookies, please sign up at the Information Area.

No Sunday School

We will NOT have Sunday School the following Sundays in December: **December 22nd, and December 29th.**

Mitten Tree

There is a Christmas Tree in the Foyer (by the Library) for you to donate NEW hats, gloves, and mittens for the children at Youth Haven Ranch ages 7-14. Youth Haven cannot accept scarves, homemade or used items.

Please place your donation in the box located under the tree.

December Birthdays

The December Birthday list is available at the Information Area.

AM Sermon Notes

Message: Why Did Christ Come into the World? Part 2

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- I. A Loneliness that Haunts the Soul
- A. Above all else that we could say about Christmas: Jesus came into our world to save us from our sins.

1 Timothy 1:15

- B. At the heart of the human condition lies a deep and unshakable loneliness.

Ephesians 2:12

- II. They Shall Call His Name Immanuel
- A. This is the beauty of Christmas: God came into the world not only to save us, but also to live in constant, abiding fellowship with us.
- B. Of all the Biblical promises given to a Christian, one of the most comforting and glorious is the truth that you are never alone.

Romans 8:38–39

John 14:16–17

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

BUDGET: \$1,318,988.58

ACTUAL YTD

TOTAL INCOME: \$1,224,559.61

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$1,172,551.65

Income Minus Expenses: \$52,007.96

- 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

Guest WIFI

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