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First Baptist Church of St Johns

is partnering with
our supported mission agency . . .



www.baptistchildrenshome.org

(989)681-2171

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WHEN: Saturday, August 17, 2019

WHERE: St. Johns Rotary Pavilion (Railroad St. at Clinton Ave.) in St. Johns

WHO: Cyclist, runners, walkers, volunteers . . . ALL ages, ALL welcome!

SCHEDULE:

7:30 AM ~ Breakfast provided by First Baptist volunteers

8:15 AM ~ Devotion led by Jeff Oswald, Michigan Director, Baptist Children's Home

9:00 AM ~ Cyclists start their trip from the Pavilion toward Fowler on the CIS
Rail Trail - length of trip chosen by the rider!

9:15 AM ~ Fun Run starts from the Pavilion toward Fowler on the CIS Rail
Trail up to 1.5 miles West - length of trip chosen by the runner!

9:30 AM ~ Fun Walk starts from the Pavilion toward Ovid up to 1.5 miles East -
length of trip chosen by the walker!

At the completion of the bike, run and walk . . . Lunch provided by the Baptist Children's Home

WHAT CAN I DO?

- Pray for the ministry of Baptist Children's Home as they seek to provide loving Christian homes for children in need in the United States and around the world.
- Pray about your involvement as a participant or volunteer, providing snacks, water and food for the event and/or donating to Baptist Children's Home
- Act by signing up with a shirt size for an event t-shirt or donating (by credit card online at www.baptistchildrenshome.org/donate)
- Check the information area at church for registration form and more information!
- For additional information, contact Russ/Dawn Benson or Dennis/Fran Whitlock

HYMN SING



Sunday, August 25th PM Service

Join us for an evening of singing hymns. After the PM Service, Homemade Ice Cream will be served in the West Parking Lot. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy a great time of fellowship. If the weather does not cooperate, the Ice Cream will be served in the gym.



Annual Church Service & Picnic
St. Johns City Park
Sunday, September 1st, AM Service

On Sunday, September 1st, we will have our annual church service in the Performance Shell at the St. Johns City Park and picnic following the 10:30 am service. Parents please note: There will only be childcare for Nursery/Toddlers, please plan for your children 4-8 years old to join you in the church service.

We reserved the Main Pavilion for the cookout. There will also be people to park your car if you have trouble walking. (Please contact Dennis Whitlock if you would like this service.)

This is a great opportunity to invite our friends and neighbors. Please sign up at the Information Area.

What to Bring: LAWN CHAIRS and a DISH to pass. Hamburgers and hot dogs, table service and drinks will be provided.

Please contact Pastor Chad if you would like to help set up, cook food, organize games, etc.

If it rains, the Service will be at the church and the cookout will be in the gym.



What Should I Think About During the Lord's Supper?

APRIL 16, 2019 | [Erik Raymond](#)

SHARE

I remember as a new Christian looking around during communion and wondering what everyone was doing. Everyone looked like they were doing something. I didn't know. Because of this, I'm always happy to answer the question when asked, "What should I think about during the Lord's Supper?"

The Lord's Supper is loaded with meaning. It is an ordinance or command, instituted by Jesus to remind his disciples that forgiveness and fellowship are at the heart of the church's life together. It has been [said before](#) that in baptism the new Christian goes public with their profession of faith. In baptism, we are saying publicly, "I am with Jesus and his people." In the Lord's Supper, we are pledging our ongoing faithfulness to Christ and his people. We are saying that we are still needy of God's grace in Christ; we are committed to loving Christ and his people; we are saying we are still with Jesus and one another. Baptism then is the front door along with church membership, and the Lord's Supper is the dining room table where we renew our vows of faithfulness to Christ's Word. Naturally, then, the Lord's Supper is for those who profess faith in Christ. The Supper is a sign of fellowship with Christ and his people.

How should you take communion? I'm not talking about the form of being served, but what should be going on in our hearts and minds as we partake?

Here are some things to consider. Let's call them the five looks.

Look Up — Since God has invited us to his table, it is appropriate for us to acknowledge he is central. He invites us to his table through Christ. When you celebrate the Lord's Supper with your church family, look up and consider who God is. He is the unchanging God who is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. He is the God who has loved even you and me.

Look In — When we look up at who God is, then we have a better view of ourselves. The supper affords us this opportunity. In 1 Corinthians Paul gives instructions for the church when they take the Supper. We see several warnings for those who would come, take and eat.

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ([1 Cor. 11:27-28](#))

Consider if there are sins to confess before the Lord. We don't live a secret life; the Lord sees it all. To pretend that you are living in a bubble is to act like there is no God. And to be guilty concerning the body and the blood means to eat in a way that dishonors Christ. Therefore when you come to the Lord's Supper, it is a time to consider your own heart before the Lord. It is a time to clear accounts and confess sin. It's a time to make sure you that you are genuinely clinging to Christ for your righteousness. There is a need for self-examination.

Look Back — But there is another look. The Lord's Supper points us back. You'll notice in the Last Supper that Jesus uses the elements to instruct us about the cross ([Matt. 26:17-30](#)). He uses the simple elements of bread and the cup to show that he has broken his body and spilled his blood for us. Jesus says "this is the blood of the covenant." It's a vivid image. Jesus is saying that through his death he will bring in the benefits of the New Covenant. Look at [Jeremiah 31:31-33](#).

Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

The promised new covenant is here. God forgives sinners through the new covenant. It has a better priest and a better sacrifice. The blood of the lamb is sufficient to save sinners like you and me. The cup looks to the cross.

You know in the Passover meal this would have been the third cup of wine, the cup of blessing. Jesus is saying that his blood on the cross is the cup of blessing. At the Lord's Supper, we partake of this blessing. We are regularly reminded that through the body and blood of Christ, on the cross, he secured our standing in a New Covenant. The Lord's Supper makes us look back.

Look Around — The Lord's Supper also makes us look around. We read in [1 Corinthians 11:28-29](#):

Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

Paul is dealing with an issue in the Corinthian church. There's a lot of selfishness. And we know that selfishness is the root of all sin. He is warning the church to examine their hearts and lives together. There is a need to discern the body. This means to know that you are part of a church family. This local church together is composed of different people with different experiences and various issues. But at least two things are in common: We are sinners, and we are united together by faith in Christ. Therefore, if there are outstanding relational issues, they need to get worked out. We don't just bury stuff under the rug. We have to deal with it. If it's a sin, then it needs to be dealt with biblically. If there are issues of disagreement, we need to do our best to work it out. The Lord's Supper is the regular reminder that we are good with Jesus and that we are good with one another. If one or both of these is not true, then we should not take the Supper. If we are, then we are to enjoy this meal as we look around together, acknowledging the bond of unity.

Look Ahead — Did you notice that Jesus anticipates another meal? He says that he will not drink this cup again until he does in the coming kingdom with his people. He's anticipating another meal. And when we take the Lord's Supper, we are too. We are looking ahead to another meal with Jesus and his people. We are looking forward to the great marriage supper of the lamb when the entire church is gathered together to boast in the great saving work of Christ. In [Revelation 19:6-9](#) we read of this great multitude gathered together from all nations and all time. And we will rejoice and exult and give him the glory!

When you take the Lord's Supper, consider these five looks:

1. Look Up — God has prepared the feast
2. Look In — self-examination
3. Look Back — at the cross
4. Look Around — at your fellow church members
5. Look Ahead — to the marriage feast

As we do we'll be reminded again that forgiveness and fellowship are at the heart of our lives together as Christians.

“BY THE WAY, WHAT IS OUR POLICY ON.....”

Baby & Bridal Showers . . .

The pastoral staff of First Baptist Church made a decision in January 2014, that Bridal Showers and Baby Showers are best handled privately by individuals in the church rather than having the church “sponsor” showers.

1. The Sponsor (Person putting on the shower) must be a member or regular attender* of First Baptist Church.
2. The sponsor can reserve an area of the church building by submitting a Facility Usage Form and paying the appropriate fee. **As of February 1, 2016, a fee will not be charged for the building if the following is true:**
 - **Bridal Showers – The Bride (Bride to be) or the Groom (Groom to be) is a member or regular attender* of First Baptist Church.**
 - **Baby Showers – The Mother or Father of the baby is a member or regular attender* of First Baptist Church.**
3. The church does not furnish paper products for showers. All items needed for the shower should be furnished by those putting on the shower in the same manner that items are furnished for a graduation open house, a family gathering, etc.
4. Bridal and Baby Showers will not be published in the church newsletter or church bulletin. The promotion of the Shower will be handled by those putting on the shower.

*The definition of regular attender is: a person who has been attending First Baptist for at least one year and attends regular church services at least twice per month.



**AWANA starts back up on
Wednesday, September 11, 2019
6:30 p.m.**

Workers and Helpers are needed for ALL Clubs

Parents—this is a great opportunity to work alongside your child/children. Please consider helping out (you must be a regular attender or member of First Baptist). **There is also a great need for women to work with 3rd – 6th grade girls!!!** Contact Bonnie McCorvie at (517) 204-6126 as soon as possible if you would like to help or need more information.

Registration

Save with Early Registration: Register by August 25, 2019 and receive an early registration discount of \$4 per child on dues.

Parents - please plan on registering your clubber(s) early. The earlier the Better!! Early registration will allow our Awana secretaries to have records in place and supplies ordered prior to the first night of Awana.

Starting Sunday, August 18th through September 8th: You may pick up blank registration forms at the Information Area in the foyer and fill out at your leisure. A table will be set up by the Children's Wing with Registration forms. Please place completed forms in the box labeled "Awana Registration Forms". Awana supplies will also be available for purchase after the AM Services on 8/18, 8/25, & 9/8 in Classroom #13 by the Registration Table. **(Supplies purchased by 8/25/19 should arrive by the first night of Awana.)** You can also email us at the address listed below to request registration forms and the current FBC Awana Parent Handbook.

An Important Awana leader informational meeting will be held on September 8, 2019 at 4:30 pm in the Children's wing. Leaders, please plan to attend.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email us at:
awana.sjfbcc@gmail.com or call Bonnie McCorvie (517) 204-6126 or
Annette Wood (989) 307-1215.



Beacon of Hope Update

Critical Need for Women Advisors

If you are an adult member of First Baptist you can

- ◆ Impact your community for Christ!
- ◆ Experience the blessing of helping someone understand the Bible!
- ◆ Help women become committed disciples of Jesus!

If the Lord is working on your heart about becoming an Advisor, stop by Beacon any Tuesday evening to learn more or contact Karen Leif.

School Supplies

School supplies go on sale right after July 4th so get them at their lowest prices. **Beacon needs:** markers (both large and fine), crayons, pens, spiral notebooks, two-pocket folders, calculators, notebook paper, glue sticks, and scissors. We have **PLENTY** of pencils.

The heat is on!

Do you have a fan or window air conditioner in good condition that you no longer use? Beacon of Hope accepts donations of these items!

Project Connect Back-to-School Event

Project Connect is the annual event to help parents get children ready for school. Children can get new backpacks, school supplies, socks and underwear. Anyone can get used clothing, haircuts, and visit the resource tables. A free lunch is also provided. This year's Project Connect will be held on Thursday, August 15, at the Fairgrounds. If you want to donate clothing (children's and adult sizes) or if you would like to help at this awesome community event, please contact Karen.

Garden Overflow

Please bring your garden goodies to Beacon! The best time to deliver is Monday or Tuesday so that they can be given out Tuesday evening.

Birthday Bin

The Learn & Earn store has Birthday Bins, where parents can use their credits to get a birthday gift for their child. The bins need refilling with **NEW** toys/gifts for children ages birth to 12. This would be a great opportunity on your own child's birthday to show him/her the joy of giving by providing a gift for the bin.

COLLEGE (AND) CAREER

College & Career Ministry

If you're post high school, 20's - 30's and desire to grow with a community of believers, College & Career Ministry is for you!

Summer Evening Fun/Fellowship:

-Thurs. July 18, 7 pm

-Thurs. Aug. 15 7pm

Come out to the Davis farm! Bonfire supper, volleyball, games! Singing apples!

September, Supper/Bible Study Fellowships:

-Thurs. Sept. 12, 7 pm

-Thurs. Sept. 26, 7 pm

Enjoy supper together, be challenged and encouraged as we study the book of Colossians, along with Bible teacher Matt Chandler.

Followed by games & snacks!

Summer Fun, Fall Bible Study/Suppers held at Davises:

2141 W. Centerline Rd. St. Johns

???'s: call/txt: Jim: 517.515.7042, Debi: 517.974.7648, or Elizabeth: 517.974.7649



MIGHTY
O.A.K.S.



***Senior
Saints Picnic***

On Tuesday, July 9th, the Mighty O.A.K.S. will be have a picnic in the Pavilion by the Depot in Downtown St, Johns. Hot Dogs, Brats, Drinks, Condiments, and Tableware will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass.

Our guest speaker will be Pastor Russ McCoy, director of The Basic Needs Center, a non-profit that lends a helping hand to anyone in Clinton & Gratiot Counties.

On Tuesday, August 13th, the Mighty O.A.K.S. will meet at 12 Noon in the gym. Bring a dish to pass. Tableware and drinks will be provided.

Our guest speaker will be Lynn Weber, Director of Clinton Area Ambulance Service. He will informing us on all the services that their staff provides and some services that have little to do with rescue, treat, and transport.

On Tuesday, September 10th, the Mighty O.A.K.S. will be going to Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids, MI.

Watch the Bulletin for more details about these events. Sign up at the Information Area.

Save the Date

On Sunday, July 28th, and **Sunday, September 29th**, we have the service at Hazel Findlay Country Manor at 3PM. Please come and join us to worship with these dear seniors.

FIRST BAPTIST THIS 'N' THAT

Please make these changes to your
FBC Phone Directory:

All future changes will automatically be made to the Adjace directory app.

- Mike & Lisa Barrett
1844 Yallup Road
St. Johns, MI 48879
- Malcolm Borden
Argentine Care Center, Room 210-1
9051 Silver Lake Road
Linden, MI 48451
No Phone
- Wes & Shelley Friesen
4160 Rich Road
Middleton, MI 48856
Wes Phone #: 989-763-3557
Shelley Phone #: 989-236-5016
Wes Email: homesteadheating73@gmail.com
Shelley Email: shelleydenisefriesen@gmail.com
- Chris & Sveta Hearn
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St. Johns, MI 48879
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Sveta Phone #: 989-292-4188
Email: tohearns@yahoo.com
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Stacey Email: shopkins3532@gmail.com
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- Justin Nichols
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Susan Email: bodisve@gmail.com
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Elsie, MI 48831
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- Helen Prohaska
Room #17
Grace Haven Assisted Living
1507 Glastonbury Drive
St. Johns, MI 48879
Phone #: 989-668-0028
- Bernadette Richardson
108 Rex Street
St. Johns, MI 48879
- Sara Zamarron
(Clinton Commons)
Apt. 202
1103 S. Scott Road
St. Johns, MI 48879
Phone #: 989-292-4040

bridal
shower



Ladies,

We are so excited to celebrate Rebekah Snyder's upcoming wedding!! We will be having a bridal shower in the church gym on Saturday, July 27 at 10:00 a.m. We will be having brunch so come hungry.

Rebekah and Justin are registered at Target and Amazon. Please bring one of your favorite recipes to share with Rebekah and one of your favorite verses for marriage/motherhood. Let's shower her with wisdom from God's word and ideas to fill Justin and the boy's tummies.

Please RSVP to Tammy Underwood by text at 517-575-8390 or email tammy@mikeunderwood.com by July 20.

We are looking forward to celebrating all that God has planned for Justin and Rebekah.



Congratulations to Nick & Mandi VanZee on the birth of their son, James Thomas. James was born on Saturday, April 13, 2019. He weighed 7 pounds 14 ounces.

Congratulations to Jonathan & Kayla Halfmann on the birth of their son, Beckham Edward. Beckham was born on Tuesday, April 23, 2019. He weighed 8 pounds 15 ounces. His Grandparents are Silvio & Becky Iung.

Congratulations to Cody & Aubrey Fleischer on the birth of their daughter, Liberty Grace. Liberty was born on Thursday, May 2, 2019. She weighed 9 pounds 5 ounces. Her Grandparents are Jay & Becky Peterson. Great-grandma is Evelyn Peterson.

Congratulations to James & Hannah Goble on the birth of their daughter, Sophia Rose. Sophia was born on Saturday, May 4, 2019. She weighed 9 pounds.

Congratulations to Rich & Joy Kettles on the birth of their daughter, Elaina Joy. Elaina was born on Wednesday, May 8, 2019. She weighed 6 pounds 13 ounces.

Congratulations to Brad & Grace Kresge on the birth of their daughter, Lydia Danae. Lydia was born on Monday, June 3, 2019. She weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces. Her Grandparents are John & Cheri Kresge. Great-grandma is Helen Kresge.

Congratulations to Jacob & Katie Ely on the birth of their daughter, Abigail May. Abigail was born on Monday, June 17, 2019. She weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces. Her Grandparents are Jeff & Lori Ely. Great-grandma is Carolyn Ely.

FIRST BAPTIST THIS 'N' THAT

Thank You! Notes

My Dear Church Family,

I want to thank you everyone who sent me a card for my birthday. I was overwhelmed by the large number of cards and all the kind words sent my way! It was a special blessing and meant so much to me! Thank you!

Love,
Helen Kresge

Dear First Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for donating 5 Bibles in memory of our mother/grandmother. Thank you for all your prayers!! It all meant so much to us!!

Thanks,
John, Linda, Mandy & Traci Brooke

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all your love and prayers throughout the years. You have been so gracious to us and we are so thankful for each one of you. We greatly appreciate the gift you gave to us. It will be a great help and blessing as we transition into this new journey the Lord has given to us. We are all adjusting well with the new routine and we thank you for your continued prayers for our family.

With Love,
Glen & Jenny Reava, Family

Dear First Baptist Church,

Thank you for arranging to have 5 Bibles distributed by members of The Gideons International to help transform lives through the Word of God. We can't think of anything better to honor our mother, Geraldine Schafer than by spreading the Word of God. This is wonderful!

Love,
Roger & Rosanne Schafer

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the many cards, prayers, and delicious food following my hip surgery.

Joyce Burk

MISSIONS NEWS

BUSY HANDS FOR MISSIONS

We have been busy the last three months. With an average of 6 ladies we filled 158 ditty bags for Youth Haven Ranch, tied 3 quilts, and delivered 250 bags and numerous pillow kits to Youth Haven. Thanks to all who helped with the above projects. We can always use toothbrushes and combs and washcloths for the ditty bags and anyone who wants to join us or sew at home.

Our next meetings are on Tuesdays: July 2, August 6, and September 3.

Hope to see you there. Dee Chapman

MAILINGS

In past months there have been mailings for the Kerrs, Brooks Buser/Radius, Craig Schafer, Nan Mosher, and Patty Zemmer. Clothing and silverware was delivered to Youth Haven Ranch. The Oswald's (Baptist Children's Home) visited the missions closet. Gift cards were given to the Leman's.

NEEDS FOR THE CLOSET

Items needed for the Missions Closet are: dish towels and the quick-dry bath towel sets.

LANSING CITY RESCUE MISSION

Below is a list of items that the Mission could use at this time. If you would like to donate any of these items, please place them in the yellow barrel located in Room #13 in the lower level.

Styrofoam Bowls, 12 oz.
Styrofoam Plates, 9" and 6"
Plastic Cutlery

Twin Blade Razors
Baby Wipes
Deodorant for Men & Women

JULY

Missionary of the Month

GABE & ELLEN MORSE

Address: 1623 W. Chicago Rd, Niles, MI 49120

Phones: Gabe: 269-231-0378 Ellen: 989-224-9250

Anniversary: 01/20/1996

Birthdays: Gabe-12/03/74, Ellen-03/29/74, Caleb-12/05/96, Ben-05/20/99, Morgan-01/09/01, Isabelle-06/03/04, Elise-10/20/06, Sophia-07/11/10, Evangeline-12/18/13

Sending Church: First Baptist Church, St. Johns

Mission Headquarters: Life Action Ministry, Niles, Michigan

Major Ministry: Facilities and Emergency Management Director/ young men's mentor

Gabe grew up in a missionary home and both his parents and grandparents were influential in his desire to spread the Gospel and care for people. Gabe was led to Christ at the age of five years old by Camp Barakel's founder, Uncle Johnny Johnson, while his parents were serving on staff at the camp. He rededicated his life to Christian service during a Word of Life Retreat. Not long afterwards his parents joined New Tribes Mission, where they served in the country of Panama as guest house and supply buyers for tribal linguists and evangelists. During this period, Gabe was deeply affected by the kidnapping and executions of several of his parent's coworkers and the daily sufferings of many Panamanians as well as positive interactions with U.S. Soldiers stationed there. He returned to the U.S. and graduated from New Tribes Bible School with the intent of becoming a missionary high school teacher but joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1993 after graduation because of the first Gulf War.

Ellen grew up in a home where the Gospel was lived out and that passion passed on to her. At age seven Ellen realized she was separated from God because of sin, and knew her only way to be reconnected to God was through belief in the finished work of Christ on the cross. She devoured every missionary book she could get her hands on, led Five Day clubs in her neighborhood and taught Sunday school and junior church. Ellen was also privileged to travel to several different countries as a teenager. She saw first-hand the need for the gospel to be proclaimed, and wanted to be a missionary in India like one of her favorite heroes, Amy Carmichael. Since a child, Ellen's heartbeat has been the Gospel and she loves nothing more than to share the Gospel with others, young or old.

Gabe and Ellen's families were life-long friends and Gabe and Ellen knew each other growing up. In their early twenties they fell in love and married in January, 1996 while Gabe served at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California. This began a journey for them which included serving in two other military branches, one combat tour in Iraq and numerous short world-wide military tours. During this time, Gabe and Ellen had seven children who are their pride and joy: two boys and five girls.

In 2003 the Morse family joined First Baptist Church and are continually grateful for the spiritual leadership given there, and love being a part of this dear church family. Gabe fit perfectly into and loved FBC's Church security program. Ellen thoroughly enjoyed her part working in Christ's Cadets with her three oldest children.

Because of their life-long desires to serve, Gabe and Ellen often asked how they could be more involved, but God kept them close to home in support roles. They now know this was training for God's next step in their lives to serve those preaching the Gospel. Their love for the Gospel and for their country provided the catalyst that led them to say "yes" when asked to join Life Action Revival Ministries. On December 29, 2015, Gabe and Ellen sold their house and moved to Niles, Michigan, where Life Action is headquartered. Their ministry is to serve those who preach the Gospel and to steward the people and resources God provides for that task

AUGUST

Missionary of the Month

BILL & NAN MOSHER (Retired-Baptist Mid-Missions))

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Phone: 616.258.8266

Birthdays: Nan (Nanette): 4/30/38 Bill (Kenneth William Jr.): 9/23/35 **Married:** 8/1/59

Children: Benjamin: 5/20/61 (married to Lisa), Charles: 3/30/64 (married to Ann), Melinda: 10/2/65 (married to Ken Crouse)

Nan grew up in Indiana. Her family attended liberal churches until her Dad was convicted about getting the family under clear Scriptural teaching. He took the family to a Baptist church in Fort Wayne. On Easter Sunday six months later (shortly before her tenth birthday), Nan trusted Christ as her Savior.

Bill moved often as his Dad was a pilot in the Army Air Corps. The family moved to Northville, MI in 1952. Peter Nieuwkoop was the pastor of the Baptist church in town. The Nieuwkoop's son, Roger was in the same grade as two of Bill's brothers. He invited them to the young people's meetings. The faithful gospel witness given was rewarded by Bill's three younger brothers' positive response. They witnessed to Bill when he was home from college. He argued with their words but was convinced by the testimony of their changed lives. Coming out of church one Sunday morning Bill learned that two of his drinking buddies had been killed in an accident. Except for God's directing otherwise, Bill would've been with them. He realized then the peril of living unsaved. He went home to his room and yielded his heart to the Lord asking Christ to save him. This was his senior year at the University of Michigan. About 6 months after receiving the Lord, Bill sensed God's call at a Bible conference to career ministry and submitted to Him.

Nan entered the Nursing College at University of Michigan when Bill was a senior. After they were married Bill completed his seminary education at Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary. He entered the Air Force in 1966 and served as chaplain for nine years. He and Nan joined Baptist Mid-Missions in July 1975. They served in England from 1976 until 1992 when Bill began serving in the position of Asian Field Administrator for Asia, the Pacific, the British Isles, and the English speaking Caribbean. At the time, Baptist Mid-Missions' personnel were in 17 countries in the vast area - a diverse group ranging from India, Bangladesh, Micronesia in the Pacific and Jamaica to Japan, Britain, Australia, and Hawaii. Bill pastored these missionaries and served as a link to resources in the States. He was involved in opening new fields for gospel outreach, assisting the missionaries in their ministry, meeting government officials, working with field councils to develop strategies for ministry, and counseling troubled missionaries. Nan often traveled with Bill and did a valuable job relating to the women. She took note of the things to be done or to obtain back in the States for the missionaries and compiled useful lists of prayer requests. She also worked in the medical department at the Home Office a couple days a week. Additionally, she was very active as a Biblical counselor at Berea Baptist Church. She received her MA in Biblical Counseling in May of 2003.

They retired from Baptist Mid-Missions in 2006. As a retiree, Bill's ministry has included a position as assistant pastor at Berea Baptist Church in Berea, Ohio, retiring a second time in December 2013. Nan has ministered in the church by counseling, discipling women, and has worked at Baptist Mid-Missions' inner city Cleveland ministry. They have strived to build relationships with Arabic people in the Cleveland area and served in an outreach to international students at the local college. In 2010, they traveled to Asia to interact with national believers and missionaries in four countries. They spent a year in Tucson, AZ to assist with their son's family, get acquainted with their three granddaughters, and work with a Christian organization to help refugee families settle in Tucson. They returned to Ohio in June 2012 and resumed the assistant pastor role and counseling at Berea Baptist Church. Bill retired from this position at the end of 2013; he continued as the director of the church's Bible Institute until the move to Michigan.

They sold their house in Ohio in November 2014 and have moved to Breton Homes in Grand Rapids. Two of their children, Ben and Melinda, live within an hour of them. Their other son Charles and his family live outside Omaha, Nebraska. This enables them to attend activities of their grandchildren. They have joined West Cannon Baptist Church.

Bill volunteers part time to research languages for future translation projects. Presently he is researching African nations. A couple of the groups researched are being considered as translation projects. Recently Bill was asked to work on translation project information for the BI website. Bill has established contacts with two Iranian post-graduate students via Skype. They are open to Biblical witness. Nan has been prominent in developing prayer ministry in recent years. She volunteers at their senior community to get acquainted with people. They rejoice that God has work yet for them in their retirement. Bill and Nan have both had successful cancer surgeries in the past year. Pray that the Lord keeps them healthy and gives them strength for each new task.



CALENDAR

Mon., July 1	Shuffleboard -- 10am (Gym) Men's Basketball -- 6:30pm (Gym)
Tues., July 2	Busy Hands for Missions -- 9:30am (Lower Level-Classroom #15)
Wed., July 3	NO Sr. High School Bible Study NO Prayer Meeting
Thurs., July 4	Independence Day Church Offices Closed
Fri., July 5	Church Offices Closed
Sat., July 6	Teens Return from Missions Trip
Sun., July 7	Communion -- AM Service Preston & Stephanie Nichols, Missionary Appointees to Asia Pacific, Ethnos360, Ministry Presentation -- PM Service
Mon., July 8	Shuffleboard -- 10am (Gym) Men's Basketball -- 6:30pm (Gym)
Tues., July 9	Mighty O.A.K.S. Picnic at the Depot Pavilion -- 12 Noon (Downtown St. Johns)
Wed., July 10	Sr. High School Bible Study -- 5:30pm (Pastor Chad's home) Prayer Meeting -- 6:30pm (Office Level-Room #1)
Sun., July 14	American Gospel: Christ Alone -- PM Service World Missions Prayer Meeting -- 7:15pm (Lower Level-Classroom #13)
Mon., July 15	Shuffleboard -- 10am (Gym) Men's Basketball -- 6:30pm (Gym)
Wed., July 17	Sr. High School Bible Study -- 5:30pm (Pastor Chad's home) Quarterly Business Meeting/Prayer Meeting -- 6:30pm (Office Level-Room #1)
Thurs., July 18	College & Career Bonfire Supper/Volleyball/Games -- 7pm (Davis' Home)
Sun., July 21	Missionary Speaker -- PM Service
Mon., July 22	Shuffleboard -- 10am (Gym) Men's Basketball -- 6:30pm (Gym)
Wed., July 24	Sr. High School Bible Study -- 5:30pm (Pastor Chad's home) Prayer Meeting -- 6:30pm (Office Level-Room #1)
Sat., July 27	Bridal Shower for Rebekah Snyder -- 10am (Gym)
Sun., July 28	Message, Pastor Chad Konieczny -- PM Service
Mon., July 29	Shuffleboard -- 10am (Gym) Men's Basketball -- 6:30pm (Gym)

AUGUST CALENDAR

- Fri., Aug. 2 Elders Meeting -- 8am (Office Level-Conference Room)
- Sun., Aug. 4 **Communion -- AM Service**
Teen Missions Trip Presentation -- PM Service
- Mon., Aug. 5 Shuffleboard -- 10am (Gym)
 Men's Basketball -- 6:30pm (Gym)
- Tues., Aug. 6 Busy Hands for Missions -- 9:30am (Lower Level-Room #15)
- Wed., Aug. 7 **Sr. High School Bible Study -- 5:30pm** (Pastor Chad's home)
Prayer Meeting -- 6:30pm (Office Level-Room #1)
- Thurs., Aug. 8 Missions Committee Meeting -- 6:30pm (Office Level-Conference Room)
- Sun., Aug. 11 **Regular Services -- AM & PM**
World Missions Prayer Meeting -- 7:15pm (Lower Level-Room #13)
- Mon., Aug. 12 Shuffleboard -- 10am (Gym)
 Men's Basketball -- 6:30pm (Gym)
- Tues., Aug. 13 Mighty O.A.K.S. Luncheon -- 12 Noon (Gym)
- Wed., Aug. 14 **Sr. High School Bible Study -- 5:30pm** (Pastor Chad's home)
Prayer Meeting -- 6:30pm (Office Level-Room #1)
- Thurs., Aug. 15 Deacons Meeting -- 6:00pm (Lower Level-Room #8)
 College & Career Bonfire Supper/Volleyball/Games -- 7pm (Davis' Home)
- Sun., Aug. 18 **Missionary Speaker -- PM Service**
- Mon., Aug. 19 Shuffleboard -- 10am (Gym)
 Men's Basketball -- 6:30pm (Gym)
- Wed., Aug. 21 **Sr. High School Bible Study -- 5:30pm** (Pastor Chad's home)
Prayer Meeting -- 6:30pm (Office Level-Room #1)
- Sat., Aug. 24 Justin Nichols/Rebekah Snyder Wedding /Reception-- 2:00pm (Church)
 (Watch Bulletin for more details)
- Sun., Aug. 25 **Promotion Sunday -- Students meet in their regular Sunday school classrooms. Kindergartners going into First Grade will receive a Bible.**
Hymn Sing -- PM Service
Homemade Ice Cream Fellowship -- 7:15pm (West Parking Lot)
- Mon., Aug. 26 Shuffleboard -- 10am (Gym)
 Men's Basketball -- 6:30pm (Gym)
- Wed., Aug. 28 **Sr. High School Bible Study -- 5:30pm** (Pastor Chad's home)
Prayer Meeting -- 6:30pm (Office Level-Room #1)

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sun., Sept. 1	NO Sunday School AM Service in the St. Johns City Park - Cookout immediately following the Service NO PM Service
Mon., Sept. 2	Labor Day No Shuffleboard Men's Basketball -- 6:30pm (Gym)
Tues., Sept. 3	Busy Hands for Missions -- 9:30am (Lower Level-Room #15)
Wed., Sept. 4	No Sr. High Bible Study Prayer Meeting -- 6:30pm (Office Level-Classroom #1)
Fri., Sept. 6	Elders Meeting -- 8:00am (Office Level-Conference Room)
Sun., Sept. 8	Kick-Off Sunday--Sr. High-Adults meet in the Auditorium for Sunday School Communion -- AM Service World Missions Prayer Meeting--after the PM Service (Lower Level - Classroom#13)
Mon., Sept. 9	Shuffleboard -- 10am (Gym) Men's Basketball -- 6:30pm (Gym)
Tues., Sept. 10	Mighty O.A.K.S. trip to Meijer Gardens -- (Time to be decided)
Wed., Sept. 11	Awana Resumes -- 6:30-8pm (Children's Wing) 24/7 Jr. High Resumes -- 6:30-8pm (Jr. High Room-Youth Wing) Bible Institute Classes Resume -- 6:30-7:30/8pm (Lower Level-Adult Wing) Sr. High Bible Study -- 6:30pm (Youth Room) Prayer Meeting -- 6:30pm (Office Level-Classroom #1)
Thurs., Sept. 12	Missions Committee Meeting -- 6:30pm (Office Level-Conference Room) Mentoring Moms -- 6:30pm (Cheri Kresge's home) College & Career Supper/Bible Study -- 7pm (Jim & Debi Davis' Home)
Sun., Sept. 15	Adult Small Groups & Classes Resume -- 9:15am
Mon., Sept. 16	Shuffleboard -- 10am (Gym) Men's Basketball -- 6:30pm (Gym)
Wed., Sept. 18	Awana -- 6:30-8pm (Children's Wing) 24/7 Jr. High -- 6:30-8pm (Jr. High Room-Youth Wing) Bible Institute Classes -- 6:30-7:30/8pm (Lower Level-Adult Wing) Sr. High Bible Study -- 6:30pm (Youth Room) Prayer Meeting -- 6:30pm (Office Level-Classroom #1)
Thurs., Sept. 19	Deacons Meeting -- 6:00pm (Lower Level-Classroom #8)
Sun., Sept. 22	Regular Services
Mon., Sept. 23	Shuffleboard -- 10am (Gym) Men's Basketball -- 6:30pm (Gym)
Wed., Sept. 25	Awana -- 6:30-8pm (Children's Wing) 24/7 Jr. High -- 6:30-8pm (Jr. High Room-Youth Wing) Bible Institute Classes -- 6:30-7:30/8pm (Lower Level-Adult Wing) Sr. High Bible Study -- 6:30pm (Youth Room) Prayer Meeting -- 6:30pm (Office Level-Classroom #1)
Thurs., Sept. 26	College & Career Supper/Bible Study -- 7pm (Jim & Debi Davis' Home)
Sun., Sept. 29	Regular Services
Mon., Sept. 30	Shuffleboard -- 10am (Gym) Men's Basketball -- 6:30pm (Gym)



JULY BIRTHDAYS

01	Nathanael Whitelock	11	Taylor Feldpausch Sophia Morse	22	Pastor Mike Briggs Dan Niznak Seth Schmidtman
02	Mary Ann Rademacher	12	Kate Schafer	23	Geraldine Arnett Patti Jo Nichols Diana VanOrsdol
03	Anna Crandall John Prohaska	14	Vicky Ondrusek	24	Cody Fleischer
04	Jenna Davis	15	Richard Knapp Lori Knaus Cruz Loynes Jenny Schafer	25	Dennis Eilert Sue Motz
05	Beverly Gill Joy Kettles Gary Snyder	16	Mark Lutz	26	Kent Schafer
06	Doris Cook Rich Kettles Kalyssa Kirby	17	Zach Smith	28	Samuel Iung Preston Nichols
07	Connie Cartwright Scott McCorvie	18	Duane Breining Maris Everts Lawrence Kruger Jules Nichols	29	Timothy Crandall Rose Davis Billy Gillean Terry Haneckow Sherri Purchase
08	Tom Hermann Ruby Nichols Ryleigh Smith	19	Ted Beck Wren Lutz	30	Cody Beck Elise Darragh Chris Ordway Cliff Zehr
09	Carolyn Ely Kevin McCorvie Randy Salisbury	20	Vanessa Bailey Krista Mead Stephanie Nichols Brent Sheen	31	Isaac Ely Silas Robbe
10	Matthew Bailey Sveta Hearn Brianna Kettles	21	Alexsis Studer		



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

01 Lydia Ely
Kay Schmidtman-Zehr

02 Amanda Briggs
Thad Cartwright

03 Lisa Barrett
Roger Carlisle
Andrew Feldpausch
Logan Hazle
Kerith Hoard

04 Jessi Eilert

05 John Brooke

06 Stephanie Dush
Janet Mann
Michelle Rosendale

07 Nancy Arnst
VeraGrace Presley

09 Celena Mills
Ben Mullikin

10 Keith Fredric Cornell
Becky Iung
Ian McCorvie
Cyndi Thelen

11 Daylene Sadler

15 Betty Sanford
Tammy Underwood

16 Judy Dollarhite
Tori Harps
Becky Kay
Brad Kresge
John Leif
Isaac Painter
Ryah Priestly
Ryan Shackelford

17 Evalina Breining

18 Scott Becker
William Richardson

19 Jackson Bargeron
Philip Burkhart
Sylvia Thomas

21 Archer Mills

22 Anna Ordway

24 Becky Becker
David Bish
Hayven Smith

25 Susie Lamb

26 Carrie Schmidtman

27 Nicole Stine

29 Piper Knaus

31 Gary Kingsley
Louise Thompson



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01	Americus Geer	15	Joel Seling	24	Sandy Burk Rachel Harps
02	Beverly Crowell	16	Annette Wood	25	Eileen Feldpausch Jim Rademacher
05	Carol Estes Clare Klein	17	Jim Davis Ryan Leif	27	Roger Schafer Candi Sheen
06	Kathy Hopkins	18	Roger Annis Penny Tahvonen	29	Becky Hoard Jerry Peterson JoAnn Prohaska
08	Brandon Stuart	19	Ruby Bancroft Bonnie Lutz	30	Brady Reava Dona Beth Silvers
10	Anita Iocco Pastor Chad Konieczny	20	Dean Feldpausch		
11	Craig Bishop Carolyn Patrick	21	Andrea Bancroft Faith Fleischer Bonnie McCorvie		
12	Elayna Pagels Alyssa Thompson	22	Beth Holben		
13	Marcia Feldpausch	23	Jameson Hufnagel		
14	Lori Ely				

SCHEDULES FOR JULY

NURSERY

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| 07 | SS | *Emily Kanus, Lori Knaus,
Lydia Burkhart |
| | AM | *Carrie Schmidtman,
Lisa & Evelyn Crandall,
Emma Thelen, Linda Kresge |
| | PM | *Dawn Benson, Debi Davis |
| 14 | SS | Emily Knaus, *Sarah Thomas,
Denelle Merignac |
| | AM | *Sarah & Sylvia Thomas,
Carolyn Henning, Leah
Konieczny, Linda Kresge |
| | PM | *Lou Anne Kingsley, Andi
Gunnell, Trisha Feldpausch |
| 21 | SS | *Berndette Richardson,
Emily Bargeron, Carolyn
Patrick |
| | AM | *Becky & Grace Peterson,
Kelly & Averlin West, Linda
Kresge |
| | PM | *Annette Peterson, Kim
Painter |
| 28 | SS | *Becky Becker, Patti Nichols,
Helen Kresge |
| | AM | *Katie Fore, Mandi & Madison
VanZee, Jaclyn Preistley,
Linda Kresge |
| | PM | *Traci Brooke, Bethany
Konieczny, Isabella Gunnell |

TODDLERS

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| 07 | AM | Lori Kanus, Valorie & Esther
lung, Michelle Cornell,
Jessi Eilert |
| | PM | Emily Brun, Mandi Briggs,
Emma & Sophia Nichols |
| 14 | AM | Eileen Feldpausch, Janice
Snyder, Faith Robbe, Gabby
Gunnell, Jazmine Harps |
| | PM | Cindy & Isaac Painter, Ben
Kresge |
| 21 | AM | John & Karen Leif, Clayton
West, Joe lung, Tori Harps |
| | PM | Carrie & Rylee Miller, Sarah
Bouck |
| 28 | AM | Lisa Barrett, Anna Ordway,
Mckenna Briggs, Paul
Bancroft, Nathanael
Konieczny |
| | PM | Andrea & Davi Bancroft,
Jill Shackelford |

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| 07 | AM | *Scott McCorvie,
Derrick Ostrander,
Phil Burkhart, Duane
Schafer, Doro Pená,
Dennis Eilert |
| | PM | *Walt Knaus,
Doro Pená |
| 14 | AM | *Julius Motz, Norm
Moinet, Doro Pená,
Ted Beck, Justus
Holben, Leon Mills |
| | PM | *John Glerum,
Doug Merignac |
| 21 | AM | *Rick Davis, Rick
Robbe, Ryan
Shackelford, Joe
Ondrusek, Monte Ely,
Harold Lichte |
| | PM | *Ted Beck,
Chris Ordway |
| 28 | AM | *John Leif, Scott
Darragh, Chris Bouck,
Ron Showers, Jimmie
Harps, Clayton West |
| | PM | Chris Bouck,
Grayson Ordway |

TODDLER COOKIES

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| 07 | Cheryl Haviland |
| 14 | Eileen Feldpausch |
| 21 | Rylee Miller |
| 28 | Paige Feldpausch |

*Captain

GREETERS

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| 07 | Foyer | Tom & MB Moldenhauer |
| | Office | AM-Joel Seling
PM-Diana VanOrsdol |
| 14 | Foyer | Mike & Tammy Underwood |
| | Office | Sharon Ashenfelter |
| 21 | Foyer | Ron & Jill Keilen |
| | Office | Todd & Mishelle Pagels |
| 29 | Foyer | Bryan & Trisha Feldpausch |
| | Office | AM-Joe & Vicky Ondrusek
PM-Diana VanOrsdol |

***Foyer-Stay until Sermon begins**

***AM Foyer Greeters please be at your door by 10AM.**

***Office Greeters now greet for Sunday Sunday School at 9AM unless other - wise stated.**

***Everyone Greets in the PM Service Unless otherwise stated.**

