

First Baptist Communiqué

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October Events



**Our theme for Local Evangelism Month is:
“Let Your Light Shine & Get Your Hands Dirty.”**

Theme Verse - Matthew 5:16 “In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

Sunday, October 5th

Pastor Tim - AM & PM Services
Communion - PM

Sunday, October 12th

Pastor Chad - AM & PM Services



Wednesday, October 15th

Quarterly Business &
Prayer Meeting
6:30 PM



Sunday, October 19th

Missionary Christmas Offering - All Day
Pastor Ron - AM Service
Beacon of Hope Presentation,
Karen Leif - PM Service



Sunday, October 26th

Pastor Chad - AM Service
Baptism/Membership - PM Service





Missionary Christmas Offering

Every year we take an offering to give to our missionaries as a Christmas gift. The money collected will be divided equally among our supported missionaries to encourage them during the Christmas season.

A gift-wrapped box will be at the Information Area Sunday, October 19th, for you to give your gift.

Reminder: This is a non-taxable gift and cannot be claimed on your income tax.



2015 Church Phone Directories

The directories will be available on Sunday, October 26th.

Reminder: One per family.

Young adults still living at home may have a copy also.



If you have an Amazon Account you can donate to our Church with every purchase you make by signing up for AmazonSmile. It is the same as your regular Amazon Account except that Amazon donates a percentage of everything you order on AmazonSmile to First Baptist Church if you designate us as your charity.

To sign up, simply go to smile.amazon.com and choose First Baptist Church of St. Johns, MI as your charitable organization. The money contributed will be used for special projects and the deacon's fund.

UPCOMING CHURCH ACTIVITIES THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR

Be sure to mark your calendars.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Thanksgiving Praise Service -- Evening Service



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

No Wednesday Evening Activities



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

Special Night of Christmas Music -- Evening Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

Sunday School Christmas Program -- Evening Service
Please note: The S.S. Christmas Program Practice will be Saturday, Dec. 13th, 9-11AM.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

AM Service
No Sunday School & No Evening Service

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service -- 6PM (Communion)



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

AM Service
No Sunday School & No Evening Service





Beacon of Hope Update

Beacon of Hope Presentation

On Sunday, October 19 in the P.M. Service there will be a presentation on the Beacon of Hope ministry. This is a good opportunity to learn more about Beacon and ways that you can serve the Lord through the ministry.

Volunteers Needed

Beacon needs volunteers to work in the Learn & Earn store and also the food pantry on Tuesday evenings when Beacon is open. Older teens are welcome for these jobs. **You decide how many times a month you want to work.**

Thinking ahead to Christmas

Beacon of Hope will once again offer a Shopping Day for participants to spend their credits on Christmas gifts. If you like to browse the clearance racks, keep a lookout for these items: bedding (including pillows), pots & pans, baking pans, microwaves, vacuum cleaners, crock pots, toys, and items for teens like curling/flat irons, sports equipment, and ear buds.

Donating to other organizations

There are times when the Beacon storage area is filled to capacity and cannot accept donations of large amounts of items. In that case you might want to consider donating used items to St. Vincent De Paul. Their store is located in Southpoint Mall and is open Monday through Friday. The money made by selling items goes directly to those in need in our community – it **DOES NOT** go to the Catholic Church. Last year St. Vincent distributed over \$100,000 to residents of Clinton County. Beacon often refers participants to St. Vincent's for help with evictions or utility shut-offs.



Senior Saints

We had 15 folks "travel" to Israel in September. Each were greeted with a costume and a traditional "Shalom" greeting. Following a feast of lamb and rice we traveled -via DVD-to Israel and learned more about "Yom Kippur" and the "Feast of Tabernacles".

On October 14 we will meet at Melvin & Beverly Crowell's home (3635 S. Shepardsville Road, St. Johns) **11 AM (Note time change)** for a Country Breakfast and tour of the working sawmill. **Everything will be furnished so RESERVATIONS are IMPORTANT! Sign up today at the Information Area in the foyer.**

November will find us at Big Boy for noon lunch and December is our annual Christmas luncheon at Jade Garden.



Our church will once again collect shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse. Watch the foyer to pick up your brochure(s) and box(es). It gives instructions as well as great ideas for your shoeboxes. Be sure to include \$7.00 with each box and use the labels on the brochure to show if it is for a boy or girl.

National Collection of the boxes will be November 17-24. If you would like the church to deliver your box(es), place your box in the Kitchen-office level or Stepping Stones Classroom-lower level. The deadline for turning in your shoebox(es) is Sunday, November 16th. To deliver your box(es) to a collection site, go to the website: <http://www.samaritanpurse.org/operation-christmas-child/drop-off-locations/> after October 1, to find a drop off site and times they are open.



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

First Baptist Church Policy on Marriage and Human Sexuality

If you haven't done so, we encourage you to pick up a copy of the First Baptist Church Policy on Marriage and Human Sexuality. Copies are available in the church foyer or from the church office. Pastor Tim explained the new policy on Sunday evening, August 24th. You can request a CD of his explanation from the church office.



Nursery/Toddlers

REQUESTING NURSERY/TODDLER CHRISTMAS EVE WORKERS

The next Communiqué will be a combined newsletter for November and December. So, shocking as it seems, it is not too early to begin thinking about Christmas. Please consider the gift of your time and service as a nursery/toddler volunteer during our Christmas Eve church service. Please call Sarah Thomas by October 15th.



Thank You Notes

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness,
The family of Norine Wisner would like to say “Thank You” for your prayers and cards of sympathy since mom’s passing.
Thank you also for the Gideon Bibles donated in her memory.
In Christian Love,
Paul & RuthAnn Halstead & Family



Released Time Class
Released Time Class with Debbie Price (Rural Bible Mission) will be starting again in October. The class

for the town students meets at our church on the third Friday of each month. If you live out of town, they do have classes at the country schools. Please call your school to find out the times.

There will be registration forms on the Communications Table for you to fill out and give to your school. It also explains what released time is all about. Home school children are welcome as well, just fill out the permission slip and give it to Debbie Price.

The first meeting will be Friday, October 24th, at 1:00pm.



New Location for Mailbox Club “Mailbox”

The “mailbox” for dropping off Mailbox Club lessons has been relocated. It is now mounted on the wall in the area between the Children’s Wing doorway and John Kresge’s classroom.

The Mailbox Club is a Christian ministry that provides age-appropriate Bible lessons through mail correspondence. Enrollment is open for anyone 4 years old through adult. If you are interested in getting started in the program, you can complete one of the blank forms stored in the mailbox or contact Sarah Thomas.



MISSIONS UPDATE:



MISSIONS

BUSY HANDS FOR MISSIONS

On September 2nd five ladies met and we made three pillowcase dresses to be sent to Rachel Buser and started working on aprons for Rowena Barnes. We hope to make tote bags and baby blankets for Rowena as well. We can use your help on **October 7th at 9:30 AM**. You don't have to be able to sew, we'll find a job for you. Hope to see you there.

In His service, Dee Chapman

MAILINGS IN SEPTEMBER

Birthday greetings were mailed to two of our men in Sept. (We ask for suggestions as they aren't as delighted to get a new dish towel and a candle) **George Collins** was mailed \$20 to put towards a book he wanted from Amazon.

Steve Mayo was interested in having the book *Center Church* by Timothy Keller. This was purchased and mailed to him along with handkerchiefs, candle for Sue, body cream and dish towels to use for packing. We missed Sue's birthday so this was a great opportunity to remember her as well.

A Birthday box was mailed to **Peggy Marsh**. Her kitchen is blue so a blue and white dish towel, two small candles, (one Christmas and one without a label) and some bath products will brighten her day.

MISSIONS CLOSET

Nathan and Rachel Eastman, who were visiting missionaries on their way to France to work with the Basque peoples, and their six children presented their work. A backpack full of travel supplies for their children and lunch was ready for them after the service. They have their visa's and should be on their way. Rachel wrote: "I just wanted to say thank you for all the goodies you gave us. It was way more than I expected and very generous and thoughtful. What a special treat for the children as well. Thanks for being a blessing and encouragement to our family. Love In Christ."

Glen and Jenny Reava and family were here to share with the church and they found dish towels, dish cloths, pot holders and items such as toothpaste, deodorant, and hand creams.

THANK YOU'S

From **Ruth Scheltema**: "I received your package with all the 'goodies'. How I appreciate your thoughtfulness. I have already lighted the vanilla candle - yummy aroma! The notes I can use when I write notes to bereaved loved ones of Hospice patients. Thank you for remembering me. I am totally enjoying *A Way Beyond Death*. I recognize or have been in many of the places mentioned. It is renewing my burden to pray for the many yet unreached Indians in the Amazon. Pray for me as I am editing and improving Hank's Story which includes his attempt to reach the Mayorunas. Praise God, that when Brazil closed off that territory for an Indian reservation, the Wycliffe's ladies (with whom we tried to reach the Mayorunas) have been successful in their ministry to the Peruvian Mayorunas. Thank you so much for sending me the book. Love to you and those who helped with the gifts."

From **Shelly Schafer**: "We got your package, and I have to tell you – all that candy (laughy taffy and nerd strings) were the biggest hit in that package! The kids just went crazy!!! Here's a picture of Hali, she grabbed them all and said, 'can we have all these for snack today!!' Everything else was awesome. Thank you for all your work and gathering everything and mailing it! It is always a blessing to receive the things we need and want. Love ya and thanks again."

The above thank you notes are to all of you as you supply the funds to mail and the items for the missions closet that goes into the gifts and mailings.

NEW ROOM FOR MISSIONS CLOSET

We're looking forward to having a **Missionary Closet Place** in which to store special items. It is the former Awana storage room. If anyone is interested in helping prepare the room, please contact **Diana VanOrsdol**. Possible jobs are: paint, have carpet for the floor and install it, move the light switch, etc.

NEEDS AND THINGS TO COLLECT

We are out of crocheted dish cloths, the ladies favorite thing. Dish towels are always appreciated. We also need old jewelry, ladies handkerchiefs, cancelled commemorative stamps, children's magazines.

Thank you to those who brought in ladies bath products and Tupperware Modulars.



Missionaries of the Month

Glenn & Becky Kerr

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Mission Agency: Bibles International

Ministry: Bible translation

Becky: 6/14/51

Glenn: 11/05/49

Married: 7/06/74

Children: Aaron: married to Jen

Joel: married to Emily

Rachel: married to Josh Piland

Becky grew up in northern Minnesota in a Christian family. She became a Christian at age seven while her mom was reading her a missionary story. She used her gifts in music in the mission church they were a part of and was baptized there. She attended one year at Bethel College and transferred to Bob Jones University, where she met Glenn.

Glenn's parents were not Christians when they married near Jackson, Michigan. When they moved to New Jersey they started attending a Presbyterian church and six months later put their faith in Christ. Glenn received the Lord at age three. After Glenn's junior year of high school he told the Lord he would be willing to do with his life whatever the Lord wanted. He majored in music, minored in German, and also studied Greek.

After Glenn and Becky married, he pastored in Spartanburg and Simpsonville, South Carolina. In 1978 they moved to Wisconsin where Glenn received a master's degree in Hebrew & Semitic Studies at the University of Wisconsin. They both were committed to missions in their younger years; however, the Lord continued to say "not now". After 17 years of marriage they moved to Michigan where they began work with Bibles International. Bible translation has been their vision and desire and what they have prepared for since their teen years.

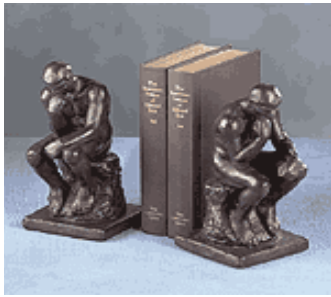
Becky produces the BI quarterly newsletter, *Briefings*. She is involved with all forms of literature production, designing brochures for projects, works in planning and carrying out the Harvest Dinner with the Stewardship Department, and she sometimes travels with Glenn.

Glenn's work includes producing tools to use in translation work, helping translators, and helping those checking translations. BI has many projects going on throughout the world. Glenn is involved in the professional development of each consultant, making sure they have the tools they need to do their job, as well as appropriate computer and software training.

Glenn holds several workshops each year. He works with the teams who check particular texts of current Bible translation projects. They go through the work verse by verse, checking it for accuracy against the original language. This includes lots of travel to distant places, mostly in French-speaking Africa but also to countries in Asia, South America, and even Europe. Bibles International has been blessed to publish New Testaments and complete Bibles for many people groups and is constantly taking on new projects once others are finished.



Food for Thought...A Challenge to be Thinking Christians



Why Making Decisions Is So Hard

by Tim Challies

Tim Challies is an author, blogger, book reviewer (he reviews books for WORLD Magazine) and serves as a pastor at Grace Fellowship Church in Toronto, Ontario, focusing on mentoring and discipleship.

Making decisions is one of the most difficult things we do. If it is that hard to choose between the mint chocolate chip and the rocky road, how much more do we agonize over this church or that church, this school or that school, this job or that job, this person or that person? We pray, we sweat, we weep, we read, we toss, we turn.

Why this fear? Why this agony? Why these sleepless nights? It is the uncertainty of it, I'm sure. It is the uncertainty of where our choices may lead.

When it comes to making decisions, we have this desire to protect ourselves from the wrong decisions or, more properly, from the consequences of the wrong decisions. I don't want to make an educational choice that imperils my child's soul; I don't want to make a dating choice that leads me to marital misery; I don't want to make a vocational choice that leads me to unemployment. I don't...I don't want to be unhappy, and want to ensure that my choices don't lead me there.

What I really want when I make a decision is to see the future.

I don't only want to see the options before me, but the result of each of those options. If I could gaze into the future and see my child as a growing, thriving, Christ-honoring adult, it would make choosing this school that much easier. If I could gaze into the future and see myself hand-in-hand with that woman sixty years from now, I would know that she will make a fine choice for a wife. If I could only see the end, I would know. If only I had access to the future.

But the thing we want is a thing God does not give us. He is far too wise for that, and does not give us that view of the finish line, that sneak peak of the future. He could, of course. After all, he is the one who declares, "the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose...' (Isaiah 46:10)." As the one who declares it and will bring it to pass, he is also the one who could display it in advance. But he doesn't.

Instead, he does something far better: He gives us a view of himself.

We don't need to know the future when we know the one who holds the future.

God does not want us to put our hope in a future outcome, but in him. We don't ground our faith in a result, but in a Person. If we could see the future we would take our eyes off him. If we could see the future, our faith would be in the future. But when all we see is God, our trust must be in him.

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God doesn't comfort us by showing us the future, but by showing us himself. He shows himself as the all-powerful, all-knowing God who is for us, not against us. He shows himself as being far more committed to us than we are to him. He promises that he will never leave us nor forsake us, that he will work all things for good, that he will hold us firm to the end. He guarantees that he has purposes in this world and that nothing can change or interrupt or thwart them. He assures us that he will be glorified. He says, "Don't look at the future, look at me!"

Decisions are difficult simply because we do not trust God with the results of our decisions. Decisions are difficult only because we are prone to misplace our comfort, to find our hope in a vision of the future more than in the one who holds the future. Your confidence in making decisions is directly related to your confidence in God himself.



OCTOBER CALENDAR

- Wed., October 1** **AWANA -- 6:30pm (Childrens Wing)**
24/7-Jr. High -- 6:30pm (Youth Wing)
Prayer Meeting -- 6:30pm (Office Level-Classroom #1)
Bible Institute Classes -- 6:30pm (Lower Level-Adult Classrooms)
High School Bible Study -- 6:30pm (Youth Wing)
- Sun., October 5** **Pastor Tim -- AM & PM Service**
Communion -- PM Service
- Mon., October 6** **Men's Basketball -- 6:30pm (Gym)**
Shuffleboard -- 10:00 am (Gym)
- Tues., October 7** **Busy Hands for Missions--9:30am (Lower Level-Around Corner from Elevator)**
- Wed., October 8** **Elders Meeting -- 9:30am (Conference Room)**
AWANA -- 6:30pm (Childrens Wing)
24/7-Jr. High -- 6:30pm (Youth Wing)
Prayer Meeting -- 6:30pm (Office Level-Classroom #1)
Bible Institute Classes -- 6:30pm (Lower Level-Adult Classrooms)
High School Bible Study -- 6:30pm (Youth Wing)
- Thurs., October 9** **Missions Committee Meeting -- 6:30 pm (Office Level-Classroom #2)**
Mentoring Moms -- 6:30 pm (Conference Room)
- Sun., October 12** **Pastor Chad -- AM & PM Service**
World Missions Prayer Meeting -- After the PM Service (Lower Level-John Kresge's Classroom)
- Mon., October 13** **Same As October 6**
- Tues., October 14** **Senior Saints "Country Breakfast" -- 11am (Melvin & Beverly Crowell's home)**
- Wed., October 15** **AWANA -- 6:30pm (Childrens Wing)**
24/7-Jr. High -- 6:30pm (Youth Wing)
Quarterly Business/Prayer Mtg. -- 6:30 pm
Bible Institute Classes -- 6:30pm (Lower Level-Adult Classrooms)
High School Bible Study -- 6:30pm (Youth Wing)
- Thurs., October 16** **Deacons Meeting -- 6:00 pm (Lower Level-Bob Showers' Classroom)**
- Sun., October 19** **Missionary Christmas Offering -- All Day**
Pastor Ron -- AM Service
Beacon of Hope Presentation -- PM Service
- Mon., October 20** **Same As October 6**
- Wed., October 22** **Same As October 1**
- Fri., October 24** **Released Time Class -- 1:00pm (Childrens Wing)**
- Sun., October 26** **Pastor Chad -- AM Service**
Baptism/Membership -- PM Service
- Mon., October 27** **Same As October 6**
- Wed., October 29** **Same As October 1**



OCTOBER

Birthdays

03	Nancy Cashen Amber Keilen	13	Mary Poling	24	Leah Deemer Caden Fore
04	Dan Halstead Samuel Marcotte	14	Michael Knaus	25	Bob Worthington
05	Barb Case Monte Ely Don Jones	15	Trisha Feldpausch	26	Marc Hufnagel Pam Snyder
06	Shellie Walter	16	Nita Carpenter Melvin Crowell	27	Ted Loznak
07	Vada Halsted Eloise Kay Carrie Miller	17	Rachel Becker Fran Nelson Norm Sanford Aaron Stine Neil Stump	28	Megan Ely Katie Mullikin Cindy Painter
08	Kathy Annis	18	LuAnn Carlisle Lydia Cyrus	29	Keith Irish Sheila Robbe
09	Josiah Robbe	19	Peggy Foster	30	Joseph Marcotte Brayden Schmidtman Nathan Stump
10	Elijah Becker Grayson Ordway	20	Elise Morse	31	Rick Hopkins
12	Chuck Blink Janice Crowell Caleb Robbe Ashton Sheen	22	Sharon Ashenfelter Joyce Worthington		
		23	Ayla Holben		



SCHEDULES FOR OCTOBER

NURSERY

- 01 Awana Carolyn Henning, Jen S,
SuAnn Prince
- 05 SS Lori Knaus, Karen Ramsay
AM Trisha Feldpausch, Sarah
Snyder, Morgan Morse,
Linda Kresge
PM Cheryl Haviland, Annette
Peterson
- 08 Awana Carolyn Henning, Jen S,
Lori Knaus
- 12 SS Helen Kresge, Sarah
Thomas
AM Sarah Thomas, Michelle
Hyzer, Hannah Robbe, Linda
Kresge
PM Deb Galloway, Valorie lung,
Ellen Kresge
- 15 Awana Carolyn Henning, Lori
Knaus, Sue Bishop
- 19 SS Becky Becker, Lisa Crandall
AM Debi Davis, Emily Brun,
Pearl Nichols, Linda Kresge
PM Holly Merignac, Kay
Schmidtman, April Mullikin
- 22 Awana Carolyn Henning, Michelle,
Hyzer, **Seeking Volunteer**
- 26 SS Bernadette Richardson,
Annette Wood
AM Pat Lutz, Michelle
Richardson, Bethany
Marcotte, Linda Kresge
PM Grace King, Dawn Benson
- 29 Awana Carolyn Henning, Eileen
Feldpausch, SuAnn Prince

GREETERS

- 05 Foyer Ron & Jill Keilen
Office Todd & Mishelle Pagels
West Tom & MB Moldenhauer
- 12 Foyer Bryan & Trisha Feldpausch
Office Bill & Sharon Kidd
West Chris & Sarah Bouck
- 19 Foyer Mike & Tammy Underwood
Office Jay & Becky Peterson
West AM-Evelyn Peterson
PM-Diana VanOrsdol
- 26 Foyer Roger & Rosanne Schafer
Office Gary & Pam Snyder
West Sharon Ashenfelter

Everyone Greets in the PM Service

TODDLERS

- 05 AM Patti Jo Nichols, Michelle
Rosendale, Hannah
Marcotte
PM Carrie Miller, Lori Knaus
- 12 AM Pamarie Nichols, Eileen &
Natalie Feldpausch
PM Darlene Dutcher, Laurie
Ordway
- 19 AM Yvonne Sischo, Sarah
Bouck, Rebekah Painter
PM Davey & Katie Fore, Anna
Ordway
- 26 AM Cathy McCune, Marcia
Feldpausch, Leah Robbe
PM Cassie Sischo, Katie
Sawyer, Sarah Wood

TODDLER COOKIES

- 05 Holly Merignac
12 Sharon Moinet
19 Cindy Painter
26 Cheryl Haviland

USHERS

- 05 AM *John Leif, Jeremy
Thomas, Jason Holben,
Jim Cyrus, Brad
Kresge, Roger Crowell
- PM *John Glerum, Walt
Knaus, Ted Loznak,
Austin Davis
- 12 AM *Scott McCorvie,
Derrick Ostrander,
Andrew Davis, Phil
Burkhart, Duane
Schafer, Brian Mead
- PM *Jim Ashenfelter, Nick
Bancroft
- 19 AM *Julius Motz, Heath
Miller, Shane Kidd,
Mark Lutz, Rick Davis,
Bill Richards
- PM *Louie Simon, Dean
Feldpausch, Joel
Hopkins
- 26 AM *Tim Fair, David Cook,
Chris Bouck, Harold
Lichte, William Kidd,
Ryan Shackelford
- PM Dell Schmidtman,
Doug Merignac, Dave
Halfman

*Captain

