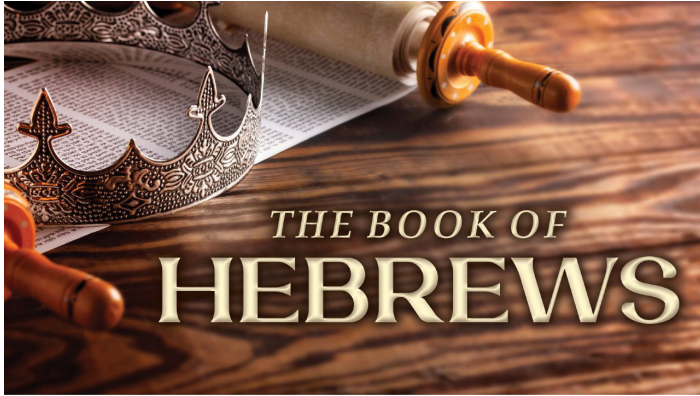


**Welcome to
First Baptist Church
Sunday, November 17, 2024**



10:30 AM SERVICE

Message - From Shadows to Reality
Hebrews 10:1-4
Pastor Tim Knaus

Church Information

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Today's Events

- 4:00pm • **Choir Rehearsal** (Auditorium)
- 5:30pm • **College Bible Study** (Office Level-Classroom #2)
- 6:00pm • **Sr. High Bible Study** (Youth Room)

This Week's Events

MONDAY

10:00am
6:30pm

- **Shuffleboard** (Gym)
- **Men's Basketball** (Gym)

TUESDAY

6-8:00pm

- **Pickleball**
(Gym)

WEDNESDAY

6:30pm

- **AWANA**
- **24/7 Jr. High** (Youth Room)
- **Prayer Meeting**
(Office Level-Classroom #1)
- **Women's Bible Study**
(Ruth Hills' Home)
- **Adult Bible Studies**
(Lower Level-Adult Wing)

THURSDAY

6-8:00pm

- **Pickleball**
(Gym)
- **Single Women's Bible Study**
(Bancroft Barn)

6:30pm

FRIDAY

10:00am

- **Women's Bible Study**
(Office Level-Classroom #2)

SATURDAY

6:00pm

- **Choir Rehearsal**
(Auditorium)

Coming Events

- Sun., Nov. 24**
 - **Sunday School -- 9:15am**
 - **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)
- Mon., Nov. 25**
 - **Men's Bible Study -- 7:00pm**
(Lane Barger's Home)
- Tues., Nov. 26**
 - **Pickleball -- 6-8:00pm**
(Gym)
- Wed., Nov. 27**
 - **NO EVENING ACTIVITIES**
- Thurs., Nov. 28**
 - **THANKSGIVING DAY**
 - **Church Office Closed**
- Fri., Nov. 29**
 - **Church Office Closed**
- Sun., Dec. 1**
 - **Sunday School -- 9:15am**
 - **AM Service -- 10:30am**
 - **Night Of Christmas Music--5:00pm**
See Article
 - **Evening Fellowship--After the PM Service** (Gym) See Article
 - **Sr. High Bible Study--6:45-8:00pm**
(Youth Room)

NO WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES

November 27th

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no Wednesday evening activities.



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.



December Sunday Evening Fellowship **December 1, 2024**

Our December Sunday Evening Fellowship menu: Baked potato bar(Camp Barakel recipe), fruit plates & desserts.

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

We look forward to gathering together as a church family!

Important Announcement: **Designated Giving**

The church does not allow people to designate their offerings for specific ministries. All financial gifts given to the church will go to the general budget and be used to meet all the ministry needs of the church. Therefore, you will not be able to designate your offering specifically for missions, Beacon of Hope, or any other church ministry.

Beacon of Hope

Beacon will be collecting gently-used blankets, sleeping bags, and reusable tote bags for the PATH team from Housing Services of Mid-Michigan. This is the team who provides face-to-face interactions with people living on the streets, in vehicles, camps or other non-traditional settings unfit for human habitation. With winter fast approaching, a restock is needed. Last year, this donation campaign provided the PATH team with enough blankets to give one to every person in need for Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties! Hand warmers are also always needed.

Donations can be left in the brown bin outside Beacon anytime or dropped off to the Beacon office during the following hours:

Mondays - 11-3

Tuesdays - 6-7 p.m.

Thursdays - 10-12

Fridays - 9-11

Friends of Beacon

Our request for this week is Idahoan Mashed Potatoes. Kroger Digital Coupon for Idahoan Mashed Potatoes is a limit of 5 at the \$.99 price. Although we don't expect 5, any quantity is very much appreciated.

A festive poster with a red background, gold and red Christmas ornaments, and a red ribbon. The text is white and gold.

A Night of
Christmas Music
Sunday December 1st
@ 5 PM
Presented by the choir of
First Baptist St Johns

Christmas is a great opportunity to share about our faith. Invitations are available at the Information Area to give to family, friends and neighbors. The larger invitations are for you to place on community bulletin boards.

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 from now until Sunday, December 15th. 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.

You're Invited to the Thanksgiving Day Clinton County Community Thanksgiving Celebration & Dinner Thursday, November 28th

St. John's Lutheran Church, 511 E. Sturgis St.

✓ **Worship Service at 11:00am**

✓ **Dinner at 12 - 3pm**

Meal Reservations call: (989)292-0972 or visit their website: CCThanksgiving.org.

Volunteers are always needed. They also need volunteers for food prep days before. Sign up online. There are flyers at the Information area with more details.

2025 Phone Directory

The 2025 Phone Directory is available at the Information Area. Please limit one per household.



Mighty O.A.K.S. Christmas Banquet

Tuesday, December 10, 2024
11:45am in the Church gymnasium

Please join us for a Christmas Banquet in the church gymnasium. This will be a full catered meal with beverages and table service provided. The cost per person for the meal will be \$15, to be collected at the banquet.

Sunday, November 24th is the **LAST SUNDAY** to sign up so that we can get a final number of meals needed to the caterer! Please sign up with the name of each person who will be attending so that we can have name tags prepared in advance.

In addition to the meal, we will have ministry in music provided by Rodney Page.

We will enjoy a meal prepared by Country Spice Catering with First Baptist families serving.



November Birthdays

The November Birthday list is available at the Information Area.

Church Officers for 2024

Non-Vocational Elders

Jim Davis
John Kresge
John Leif
Darrell Painter
Roger Schafer

Deacons

Bill Garlick - Chairman
Bryan Feldpausch - Vice Chairman
Jim Thelen - Secretary
Nick Bancroft
Cody Fleischer
Doug Gudbrandson
Greg Lounds
Leon Mills
Tom Moldenhauer

Missions Committee

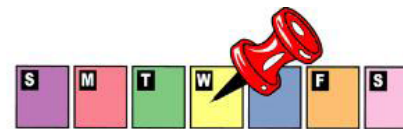
Chris Bouck - Chairman
Doug Merignac - Vice Chairman
Sue Bishop - Secretary
Malia Coffelt
Aaron Davis
Dawn Gudbrandson
Rosanne Schafer
Tom Moldenhauer - Deacon Rep.
Pastor Tim Knaus - Pastor/Elder Rep.

Church Treasurer

Cody Fleischer

Church Clerk

Aubrey Fleischer



Cancellation of **CHURCH/ACTIVITIES**

Wednesday Nights: When St. Johns Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather, all church activities will be cancelled for that evening. If inclement weather develops late in the afternoon, the pastors may feel we need to cancel all activities. To find out if the service has been cancelled, go to Church Center App, our website: www.stjohnsfbc.com, or call the church. The church answering machine will have a message stating that the services have been cancelled. When you call the church office press '6' to listen to the message.

Sunday Services: If inclement weather develops and the pastors cancel one or all services, go to Church Center App, our website: www.stjohnsfbc.com, or call the church. The church answering machine will have a message stating that the services have been cancelled. When you call the church office press '6' to listen to the message.

When there is a weather advisory, there is a good chance we will cancel a service. If you are in doubt, before you leave home, please call the church office and press "6" to listen to the message on the answering machine. We encourage you to use your own judgment whether to travel as the weather may be more severe where you live.

Our Text Alert System will send you a text on your phone as soon as a decision to cancel a service is made. **(If you have texting on your phone, please go to our website and sign up!)**

AM Sermon Notes

Message: From Shadows to Reality

Hebrews 10:1-4

Pastor Tim Knaus

- I. Only a Shadow Not Reality
 - A. Two weeks ago, we saw that one of the most important truths in the Book of Hebrews is that Jesus fully and thoroughly purchased our salvation by His once for all never to be repeated sacrifice on the cross of Calvary.
 - B. The great cry in the hearts of Old Testament saints was to be in the presence of God.

Colossians 2:17

- II. A Constant Reminder of Sin
 - A. The Old Covenant sacrifices not only did not remove sin, but they were a continual reminder, year after year, that they could not cleanse them of their sin.

1 Peter 1:10–11

- B. It is a wonderful thing to be free from guilt and to recognize that the grace of God is continually forgiving our sins through the death of Christ.

Romans 8:1

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: \$1,211,316.02

ACTUAL YTD

TOTAL INCOME: \$1,121,646.54

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$1,090,302.94

Income Minus Expenses: \$31,343.60

- **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**

Pastors and Staff

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Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday 8-12 & 1-4

Guest WIFI

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