

We are so glad you're here today!



Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

Please fill out a Connection Card if this is your first time at FBC or to indicate any needs/updates you may have. Return completed form to the Welcome Center or place in an offering box.

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome / Announcements / Prayer

Worship in Song: Go Tell It on the Mountain
Hark the Herald Angels Sing
Angels We Have Heard on High
Angels from the Realms of Glory

Children Dismissed to Jr. Church

Special Music: Joy Unspeakable Joy

Message: CHRISTMAS - Devotion or Doubt
Luke 2:21-38



Kids who are participating in the Christmas program will meet in the activity center at the start of the church hour. Those who do not want to participate in the Christmas program /guests will be dismissed at the regular time.



Upcoming Events at FBC

TUESDAY: Men's Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: MomCo, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

AWANA, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
83 clubbers last week!

Youth Group, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Bible Study & Prayer, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY: CBS, 10:30 a.m.

SATURDAY: Elder Meeting, 7:00 a.m.

Children's Christmas Program Practice,
9:00 a.m. - noon (1st - 6th grade)

NEXT SUNDAY: Children's Christmas Program, 10:45 a.m.

December 16: Sewing & Quilting Group, 9:30 a.m.

December 17: Deacon Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

December 22: No Sunday School
Elder Meeting, 5:00 pm.

December 24: Christmas Eve Service, 5:00 p.m.

December 29: No Sunday School



Calling all married couples to
Weekend to Remember by Family Life!
January 31 - February 2, 2025

This will be held at the Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids. Your registration will be paid for. Lodging (which you arrange) will also be covered at 50% and will be reimbursed after attending this impactful event. Please sign-up by TODAY. If you'd like to stay at the Amway Grand Plaza, use the discount code FAMILY for reduced room rates, but note that parking is \$41 for each night.



WEDNESDAYS: Senior High Youth Group, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Friday, December 13: Christmas Party at FBC, 6:00 - 10:30 p.m.
Wear festive attire and bring a gift (maximum value \$11.17 ☺).



The words "Thank You" seem inadequate for the gratitude we feel toward everyone here at First Baptist. In the nearly 80 years that Rose attended, she has always loved the pastors and the people. In recent years you have shown her such love through kind greetings and hugs and helping her as her health declined. May God richly bless each one of you.

In Christ, Stan Griswold and family

The month of November was designated as "**Debt Retirement Month.**" We set a goal of \$50,000 to pay down the principal on the bank loan. You can still take part in this effort as the fund will be open through the end of the year.



Congratulations to Derek and Leah Handy on the arrival **FAITH RAE!** Faith was born last Thursday, December 12, weighing 7 lbs. 8 oz. and is 20 1/2" long. She joins big brothers, Ryan and Thomas. Congratulations, also, to Faith's grandparents, Dave and Fay Eckert, and Dan and Christi Handy.



Please pick-up your 2025 offering envelopes at the Welcome Center. Some numbers may have changed due to online giving. If you would like to start using envelopes or if you'd like help setting up on-line giving, please see Jim Goorhouse.



A longstanding tradition at FBC is to show our appreciation for Dr. Steve and Wendy during the month of December with a Christmas love offering. Please designate your special gift accordingly and place in the offering box. You can also give online at our website under Pastor Christmas.



Prayer Requests

DIANA BEEBE has a bowel blockage for which she needs surgery. She has some other health issues which makes surgery very risky. Please pray for peace and wisdom as she and her doctors make decisions. She has multiple appointments coming up in December.

BARB CRABB had a pacemaker implanted last Friday, December 6, as her heart was beating too slowly. The procedure went well with immediate positive impact.

DANIEL CRABB is on a liquid/soft food diet between now and his surgery. Surgery is scheduled for December 20.

DORIS (Roberta Liebing's neighbor) has suffered several unexplained seizures. She is in the hospital for treatment and testing.

CARL GIBBS (Caleb's Dad) is in rehab and is slowly improving. His left arm has some movement. Carl is unable to stand, and his eyesight has not improved. The Gibbs family humbly ask for your prayers for all of them.

ROSE GRISWOLD passed away on Tuesday, November 26. Continued prayers for Stan, Nancy and Joe, and the extended family are appreciated.

CORY JACKSON - following surgery and the beginning immunotherapy treatments, Cory has had two follow-up pet scans. Praise the Lord that there is no detectable cancer! His immune system has responded so quickly to the drugs, that the doctors have decided to discontinue the immunotherapy at this time. Cory will still maintain the every three month scan schedule at Mayo.

KAY JOHNSON (who previously attended FBC) fell and suffered a concussion. While doing an MRI, they also noticed some blood on her brain. Three MRIs have now been done, but apparently the blood does not warrant her admission to a hospital; she is presently staying with her daughter.

LUANNA MERCER has been diagnosed with colon cancer and is scheduled for surgery on December 30.

The **NATION OF ISRAEL** still has a unique place in the plan of God, and we are exhorted to pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

JACOBO REYES (Enrique's Dad) is still dealing with the Bell's Palsy. The medication for this is causing side effects, and he is unsteady on his feet. He's almost done with the medication, but it hasn't helped the issue. Please keep praying for him, as he continues to wait. Thank you for your prayers.

ANDREW WRIGHT (Sarah Boerema's brother) had his second surgery for bladder cancer. The diagnosis is that he is in stage 4 and will have to have some chemo.

UNSPOKEN REQUESTS

THOSE WITH ON-GOING NEEDS:

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| ROBERT BONT (Kristen Eckert's grandfather) | ROSE ECKERT |
| KEVIN & EMILY GEETING | TOMMY HANDY |
| TIM HENRY | NONA PASSAGE |
| JONAS & VERALYN PEDERSEN | JOYCE RANDALL |
| EZRA SHAW | KRISTYN VANDERWALL |



Bea Abbott: Home
Marion Hines: Home
Kay Johnson: Home
Ruth Wingelaar: Fountain View

Nursery	Today - SS: Cindy Geeting & Julie Zenk AM: Angie Frye & Julie Zenk Next Week - SS: Rich & Laurie Brown AM: Billie Newsted & Barb Schwartz
2-3 Year Old Class	Today: Julie Norris & Anna/Drew Next Week: Steve Arcello & Kim Cargill
4 Year Old-K Class	Today: Elissa Hibma & Luka Torrens Next Week: Joe & Virginia Howes
Jr. Church (1st - 6th)	Today: Patsy, Nikki, Jackie, & Jarred Next Week: Hulda, Gideon, and Jim
Greeter	Today: John & Sally Guikema Next Week: Alger & Sandy Anderson

Month of November 2024		
	Amount Budgeted	Amount Given
General Fund:	\$ 37,502.00	\$33,488.75

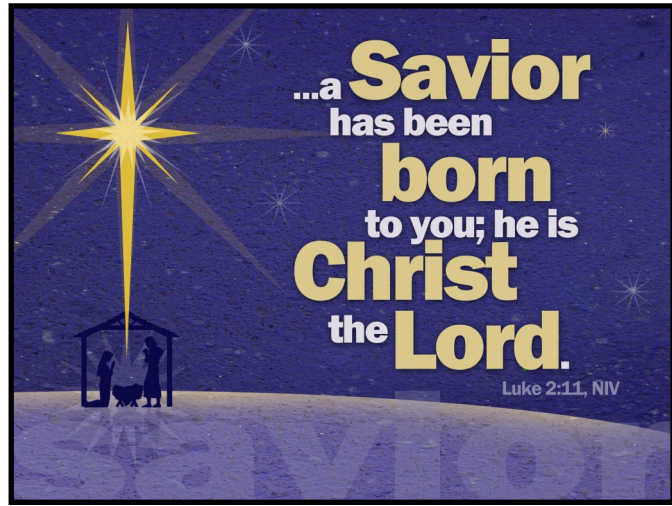
Pray For Our Military

Families of the Week:

<p>Cley Ashbaugh - NC (through December)</p> <p>Joshua Dimkoff - West Point, NY (<i>Afman</i>)</p> <p>Jordan Eisner - Ft. Campbell, KY (<i>Goorhouse</i>)</p> <p>Sean Fullan - Ohio National Guard (<i>Crabb</i>)</p>	<p>FBC ELDERS Chris Anderson Jim Boerema Tim Bont Jim Brown Tim Crabb</p> <p>FBC DEACONS David Crabb Jacob Ekel Dave Gardenour Jon Geeting Jarred Hibma Steve Passage Trystan Posobiec Larry Vanderwall</p>
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PRAYER CHAIN ACTIVATION

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