

**Welcome to**  
**First Baptist Church**  
**Mother's Day**  
**Sunday, May 12, 2024**



**10:30 AM SERVICE**

Message: Mothers, Delight in the Lord  
All Day Long  
Philippians 4:4-7  
Pastor Tim Knaus

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## Today's Events

- NO Sr. High Bible Study

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## This Week's Events

### MONDAY

10:00am  
6:30pm  
7:00pm

**Shuffleboard** (Gym)  
**Men's Basketball** (Gym)  
**Men's Bible Study**

### WEDNESDAY

6:30pm

**Prayer Meeting**  
(Office Level-Classroom #1)

### THURSDAY

6:00pm

**Deacons Meeting**  
(Lower Level-Classroom #8)

### April Birthdays

The April Birthday list is available at the  
Information Area.

## Coming Events

Sun., May 19

- **Sunday School--9:15am**
- **AM Service--10:30am**
- **Sr. High Bible Study--6-8:00pm**

Sun., May 26

- **Sunday School--9:15am**
- **AM Service--10:30am**
- **Hazel Findlay Country Manor Service--  
3:00pm**
- **Sr. High Bible Study--6-8:00pm**

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### Foundations Class Announcement

Our **Foundations Class** is intended for both new and seasoned Christians. The material Pastor Chad and Julie are leading will facilitate meaningful discussions as well as provide opportunities for relationship building.

We will study together each week, but every other week, we will share a meal together, cooked by Pastor Chad, Julie, Cyndi and Jim Thelen. The experience of sharing meals together fosters connections with others in a unique and special way, and we are excited to add this to a study.

We would love for our FBC family to participate in this study as well as helping out with meal prep and clean-up.

### **Tuesday Nights in June and July from 5:45-6:30pm**

On the weeks when there is a meal, we will start at 5:15pm and still end at 6:30pm. The classroom location will be determined by the number of people signed up. You can sign up in the foyer at church, at Beacon of Hope or by clicking this link:

<https://stjohnsfbc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/744550>



## 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.*



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### Graduation Sunday, June 2nd

**We will honor our High School Graduates and recognize our College Graduates in the AM Service.**

**High School Graduates** - - If you do not have your graduation information on the display board in the foyer, you may place your information anytime on the board.

**College Graduates** - - date of graduation, college or university graduating from, and the degree they are receiving by **Tuesday, May 28th.**

Please drop off, email, or mail your information to the church office or place in our Secretary's box in the Office Work Room.

### **2024 High School Graduates Open House Information**

***The following students would like to personally invite you to their graduation open houses.***

#### Saturday, June 1st

**David Bancroft**, 11am-2pm, at the Bancroft Barn. (Academy of Home Education)

#### Friday, June 7th

**Leah Konieczny**, 5-9 pm, at First Baptist Church Gymnasium. (St. Johns High School)

#### Sunday, June 9th

**Joshua Wood**, 1-3 pm, at East Olive Community Center, 2583 Green Road, St Johns, MI. (St. Johns High School)

#### Saturday, June 22nd

**Averlin West**, 12-4 pm, at her home. (St. Johns High School)

**Benjamin Krajniak**, 1-4 pm, at St. Johns City Park, Main Pavilion, St. Johns, MI. (St. Johns High School)

### 2024 High School Graduates

**Jessi Eilert**, Eilert Homeschool

**Anastacia Hearn**, St Johns High School

**Sophia Nichols**, Life In Christ Christian School

**Jade Schafer**, Kora Valley High School

**Sylvia Thomas**, St Johns High School

## **Support Families With Children Who Have Special Needs**

This letter is to inform our church community about opportunities to support families with children who have special needs. Many of these families feel overwhelmed and isolated, which may prevent them from attending church. We can help by providing parents with the chance to participate in services while their children receive care.

Currently, we need one-on-one aides for three autistic children during Jr Church or Sunday school once a month. This support would enable parents to attend our new Sunday school for parents of children with special needs. While we have some volunteers, we need more to ensure adequate assistance and allow current aides to attend services. Volunteers must be 16 or older, regular attendees, complete child protection paperwork, meet with Pastor Dan and parents, and undergo training with Julie Konieczny.

This is an opportunity to serve alongside these children, helping them engage in worship and learn about God's love. If interested, please contact Pastor Dan.

## **Summer Sunday School Options for Adults**

Sundays from 9:15-10:15am in June, July, and August

### **Video Series in the Auditorium:**

*Christianity in America*

**Description:** A choice confronts Christians in every generation: will we stray from the truth to gain the world's approval or stay the course at all costs. Here, the story of the American church can help us.

**Lead By:** Pastor Chad and other Elders

### **Summer Growth and Accountability Group**

**Description:** Summer small group opportunity open to everyone to gather together and share what you're learning in God's Word. Our purpose is to hold one another accountable in our daily Bible reading and share with one another what we're learning from reading God's Word. We will ask everyone to share what they're reading in their personal Bible study at home, what God is teaching them through it, and how we can pray for you. We will finish our time with an extended time of prayer for one another.

**Lead By:** Brian and Melinda Carmichael. For questions please contact them.

### **Other Options:**

If you would like to pursue other options for small group ministry during the summer months, please contact Pastor Chad.

## **Camp Barakel-Mother/Daughter Retreat May 17-19th**

There's still quite a few openings for Camp Barakel's Mother Daughter retreat next month! It's May 17-19, for Moms (any age;) and daughters as young as 6. Nyra and I are looking forward to this time of worship, refreshment, & fun. If you and your daughter(s) end up going we'd love to share a meal or activity together over the weekend. Emily Barger

First Baptist Student Ministry  
**Summer Service Trip**



### **What We Will Be Doing!**

The week of July 14-22, we will be serving alongside No Longer Strangers, a ministry to Congolese refugees, during our mission trip week. These families have so many needs from house work projects to a relationship with Jesus Christ. We will be tasked with a work project that could look like: building a porch, ramp, fence, painting or landscaping. The other aspect of your mission trip will be to lead a 3 day (2 hours each day) VBS program from 2-4pm Tuesday-Thursday for the children of these Congolese refugees. While the parents might not speak English, the children should know a good amount of English. The common thread to this mission trip is sharing the Gospel to both parents and children while meeting physical and spiritual needs.

### **We need your help!**

We believe that prayer matters, and we are asking you to support us through faithful prayer. We are praying that we would have a lasting Gospel impact in the lives of kids and ministries we will be serving with. We are also praying for our group, and the many ways they will be asked to stretch, grow, and lead the ministry being done. We are praying for truth of the Gospel to be deeply rooted in everything we seek to do and prepare for. If you feel led, you can give financially to the students going on the trip. To give financially, you can designate on your envelope that your donation is for "Teen Mission Trip", or you can also give online where you can designate for the trip as well. We thank you for your continued support and generosity to our student ministry and look forward to sharing with you all how God has worked through this trip.

## **Beacon of Hope**

Beacon will be a distribution site for slicing tomato transplants and pepper transplants offered through the food bank's Garden Project. Please feel free to come to Beacon for your own plants on Wednesday, May 15th from 10-2 as this is open to the public.

## **Friends of Beacon**

**We do not have a request this week because it was our post office's Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive on Saturday! Locally, three organizations are the recipients, Beacon being one. Thank you, and many thanks to the letter carriers and post office staff.**

### **The Pastors' Book of the Month Recommendation**

**12 Truths & a Lie: Answers to Life's Biggest Questions, by J.D. Greear (K-Love Books)**

Life is full of difficult questions and many of them often seem impossible to answer. In *12 Truths & a Lie*, author and pastor J.D. Greear confidently tackles some of the most perplexing questions that Christians face. How do I know if I'm going to Heaven? What's my purpose? Why isn't God answering my prayers? How could a good God send people to Hell? How should Christians handle political differences? Why does God care so much about my sex life?

J.D. Greear offers scriptural insights and practical advice to help readers navigate life's toughest challenges. Unafraid to approach areas of doubt and uncertainty, Greear welcomes even the most challenging questions with curiosity, thoughtfulness, and scriptural application, leading readers into a more intimate relationship with Christ.

**This book is now available in our church library!**

## First Baptist Church Fun Day at the CIS Rail Trail

**When:** Saturday, June 8th (Rain Date June 15th)

**Where:** Meet at the Pavilion by the Railroad Depot  
107 East Railroad Street, St Johns

**What to Bring:** Water and snacks

### **Schedule:**

9:30 am - Prayer Time

9:45 am - Bike to Fowler & back at your own pace

10:05 am - Run 3 miles or have a fun run

### **Choice of 4 different activities:**

1. Bike: to Fowler & back at your own pace.  
The distance is 10 miles each way (average time 1 hr 15 minutes one way). There are restrooms in Fowler and places to get food or snacks. You may choose any distance, turn around & come back at any time.
2. Run: 3 mile run or Fun Run.  
You may choose to run a shorter distance.
3. Walk: All morning long - all ages are welcome to join.  
Wagons and strollers are welcome. Start at the pavilion and head east (away from the runners and bicyclists).
4. Sit and Visit: Just come to enjoy a time of fellowship.  
Bring your own comfy chair or use the picnic tables.

We need some volunteers to help with each of these activities. If interested, see Dennis Whitlock or Tom Moldenhauer by May 26th. Please sign up at the Information Area if you plan to attend or help.

**Mighty O.A.K.S.  
"RE"gressive Dinner  
Tuesday, May 14th  
11:30am meet in the  
church South entrance  
parking lot**



Please join us for our flipped, progressive dinner where we get to eat dessert first!

We will meet at the church and combine in vehicles for carpooling.

- **Stop 1: Dessert**  
4400 West Townsend Road
- **Stop 2: Main dish**  
7095 North Scott Road  
Bring a lawn chair if possible!
- **Stop 3: Soups**  
1034 Bills Lane

Each stop will be to the home of a First Baptist family. There are some steps to enter homes, but handrails are available. One will be gathered in the garage another will combine in home and out on the deck. Several people will be available to provide assistance for those who need help walking.

The summer schedule is also available at the Information Area to help you plan your summer. **Everyone** is invited to join us for any of these special trips.



## AM Sermon Notes

**Message: Mothers, Delight in the Lord All Day Long**  
**Philippians 4:4-7**  
**Pastor Tim Knaus**

- I. Rejoice Always
  - A. The apostle Paul commands all believers to rejoice in the Lord always.
  - B. If we truly rejoice in the Lord, our Christlike character will be evident to those around us.
- II. Pray Continually
  - A. All day long, God wants His children to pray about everything.
  - B. Mothers, God wants you to delight in Him all day long, every day!

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

Psalms 37:4

Psalms 1:1–2

Joshua 1:8

### **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: \$457,608.10

#### **ACTUAL YTD**

TOTAL INCOME: \$434,816.68

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$412,584.86

Income Minus Expenses: \$22,231.82

- 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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