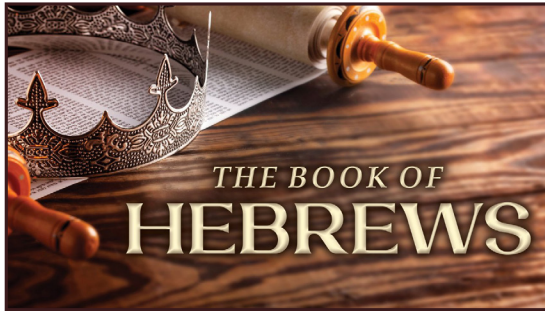


***Welcome to
First Baptist Church
Sunday, May 19, 2024***



10:30 AM SERVICE

Message: The Word of God is Alive!

Hebrews 4:1-13

Pastor Tim Knaus

Church Information

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Today's Events

- **Sr. High Bible Study--6-8:00pm** (Youth Room)
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This Week's Events

MONDAY

10:00am

6:30pm

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

WEDNESDAY

6:30pm

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

FRIDAY

- **Church Office Closed**
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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>

Coming Events

Sun., May 26

- **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- **AM Service--10:30am**
- **Hazel Findlay Country Manor Service--3:00pm**
- **NO Sr. High Bible Study**

***Tues., May 28**

- **Men's Bible Study--7:00pm*(day change)**
(Lane Bargerons's Home, 1230 Lavalley Court, SJ)

Sat., June 1

- **David Bancroft Open House--11am-2pm,**
(Bancroft Barn, 5900 W Lowe Rd., St. Johns)

Sun., June 2

- **Sunday School--9:15am**
 - **Graduation Sunday, AM Service--10:30am**
 - **Baptism/Membership, PM Service--5:00pm**
 - **Evening Fellowship--After the PM Service** (Gym) See Article
 - **Sr. High Bible Study--6:45-8pm**
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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.



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.



June Sunday Evening Fellowship **Sunday, June 2nd** **After the PM Service**

Our June Sunday Evening Fellowship menu: Your Favorite Summer Salad (including a protein) and Desserts.

It's important that we all sign up for items needed for the meal. Sign up on the Church Center app, our website: stjohnsfbc.com, or on the signup sheet at the Information Area.

Missionaries John and Missy Camiola

The missions committee voted to make John and Missy Camiola an official prayer support partner of our church. They will be considered part of our missionary team. As part of our missionary team, we can potentially help John and Missy with special projects in the future. The Camiolas are missionaries in Jos, Nigeria, and are committed to rescuing women and children from human trafficking and providing relief for persecuted Christians. They shared their ministry with our church family on March 3rd of this year.

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, 5900 W Lowe Road, St Johns, MI. (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, 6760 N. Scott Rd., St. Johns, MI. (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

Savannah Prince, St Johns High School

Jade Schafer, Kora Valley High School

Sylvia Thomas, St Johns High School

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. Please sign up at the Information Area.

Other Options:

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

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.



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 is in need of a playroom volunteer once a month on Tuesday evenings. Please feel free to "visit" to see if this is a place you would like to serve.

The community garden will not be in operation this summer, so we will be welcoming donations of extra produce from any gardeners!

Friends of Beacon

We are so thankful for your continued support and generosity towards our Friends of Beacon Program!! Our request for the next two weeks is Barbecue Sauce, any brand, any store.



Kroger Community Rewards

For those of you that shop at Kroger, we wanted to make you aware that we have enrolled First Baptist Church of St. Johns (AWANA/Beacon) as a Community Rewards donation option. Community Rewards donates to local non-profit organizations based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at any Kroger and swipe your Shopper's Card. (A digital account is needed to participate in Community Rewards.) Please read below for specific instructions and if you have any questions about getting signed up, I'd be happy to help.

Nita Carpenter

Awana Co-Secretary/Beacon volunteer

To Use the Kroger Community Rewards Program: Please visit <http://www.kroger.com>. Once logged into your Kroger account choose "My Account" beneath your name. Then choose "Community Rewards" from the menu and search for First Baptist Church of St. Johns either by name or SY097 and then click Enroll. (New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a rewards card.) *Customers must have a registered Kroger rewards card account to link to an organization.

*If a member does not yet have a Kroger rewards card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.

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.

AM Sermon Notes

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I. Enter God's Rest!

A. For the New Testament Christian to enter God's rest means to receive His free gift of salvation by faith alone.

B. The warning to all of us is do not miss God's salvation rest because of your unbelief.

II. There is No Escape from God!

A. Verses 12 and 13 are two of the most significant verses in the entire Bible.

B. To live coram Deo is to live one's entire life in the presence of God, under the authority of God, to the glory of God.

Psalm 139:1-4

Proverbs 15:3 (NIV84)

Proverbs 5:21 (NIV84)

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: \$511,444.38

ACTUAL YTD

TOTAL INCOME: \$457,971.92

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$414,623.99

Income Minus Expenses: \$43,347.93

- **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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