

**Welcome to  
First Baptist Church  
Sunday, May 11, 2025**



**10:30 AM SERVICE**

Message - Moses: A Lifetime of Faith that  
Started with His Mother

Hebrews 11:23-29

Pastor Tim Knaus

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## **Today's Events**

- 3:00pm • **Hazel Findlay Country Manor Service**  
Come join in worshipping with the residents.
- **NO College Bible Study**
  - **NO Sr. High Bible Study**

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## **This Week's Events**

### **MONDAY**

- 10:00am • **Shuffleboard**  
(Youth Room)
- 6:30pm • **Men's Basketball**  
(Youth Room)

### **WEDNESDAY**

- 6:30pm • **24/7 Jr. High** (Last week) End of Year Party  
(Youth Wing)
- **Prayer Meeting**  
(Office Level-Classroom #1)

### **THURSDAY**

- 6:00pm • **Deacons Meeting**  
(Office Level-Classroom #1)

### **FRIDAY**

- 10:00am • **Women's Bible Study**  
(Office Level-Classroom #2)

## **Coming Events**

- Sun., May 18** • **Sunday School--9:15am**  
• **AM Service--10:30am**  
• **College Bible Study--5:30pm**  
(Office Level-Classroom #2)  
• **Sr. High Bible Study--6:00pm**  
(Youth Room)
- Thurs., May 22** • **Single Women's Bible Study--6:30pm**  
(Bancroft Barn)
- Sun., May 25** • **Memorial Day Weekend**  
• **NO Sunday School**  
• **AM Service--10:30am**  
• **NO College Bible Study**  
• **NO Sr. High Bible Study**

### **May Birthdays**

The May Birthday list is available at the Information Area.



## 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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### 2025 High School Graduates Congratulations to the Class of 2025

**Kerith Hoard** -- Graduating from Fellowship Baptist Academy on May 23rd.

**Grace Peterson** -- Graduating from Life Tech Academy & Ferris State University. Open House on Saturday, May 31st, 1-4pm at the Bancroft Barn, 5900 West Lowe Road, St. Johns

**Kale Schafer** -- Graduating from Hilcrest, Papua Indonesia. Open House on Friday, June 13th, 6-9pm at First Baptist Church Gym.

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**Please Note: If your graduate's information is not listed, please contact the church office. You may also add your picture and information on the easel in the foyer.**

**College Graduates** - - we need the date of graduation, college or university graduating from, and the degree you are receiving by **Tuesday, May 27th** to be listed in the bulletin on June 1st.

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

### **Dear First Baptist Church Family,**

As my family and I prepare to move to St. Johns, I want to express how profoundly humbled I am by your trust and, even more so, grateful for the clear evidence of God's providential hand in bringing us together.

I believe that Christ is the true Head of His Church, and it is a sacred privilege to serve Him by shepherding this local body — preaching His Word, equipping the saints for ministry, and walking alongside you as we seek to glorify God and enjoy Him together.

We stand on the unshakable foundation of God's Word, and we trust in the grace of a God who is always at work — sanctifying His people, drawing sinners to Himself, and advancing His purposes in every generation. I am eager to see how He will use our life together to magnify the name of Christ in our city and beyond.

Thank you for the warmth you've shown throughout this process. Please know that I am already praying for you — and for all that lies ahead as we walk together in faith, grounded in the gospel and filled with hope.

Soli Deo Gloria,  
Pastor Brandon

## **Beacon of Hope**

Beacon has been chosen by Meijer to be a Spring Campaign pantry partner. Each Meijer store is matched with one food pantry. We are matched with the Bath store since the Dewitt store is matched with Redeemer's pantry.

This means that from now until Saturday, June 28th, anyone who is shopping at the Bath store can donate increments of \$10.00 to us when they check out, and Meijer will match that dollar for dollar. **Even more exciting is on Saturday, June 14th, Meijer will double their match so a \$10.00 donation becomes \$30.00!** At the end of the campaign, Meijer then sends Beacon gift cards for us to purchase items for the pantry. These cards do not go to individuals as they are exclusively intended to stock our pantry shelves.

If you would like to donate without driving to Bath, you may do so by bringing your cash donation to the Beacon office, and we will get it to the Bath Meijer on the 6/14 Double Match Day!

If you have any questions, please call Beacon 989-224-0328. We have fliers explaining the program in detail on the Beacon Cart outside the church offices and at Beacon.

## **Friends of Beacon**

**Our request for this week is: Soy Sauce, Regular or Lite on sale this week at Kroger with card \$1.49.**

## **Teen Service (Missions) Trip Boston, MA June 28-July 4**



### **What Will We Be Doing?**

From June 28-July 4 First Baptist Church will send a group of 17 to serve alongside Open Air Campaigners (Paintboard Ministry) in Boston, MA. Our trip is going to be facilitated by Brian Harmon. We will be doing a 5-day kids club in a neighborhood 2 blocks from the church (we start the 5-Day Kid's Club on Sunday afternoon). We will do some adult outreaches in downtown Boston. Throughout the week, there will be a few meetings for training and evangelism lectures. Wednesday p.m. we hope to do some evening ministry (black-light) on the beach/boardwalk. We will be partnering some with members from Lighthouse; this is a great way to build a bridge from the community to the church.

### **How Can You Pray?**

This trip is going to be a Spiritually challenging trip as it is going to require students to be bold in the proclamation of the Gospel. Pray that God would already be working in our hearts of our students, and of the people who will hear the Gospel through our students on the trip.

### **What is the Cost?**

One of the hallmarks of FBC is our generosity. We are committed to supporting our students financially because we value their spiritual growth. Every year, the church raises a considerable portion of the funds needed for each trip the students embark on. For this trip, the cost for each student is \$450. One way you can support this trip is by donating to the Teen Mission Trip. Mark your giving envelope Teen Mission Trip or select Teen Mission Trip in Online Giving.

### **Who Is Going?**

#### **Students**

Levi Bancroft	Evelyn Crandall	Tim Crandall
Taylor Feldpausch	David Garlick	Will Garlick
Logan Hazel	Ethan Hemmingway	Kerith Hoard
Titus Konieczny	Rylee Miller	Grace Peterson

#### **Leaders**

Cody Fleischer	Dan Dubois	Brian Harmon
Andrea Bancroft	Becky Peterson	

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

Prophet, Priest, & King: The Three Offices of Christ by R. Albert Mohler Jr. (B&H Books)

In this book, Al Mohler delves into the historical significance of the offices of prophet, priest, and king. He traces their origins in the Old Testament to their ultimate fulfillment in the person and work of Jesus Christ. Mohler presents a compelling argument: the three offices should not be compartmentalized. They are interconnected and essential for Christian faithfulness in the home, the church, and society. When Jesus Christ returns, the whole world will bow to him as Lord—*Prophet, Priest, and King*.

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

**Car Needed for Craig and Shelly Schafer**

Craig and Shelly Schafer will return to the States for about six months beginning in June. They would like to know if someone in the church would let them borrow a reliable car. It does not have to be a minivan since their two oldest children will be going to Bible School. Even if someone has something they could borrow for the summer months, that would give them time to find something longer term. If you know of a vehicle they could use, please contact Roger and Rosanne Schafer.



**Mighty O.A.K.S.**  
**May Picnic Lunch**

**\*Tuesday, May, 20th**

**\*12:30pm @ Rotary Pavilion**

**\*Please note date  
& time change!**



Please join us as we gather at the Rotary Pavilion on East Railroad Street in St Johns to enjoy our picnic lunches and a time of fellowship. \*Please note the time change that is necessary due to the rental agreement with the City of St Johns for the Pavilion and Depot.

You may choose to pack a lunch at home and carry a brown bag/lunchbox or bring a drive through bag or styrofoam carry out box from a local restaurant. Perhaps there will be sharing or trading for favorite items just like the "old" days in school!

Following our meal, we will learn about the St Johns Veteran's Memorial. Bring your questions about the planning, design, and names on the memorials. Gordon Shipley will share about his research that located Clinton County soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice in United States Military Service.

In addition to the Veteran's Memorial and Rotary pavilion, we will have access to the Railroad Depot for restrooms and touring. We also have the opportunity to be tourists in our own town at the Veteran's Memorial, CIS Rail Trail, St Johns Depot and the newly renovated Brigg's District Library!

Please sign up for each person attending so that we can have name tags ready for our gathering and confirm sufficient seating.

## **AM Sermon Notes**

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### **I. Decisions**

- A. Each day, a Christian man or woman has to make decisions that involve either obeying or disobeying God.

Deuteronomy 30:19-20a

Joshua 24:15

1 Kings 18:21 (NIV 84)

- B. In our quest to live by faith, Satan will always make disobedience appear to be attractive, comfortable, and pleasurable.

### **II. Five Decisions**

- A. The life of Moses can be summed up by five decisions: decisions to believe God and obey God.
- B. Every decision in Moses' life can be traced back to his obedient and God-fearing mother.

#### **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 FIGURES**

BUDGET: \$491,234.14

#### **ACTUAL YTD**

TOTAL INCOME: \$451,839.46

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$446,430.70

Income Minus Expenses: \$5,408.76

- 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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**Church Office Hours**

Tuesday - Friday 8-12 & 1-4

**Guest WIFI**

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