

First Baptist Communiqué

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St. Johns, Michigan

September 2017

SEPTEMBER

church
in the
Park

Annual Church
Service & Picnic
in the St. Johns
City Park

Sunday, September 3rd, AM Service

On Sunday, September 3rd, we will have our annual church service in the Performance Shell at the St. Johns City Park and picnic following the 10:30 am service. Parents please note: There will be childcare for Nursery/Toddlers and Children's Church.

We reserved the Main Pavilion for the cookout. There will also be people to park your car if you have trouble walking. (Please contact Dennis Whitlock if you would like this service.)

This is a great opportunity to invite our friends and neighbors. Please sign up at the Information Area. What to Bring: LAWN CHAIRS and a DISH to pass. Hamburgers and hot dogs, table service and drinks will be provided.

Please contact Pastor Chad if you would like to help setting up, cook the food, organizing games, etc.).

If it rains, the Service will be at the church and the cookout will be in the gym.



MISSIONARY SPEAKER

Sunday, September 24th
PM Service

Update from Craig & Shelly Schafer, our Missionaries to Indonesia with Ethnos360

Coming Events

KICK OFF
SUNDAY
Sunday,

September 10th

Sr. High-Adults will meet in the Auditorium for Sunday School. Fellowship and refreshments will follow in the gym.

The Ministries of First Baptist will have a table in the gym explaining their ministry. The tables will be set up all day.



Sunday
September 10th
Communion
AM Service

Fall schedule

Wednesday, September 13th
6:30pm

Awana Resumes (Children's Wing)

24/7 (Jr. High) Resumes
(Youth Wing - Jr. High Room)

Bible Institute Classes Resume
(See list of classes offered on page 2)

Prayer Meeting

Sr. High Bible Study

Sunday, September 17th, 9:15am
Adult Sunday School Classes &
Small Groups Resume





Mug & Muffin
September 7th, 7-9pm
Church Gym

Please join us as we gather to enjoy a mug of coffee, delicious muffins, and precious fellowship.

Our special guest speaker will be Karen Ehman. Her message, Got Words?, is sure to challenge and encourage you.

Bring a mug. Bring a friend. Bring a heart ready to be a blessing and to be blessed!

Please RSVP by signing up on the sheet at the Information Area, or by contacting Pam Sischo, Trisha Hufnagel, or the church office. Childcare is not available.



First Baptist Phone Directory

It is time to update the Church phone directory. We would like to have it available by the end of October.

We need your help!!! Here is what we need:

1. **New Member or Regular Attender:** name, address, phone number and e-mail address.
2. **College student's address:** College attending, e-mail address, phone number, etc.
3. **E-mail address:** If it has changed or you would like it included.
4. **New address or phone number:** If it has changed from last year.
5. **Business or Service:** If you have a service or business that would benefit our church family.

Please e-mail, mail or place your information in the secretary's box located in the Office Work Room **by Sunday, September 17th**. Please do not call in your information, it causes errors.



Beacon of Hope Update

Thank you for the school supplies!

Thank you to all who donated school supplies for the Learn & Earn store. The store is well-stocked helping kids get ready for another school year. Some children earn their own credits to spend, so they can purchase the supplies themselves.

Capital Region Community Fund Grant

Beacon of Hope received a grant from the Capital Region Community Foundation for \$500 to purchase twenty \$25 gas cards for participants. These gas cards are for people who need to go to doctor or counseling appointments or medical procedures in Lansing, job interviews, or for out-of-town family emergencies.

The Glick Fund Community Grant

Beacon of Hope was nominated by the Service Coordinator at Suntree Apartments (owned by the Glick Company) to apply for a Glick Fund Community Grant to help increase access to food programs in our community. Beacon is applying for funds to install a walk-in cooler to store produce, bread, and dairy products. Please pray that this grant would be funded!

Critical Need for Women Advisors

If you are an adult member of First Baptist you can:

- ✓ Impact your community for Christ!
- ✓ Experience the blessing of helping someone understand the Bible!
- ✓ Help women become committed disciples of Jesus!

If the Lord is working on your heart about becoming an Advisor, stop by Beacon any Tuesday evening to learn more or contact Karen Leif.

Stock the Store!

Beacon of Hope always needs these items for the Learn & Earn store: shampoo, conditioner, women's deodorant, baby shampoo, children's pain relievers, diapers, wipes, dish soap, cleaning supplies. Sometimes stores have these items on clearance or on their 10 for \$10 sales. Thank you!





Mentoring Moms Resumes Thursday, September 7th

Come join other moms of young children for encouragement and rejuvenation! Join us at 6:30pm at the home of Cindy Painter, 7553 E. Alward Rd., Laingsburg.

We will continue our book study on Don't Make Me Count To Three by Ginger Plowman Hubbard.

Childcare is not provided, but infants are welcome! Our goal is to encourage you in your endeavor to be a godly mom! Hosted by: Dawn Gudbrandson, Cheri Kresge, and Cindy Painter.



On Tuesday, August 15th, the Mighty O.A.K.S. enjoyed a progressive dinner. The first stop was a choice of soups from chef Lisa Crandall. A welcome sign, table decorations, and hospitality were courtesy of Evelyn, Timothy, and Anna Crandall. Our second stop was salad, fruits, and anything else you could want at Richard & Betty Knapp's with their grandchildren. The main course was waiting for us at the church. Chicken and all kinds of fixings were prepared by Pam Sisco and her crew - Pastor Ron, Jill Sherman, Penny Tahvonen, Sarah Thomas, and Krista Mead. Everything was just great except that we left each stop a little too full! Thank you all. David Castner presented a devotional.

On September 5th, we will be traveling to Turkeyville for a dinner theatre. We will meet at 10:15 am in the south church parking lot to carpool.

On October 10th, we will be going to Cliff Zehr's farm for an Apple Fest and carry in luncheon. Watch the bulletin and Information Area for details and to sign up.



AWANA REGISTRATION

Please HELP us make the first night of Awana run more smoothly:

1. Pre-Register your children by 8/27/17. Registration forms are available at the Information Area and near the entrance to the Children's Wing. (There is also a link to all current Awana forms on the Awana page of our website under the Ministries tab.) All registrations and dues received by 8/28 will receive a \$2 per clubber discount on dues. You may also place your order for Handbooks, Uniforms, and pay dues after the AM service on 8/27. (Only items ordered by 8/27/17 will arrive by the first night of Awana.)
2. We are also registering clubbers on Sunday, 9/10/17 after the AM service. (Items ordered will arrive by 9/27/17 which is the third week of Awana)
3. Please note that we keep a very limited amount of handbooks in stock. If you order your materials by 8/27/17, they will be delivered by the first night of Awana. Our next order will not be placed until 9/15/17. Please plan on any items we have to order thru Awana taking at least two weeks to arrive.

| Registration Dates* | Early Registration Discount | Order Delivery Dates |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 8/27/17 @ 11:35am | Yes | 9/13/17 |
| 9/10/17 @ 11:35am | No | 9/27/17 |
| 9/13/17 @ 6:00pm | No | 9/27/17 |

*You may also mail in your registration forms and payment to the church office. Only those post-marked by 8/27 will receive the discount and order delivered the first night of Awana.

4. If you are a member or regular attender, please consider volunteering to be a leader or helper. Please Contact Bonnie McCorvie to help or if you need more information @ 517-204-6126.

AWANA STARTS

Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
We will open at 6:00 pm, the first night only, to register those that did not register early. The lines are usually very long the first night of Awana. We strongly suggest registering early.

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Choir



Have you been wondering when Pastor Briggs would begin a choir? Perhaps you have always wondered what it would be like to be part of an exhilarating Christmas choir presentation. Well wonder no longer. **In September, rehearsals will begin on Sunday afternoons at 4:30pm.** On December 3rd, the choir will present, "Season Of Joy, Celtic Christmas Celebration". If you are a member or are in the process of becoming a member, please sign up on the list out in the foyer.

"BY THE WAY, WHAT IS OUR POLICY ON....."

Contacting the Church Office When Someone is in the Hospital

If you know of a member or regular attendee of First Baptist Church that is in the hospital, please let the church office know. Sometimes, a person is in the hospital for a number of days before the pastoral staff is contacted. If you are not sure whether or not the church office knows, go ahead and contact us. We would appreciate your assistance as we seek to minister to families in need.



Food for Funeral Dinners and Hospitalization

We are being the hands and feet of Jesus each time we provide food for a funeral dinner or for a lady who has been in the hospital overnight or who has had a home delivery of her baby.

THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MINISTRY! Whether you are ministering to the family of a loved one who has passed away or a lady who has been in the hospital, you are being a blessing to the person and their family. You also are being a testimony for Christ to the friends and neighbors who see or hear about that act of kindness.

Thankfully, God has been increasing the size of our church. However, the size of the list of ladies who are willing to help has not increased. In fact, we have lost quite a few of the older women who are unable to help now because of various reasons.

During a 4 1/2 week period we had 4 funeral dinners to provide. Needless to say, quite a few of our women have provided food for more than one of these events because we have so few on the list and also a lot of people were gone or busy for the summer.

Perhaps you used to be on this list of helpers and for one reason or another stopped. Would you **PLEASE pray and consider being part of this group again???** The saying "many hands make the work light" definitely applies to this ministry. It requires so little of your time and makes such a huge difference.

There is a sign up sheet at the Information Area for you to sign if you would like to be part of this ministry opportunity.

Thank you for your consideration. You will never be pressured to help.





Library News
Check it Out!

New materials are displayed in the library windows, on top of the book shelves and on the New Book Table just inside the door. Even MORE new materials will be cataloged and put on the shelves as time allows. We have lots of new adult and juvenile fiction, along with non-fiction for you! Keep your eyes on the windows!

Your Church Library needs Your Help!

- If the library is closed after service, there was no volunteer available to open it and serve at the desk. Perhaps you would like to be that person!
- A few people with basic computer skills could finish the new catalog in a short time. This will make the catalog available to anyone with Internet 24/7. Maybe you would like to help with this.

As always, come on in, and Check it Out!

Looking Ahead In October. . .

Local Evangelism Month
Begins Sunday, Oct. 8th

Theme

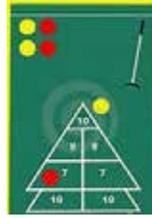
**Disciples Making Disciples in
Every Day Life**

Beacon of Hope Presentation

**Sunday, October 15th
AM Service**

Baptism/Membership Service

**Sunday, October 29th
PM Service**



Shuffleboard Resumes

Shuffleboard resumes on Monday, September 11, at 10 AM in the Gym.

Come join us...good fun, exercise and, did we mention fellowship?

Enter through the West Gym Entrance door.



I want to thank everyone for the cards, food, calls, and visits. It was very much appreciated and may God bless you all as He has me.

Thank you for all the prayers,
Joyce Woodhams

Our dear church family,

We can't express enough how thankful we are for all of your expressions of kindness and support after Dad's homegoing! We were overwhelmed by your generosity in supplying so much for the luncheon as well as all of the words of encouragement!

Thank you also for the gift of Gideon Bibles.
The Stan Kresge Family

Dear Baptist Church Family,

I just wanted to write a special Thank You to everyone who prayed for me during my recent hospital stay, prayed for my family, and all the well-wishers.

Thank you to everyone that has brought over a lunch or dinner. I don't want to forget the people that have or will be coming over to help me with some very much needed housework. This out pouring of your support and love for me and my family has solidified our faith in Christ again and of our adopted church family.

Truly Much Love,
Michelle, Keith Fredric, Keith Matthew &
Matthew Allen Cornell





MISSIONS UPDATE

BUSY HANDS FOR MISSIONS

On August 1st, there were six ladies present. We filled seventy ditty bags for Youth Haven Ranch and tied one quilt. **We will be needing combs, washcloths and toothbrushes.** Also we have been asked to make thirty-six receiving blankets out of 100% cotton (not flannel) for Craig and Shelly. If you would like to donate fabric (1 1/4 yards of bright colors) we will get right on this project.

Our next meeting will be September 12th, at 9:30AM. Bring your lunch if you can stay and join our fellowship... or stay as long as you can. Looking forward to seeing you there.

MISSIONS CLOSET

Leanna Wiebe and the girls checked out the Missions Closet and found flannel sheets both in full-size and king. They cannot buy flannel sheets in the Ukraine; in both spring and fall when the central heat is not turned on it gets very chilly and they appreciate the warm bedding. Chad's razor had quit, he now has a new electric one. A bath towel set, various body creams, toothpaste, mirror, lip aid, nail clippers, dental floss, thank you cards, and storage bowls for Katrina to use at college, along with snacks for the road as they finish their traveling by car.

We often ask: "what can you use?" **Jenny Reava** replied and her box included two sets of bath towels, two sets twin sheets, eight pairs of socks, three sets of smaller storage containers, body cream, a small candle, a note pad, lip aid, and dental floss. **Ruth Scheltema's** box included four small Rubbermaid storage containers, a dish mat, a candle, a pot holder, a toothbrush, note cards, two dish cloths, a pen, and St. Johns chocolates. **Nina Buser** said that Beau could use a set of full-size sheets which were included in her birthday box of a candle, dish cloths and towels, lip aid, a pen, two toothbrushes, a pot holder, chocolate, and a set of wrenches for Brooks.

Shelly and Craig Schafer are getting their list made for travel and were glad to add from the closet four sets of twin sheets, eight pr. socks, two sets of seasonal napkins, two Tupperware storage containers, four cups, two glasses, two zip travel bags, and a Tupperware bowl. Family vitamins were also ordered and added to their packing list.

Visiting missionaries, **Jason and Tami Hughes**, chose socks and a set of towels.

Items needed to fill up the closet are: plain colored queen sheets, seasonal napkins, ladies sport socks. **Items we are currently out of:** queen-size mattress pads and flannel sheets.

THANK YOU'S FOR BIRTHDAY BOXES

Beverly Levy: a big THANK YOU!! for remembering my Birthday and your love and prayers. May the Lord repay you for your love and kindness. Together for Christ and for the soon coming King. Romans 1:16.

Beth Buser: Thank you so much for your gift box! What a treat. Everything was perfect, we appreciate your thoughtfulness. We had a wonderful trip to Iteri, so encouraging.

Becky Kerr: Thank you. What a treat that was! It was like Christmas! I especially marvel at the fact that the sheets match our quilt and comforter perfectly. If you didn't know, you'd think they'd been bought together. God has such delightful ways of giving us the desires (big and small) of our hearts.

Jenny Reava: I wanted to say thank you for my box. It was a great encouragement to me and such a blessing. You are always so kind to think of our needs.

Ruth Scheltema: The Birthday box was so much fun to look into. Such a variety of useful things! How did you know I had a new toothbrush on my list to buy? You have been so sweet and gracious to remember me through the years and I thank you from my heart.

MISCELLANEOUS NEEDS

Collecting for mission work: Unopened Happy Meal type toys, old handkerchiefs, buttons, & suitcases with wheels.

ACTION PAKS (to be sent to Voice of the Martyrs) will be available at the Missions Table on Kick Off Sunday, Sept. 10. Come check them out and purchase one to fill for \$7.00.





Missionary of the Month

Glen & Jenny Reava
(Life Action Ministries)

Address: 1696 E. Clear Lake Road • Buchanan, MI • 49107

Telephone number: 517.204.9138

E-mail: greava@lifeaction.org

Ministry: Facilities Maintenance, Vehicle and Equipment Manager

Mission Agency: Life Action Ministries • Buchanan, MI

Sending Church: First Baptist Church of St. Johns

Birthday's: **Glen:** 12/20/72 • **Jenny:** 7/21/75 • **Anniversary:** 7/22/94

Children: **Tyler:** 12/05/95 • **Madyson:** 8/23/97 • **Ashlynn:** 1/26/99 • **Aubrey:** 4/20/00 • **Brady:** 9/30/02
• **Landyn:** 6/09/05

Glen was raised in a Christian family. He was led to understand his sin and accepted Christ as his personal Savior at four years old through the faithful efforts of his Sunday school teacher at Laingsburg Baptist Church. As he learned more about Jesus, he received a renewed assurance of his faith at the age of six.

Jenny was also raised in a Christian family and accepted Christ as her personal savior by the age of five; re-dedicating her life at the age of ten during Vacation Bible School. It was at this time she began to feel the call of missions.

Glen and Jenny met and became friends when he began attending Grove Christian School during his senior year at the same school where Jenny was already a student. After graduating from Grove Christian School in 1991, Glen began training and working as a heavy equipment mechanic. In July of 1994, after Jenny graduated high school, they were married at Grove Bible Church where they attended. In December of 1995, a little more than a year later, their oldest son Tyler was born. Their beautiful daughters: Madyson, Ashlynn, and Aubrey were born in 1997, 1999, and 2000. Their two adventurous younger sons, Brady and Landyn were born in 2002 and 2005. As each of the children reached school age, Jenny took on the very important challenge of homeschooling all six of their wonderful and very energetic children.

During that time, Glen continued working as both a heavy diesel engine mechanic for Michigan CAT, and as a rough framer for Dexter Framing. His experience framing houses trained him to build or remodel the various houses they lived in around the St. Johns, MI area.

They began attending First Baptist Church of St. Johns in 2004. In 2005, Glen rededicated himself to love Christ first and began looking for ways to serve. Shortly after, the Reava's began assisting with the church's youth group. By 2006, they felt called to enter ministry full time and were accepted to join Life Action Ministries, a revival and Christian camping ministry based in Buchanan, MI to help within the areas of facilities, maintenance, and construction. By 2008, they had raised enough support to move to Life Action, where they have served ever since.

Glen continues to serve as the vehicle and equipment manager, which includes the caring for all vehicles and equipment at the Camp, Pastors Lodge, and National Ministry Center. Glen also works on construction projects throughout the ministry. Jenny continues to homeschool, help maintain their home and small farm, and volunteer at Life Action wherever she is needed.

This year is a very busy one for them and their children as well. Tyler is married to Rebeccah, and serves with Life Action's Facilities Department. Madyson, is working full time at Life Action's Mailing and Shipping office, as well as attending Lake Michigan College. Ashlynn, just finished a year of traveling with the Life Action Road Team Ministry serving as a children's worker. Ashlynn is also engaged to Benjamin Morse and planning a wedding. Aubrey is attending a cosmetology school in Niles. She will be graduating from both high school and beauty school in spring 2018. Brady has been serving on the CREW as a volunteer staff for family camps and weekend retreats. Landyn is enjoying an adventurous summer gaining new friends at Family Camps.



Food for Thought...A Challenge to be Thinking Christians



5 Things Every Christian Must Know About the Transgender Debate

By Andrew T. Walker

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The transgender debate is becoming all-encompassing. Issues such as education, law, government, entertainment all fall in the crosshairs of the transgender debate, and our culture moves with such speed that working out how to respond seems overwhelming, if not impossible.

So here are five essential things for Christians to keep in mind as we think about and speak about transgenderism.

Disagreeing with transgenderism does not mean denying the pain of gender dysphoria.

There's an enormous difference between the political aspects of the culture war surrounding transgenderism and the reality that there are precious persons who have genuine struggles with gender dysphoria — a condition where a person senses that their gender identity (how they feel about being male or female) may not align with their biological sex and experiences emotional distress as a result.

While we resist the attempt being made at a cultural and legal level to view gender as a matter of choice, we must also recognize that caught up in all this are deeply hurting people. Those who experience gender dysphoria are not necessarily trying to win a culture war. They need to know that (even while we may not agree with them) Christians love them, are there for them, are ready to listen to them and seek to understand the pain they are facing, and deeply desire what is best for them. Compassion and dignity for dysphoric individuals is not in tension with disagreeing with transgenderism as a social movement.

As we ground our convictions in God's unchanging, perfect, Word, we must speak with compassion in our hearts.

A man cannot become a woman and a woman cannot become a man.

The biggest claim of the transgender movement is that a man who thinks he's a woman can really be a woman, and vice versa. You see this in many ways — from preferred pronouns, sex reassignment surgeries, and demands to use the restroom of perceived rather than given gender.

The problem is that this is a philosophical claim that is not true, and can never be true, in any way or form. A man's chromosomes cannot be engineered into female chromosomes. Altering one's appearance cosmetically or surgically cannot change the underlying reality of a person's biological make-up. The psychology of the mind cannot override the facts of a person's biological markers. The transgender revolution demands that we believe falsehoods about human nature. And truth and falsehood have never been a matter of majority vote, because we know that there is a Creator who has the authority to decide and state what is right and wrong.

The Bible supplies the framework for understanding the transgender revoltion.

A Christian worldview informed by the Bible can fully explain why people experience feelings of gender dysphoria. The Christian worldview is one that acknowledges that creation has been disrupted and is not the way it once was, nor how it will eventually be in the New Creation (Genesis 3; Romans 8; Revelation 21). No part of our existence in the universe has been left undisturbed by sin's effects. This

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means that the brokenness of creation reaches into every corner of our lives — even our minds and hearts. To the same degree, every human is made in God’s image. To differing degrees and in differing ways, every human struggles with the brokenness of our own bodies, desires, and thoughts. And to the same degree, every human can find their true identity by recognizing that the God who made them has also saved for them and will one day restore them.

So in this created-but-broken world, we understand that not all identities or feelings are to be accepted or fostered, because we are all guided by a mixture of good and broken desires. The great Bible story of Creation, Fall, and Redemption tells us that we should not be shocked that people experience desires that will not in fact bring about the wholeness they are seeking; and equally that we can never be self-righteous about how others struggle or sin.

The transgender debate questions whether men and women, moms and dads are really real.

If being a man or woman is determined by someone’s mind or will, it means that there’s no such thing as true maleness or femaleness. Both become just a construct based on cultural stereotypes. We would be unable to tell a young boy that he’s really a boy. We would be unable to tell a young girl that her father’s unique responses to her as a father is anything objective or real.

Erasing the biological significance of our maleness and femaleness destroys the script that God knit into human existence for how the sexes interact with one another and how children know the difference between a mother and a father.

Christians need both conviction AND compassion in the transgender debate.

The transgender debate is ripe with controversy. Holding a biblical conviction in this debate means that individuals will find themselves in disagreements with friends, families, and co-workers—and that, however we express ourselves, we will be accused of being haters, bigots, and worse.

At a time like this, Christians need the courage to defend a true vision for human flourishing based on the biblical understanding of being made in His image. We must avoid trite explanations or knee-jerk reactions, but we must continue to say that, since God made us, he gets the ultimate say in who we are. We must put steel in our spines.

But all the conviction in the world won’t matter if we act or speak without compassion. Jesus did not aim to win debates. He sought to love people. So must we as his followers. As we ground our convictions in God’s unchanging, perfect, Word, we must speak with compassion in our hearts.

God and The Transgender Debate by Andrew Walker will help you think through these issues, and equip you to engage positively in the discussions around the transgender movement. To find out more about the book go to www.thegoodbook.com/transgender-debate

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- Sun., Sept. 3** NO Sunday School
AM Service in the St. Johns City Park - Cookout immediately following the Service
NO PM Service
- Mon., Sept. 4** Labor Day, Men's Basketball -- 6:30pm (Gym)
- Tues., Sept. 5** Mighty O.A.K.S. trip to Turkeyville for Dinner Theatre -- 10:15am leave church parking lot
- Wed., Sept. 6** NO Sr. High Bible Study
Prayer Meeting -- 6:30pm (Office Level-Classroom #1)
- Thurs., Sept. 7** Mentoring Moms -- 6:30pm (Cindy Painter's home, 7553 E. Alward Rd., Laingsburg) See Article
Mug & Muffin -- 7:00pm Guest speaker-Karen Ehman (Gym) See Article
Elders Meeting -- 8:00am (Office Level-Conference Room)
- Fri., Sept. 8**
- Sun., Sept. 10** Kick-Off Sunday--Sr. High-Adults meet in the Auditorium for Sunday School Communion -- AM Service
World Missions Prayer Meeting -- after the evening service (Lower Level - Classroom#13)
- Mon., Sept. 11** Shuffleboard -- 10am (Gym)
Men's Basketball -- 6:30pm (Gym)
- Tues., Sept. 12** Busy Hands for Missions -- 9:30am (Lower Level-Room #15)
- Wed., Sept. 13** Awana Resumes -- 6:30-8pm (Children's Wing)
24/7 Jr. High Resumes -- 6:30-8pm (Jr. High Room-Youth Wing)
Bible Institute Class Resumes -- 6:30-7:30/8pm (Lower Level-Adult Wing)
Sr. High Bible Study -- 6:30pm (Youth Room)
Prayer Meeting -- 6:30pm (Office Level-Classroom #1)
- Thurs., Sept. 14** Missions Committee Meeting -- 6:30pm (Office Level-Conference Room)
- Sun., Sept. 17** Adult Small Groups & Classes Resume -- 9:15am
- Mon., Sept. 18** Shuffleboard -- 10am (Gym)
Men's Basketball -- 6:30pm (Gym)
- Wed., Sept. 20** Awana -- 6:30-8pm (Children's Wing)
24/7 Jr. High -- 6:30-8pm (Jr. High Room-Youth Wing)
Bible Institute Classes -- 6:30-7:30/8pm (Lower Level-Adult Wing)
Sr. High Bible Study -- 6:30pm (Youth Room)
Prayer Meeting -- 6:30pm (Office Level-Classroom #1)
- Thurs., Sept. 21** Deacons Meeting -- 6:00pm (Lower Level-Classroom #8)
- Sun., Sept. 24** Update from Craig & Shelly Schafer, missionaries to Indonesia with Ethnos360 -- PM Service
- Mon., Sept. 25** Shuffleboard -- 10am (Gym)
Men's Basketball -- 6:30pm (Gym)
- Wed., Sept. 27** Awana -- 6:30-8pm (Children's Wing)
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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 02 | Beverly Crowell Julie Kresge | 17 | Jim Davis Ryan Leif | 24 | Sandy Burk Rachel Harps |
| 05 | Carol Estes Clare Klein | 18 | Roger Annis Penny Tahvonen | 25 | Eileen Feldpausch Jim Rademacher |
| 06 | Kathy Hopkins | 19 | Ruby Bancroft Bonnie Lutz | 27 | Roger Schafer Candi Sheen |
| 10 | Anita Iocco Pastor Chad Konieczny | 20 | Dean Feldpausch Tony Feldpausch | 29 | Jerry Peterson JoAnn Prohaska |
| 11 | Craig Bishop Carolyn Patrick | 21 | Andrea Bancroft Faith Fleischer Bonnie McCorvie | 30 | Brady Reava Dona Beth Silvers |
| 12 | Elayna Pagels Alyssa Thompson | 22 | Beth Holben | | |
| 13 | Marcia Feldpausch | 23 | Jameson Hufnagel | | |
| 14 | Lori Ely | | | | |
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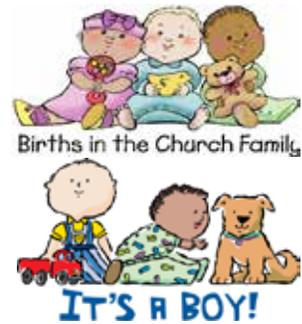
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FBC Phone Directory:

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1230 Lavallo Court
St. Johns, MI 48879
- Darlene Kirby
Caretell Inn's of Brighton
Room H-708
1014 E. Grand River Avenue
Brighton, MI 48116
- Opal Parsons
Room #21
Grace Haven Assisted Living
1507 Glastonbury Drive
St. Johns, MI 48879
Phone: same number
- Linda Patton
1111 Sunview Drive
St. Johns, MI 48879
- Kay Schmidtman
email: kaydell@gmail.com



One Bedroom House for Rent

Carolyn Patrick has a one bedroom, one bathroom house for rent 3 miles east of St. Johns on M-21. If you are interested, please contact her at (989) 307-9194.



Congratulations to Jake & Katie Ely on the birth of their Son, Isaac Gale. Isaac was born on Monday, July 31, 2017. He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces. His Grandparents are Jeff & Lori Ely. His Great-Grandmother is Carolyn Ely.

Congratulations to Joel & Katie Morgan on the birth of their Son, Elliot James. Elliot was born on Tuesday, August 15, 2017. He weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce.



SCHEDULES FOR SEPTEMBER

NURSERY

- 03 **Service at the St. Johns City Park-Performance Shell**
 AM Sarah & Sylvia Thomas, Valorie lung, Jazmine & Tori Harps
- 10 SS Emily Knaus, Holly Merignac, Helen Kresge
 AM Tammy Underwood, Paula Breining, Kayla Mead, Pearl Nichols
 PM Emily Brun, Holly Merignac
- 13Awana Carolyn Henning, Trisha Feldpausch, Katie Fore
- 17 SS Emily Knaus, Sarah Thomas, Bernadette Richardson
 AM Sarah & Sylvia Thomas, Sue Mullikin, Jazmine Harps
 PM Karen Leif, Amanda Briggs
- 20*Awana Carolyn Henning,
- 24 SS Emily Knaus, Anna Ordway, Becky Becker
 AM Becky & Rachel Becker, Lydia Ely, Ashton Sheen
 PM Andrea Bancroft, Lexie Sheen
- 27*Awana Carolyn Henning,
- *Seeking Volunteers for these dates.**

GREETERS

- 03 NO GREETING - SERVICE IN THE ST JOHNS CITY PARK
- 10 Foyer Ron & Jill Keilen
 Office Joe & Vicky Ondrusek
- 17 Foyer Mike & Tammy Underwood
 Office Sharon Ashenfelter
- 24 Foyer Tom & MB Moldenhauer
 Office Todd & Mishelle Pagels
- *Foyer-Stay until Sermon begins.**
***Office Greets for Sunday School-9AM Unless otherwise stated.**
***AM Greeters please be at your door by 10am.**
***Everyone Greets in the PM Service Unless otherwise stated.**

TODDLERS

- 03 **Service at the St. Johns City Park-Performance Shell**
 AM Becky & Grace Peterson, Tracie Brooke, Faith Robbe
- 10 AM Mishelle & Josh Pagels, Mindy Miller, Debi Davis
 PM Carrie Miller, Laurie Ordway
- 17 AM Ted & Michelle Beck, Marcia Feldpausch, Tori Harps, Kristy Mullikin
 PM Lori Knaus, Elizabeth Davis
- 24 AM Cody & Aubrey Fleischer, Emily Barger, Michelle Cornell, Elayna Pagels
 PM Dennis & Annette Wood, Ellen Kresge

TODDLER COOKIES

- 03 (Service in the St. Johns City Park) No Cookies
- 10 Cheryl Haviland
- 17 Eileen Feldpausch
- 24 Krista Mead

USHERS

- 03 **Service at the St. Johns City Park-Performance Shell**
 AM *John Leif, Scott Darragh, Ted Bedell, Ron Showers, Jimmie Harps, Jim Cyrus
 NO PM Doug Merignac, Ted Bedell
- 10 AM *Scott McCorvie, Derrick Ostrander, Preston Nichols, Phil Burkhart, Duane Schafer, Dennis Eilert
 PM *John Glerum, Walt Knaus
- 17 AM *Julius Motz, Shane Kidd, Norm Moinet, Mark Lutz, Ted Beck, Aaron Davis
 PM *Jim Ashenfelter
- 24 AM *Rick Davis, Kyle Walter, Ryan Shackelford, Joe Ondrusek, Joel Morgan, Harold Lichte
 PM *Dean Feldpausch, Chris Bouck

*Captain

