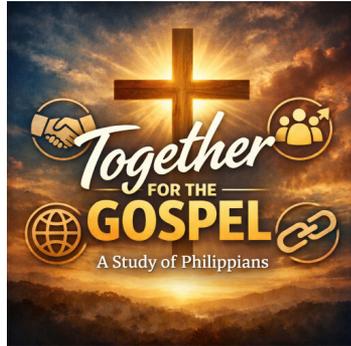


***Welcome to  
First Baptist Church  
February 15, 2026***



**10:30 AM SERVICE**

Message - The Gospel Cannot Be Chained  
Philippians 1:12-14  
Pastor Brandon Crawford

***Church Information***

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## Today's Events

- 5:30pm** • **Young Adult Bible Study**  
(Office Level-Conference Room)
- 6:00pm** • **Sr. High Bible Study**  
(Youth Room)

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## This Week's Events

### MONDAY

- 10:00am • **Shuffleboard** (Gym)  
6:30pm • **Men's Basketball** (Gym)  
7:00pm • **Men's Bible Study**  
(Lane Bargerons's Home)

### TUESDAY

- 6:00pm • **Pickleball**  
(Gym)

### WEDNESDAY

- 6:30pm • **Awana**  
• **24/7 Jr. High**  
• **Prayer Meeting**  
(Office Level-Classroom #1)  
• **Bible Study Groups**  
(Lower Level-Adult Wing)

### THURSDAY

- 6:00pm • **Deacons Meeting**  
(Office Level-Classroom #1)  
6:30pm • **Single Women's Bible Study**  
(Bancroft Barn)

### FRIDAY

- 10:00am • **Women's Bible Study**  
(Office Level-Classroom #2)  
6:00pm • **Pickleball**  
(Gym)

### SATURDAY

- 9:30am • **Flag Ceremony Practice**  
(Auditorium)

## Coming Events

- Sun., Feb., 22** • **Sunday School--9:15am**  
• **Communion, AM Service--10:30am**  
• **Hazel Findlay Country Manor Service**  
--**3:00pm** Come join in worshipping with  
the residents.  
• **Young Adult Bible Study--5:30pm**  
(Office Level-Conference Room)  
• **Sr. High Bible Study--6:00pm**  
(Youth Room)
- Mon., Feb. 23** • **Men's Bible Study--7:00pm**  
(Lane Bargerons's Home)
- Wed., Feb. 25** • **Women's Bible Study--10:15am**  
(Gym-Classroom #5)  
• **Women's Bible Study Off Site--6:30pm**  
(Ruth Hills' Home)
- Thurs., Feb. 26** • **Pickleball--6:00pm**  
(Gym)
- Fri., Feb. 27** • **Women's Bible Study--10:00am**  
(Office Level-Classroom #2)
- Sat., Feb. 28** • **Flag Ceremony Practice--9:30am**  
(Auditorium) See Article to sign up.
- Sun., Mar. 1** • **MISSIONS CONFERENCE MONTH**  
• **NO Sunday School**  
• **Flag Ceremony, AM Service--10:30am**  
• **International Potluck Luncheon--After**  
**the AM Service.** See Article  
• **Young Adult Bible Study--5:30pm**  
(Office Level-Conference Room)  
• **Sr. High Bible Study--6:00pm**  
(Youth Room)



## 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 one of the offering boxes located around the building. You can also use the QR code to fill out a visitor card on our website.*

### International Potluck Luncheon Sunday, March 1st, after the AM Service

The Missions Committee would like to invite you to its International/Ethnic Potluck Luncheon following the AM Service on March 1st. We would like every family to bring a dish to pass. Beverage and paper products will be provided.

Don't know what to bring? Here are a few suggestions of what you could bring to the ethnic potluck: Egg Rolls, Wontons, Sushi, Stir Fry, Lettuce Wraps, and Noodle Dish, Alfredo, Lasagna, Cabbage Dishes, Dumplings, Pasties, Tacos, Enchiladas, Guacamole, Crepes, Soups, Gyros, Hummus, Goulash, Stroganoff.

**Please Sign up** at Church Center, the Information Area or QR Code. **Deadline to sign up: Wednesday, February 25th.**



### No Sunday School

We will **NOT** have Sunday School **March 1st.**

## **Mission Conference Flag Ceremony** **All are welcome!**



The 2026 Missions Conference Flag Ceremony will be held on Sunday, March 1, 2026. Participants will line up in costume (or church clothes) in the children's wing and move up to collect flags in the Ambassador Room, then to the foyer to march in for a roll call of nations early in the morning service. They will then return to gather as a mass "choir" at the front of the auditorium to join in the Mission Conference theme song for this year.

**Registration is open today for adults, teens, children, families to participate in this year's ceremony. Deadline to register to participate is TODAY!**

We would also welcome adult volunteers to assist with practices, during the flag ceremony and to sit with children in the balcony for the remainder of the service. At the end of the service, children will be dismissed as parents arrive for pick up at the bottom of the balcony stairs.

**Please register through the Church Center app, the church website, or this QR Code:**



**If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Briggs at: (716) 912-4850 (call or text) or email:mikebriggs@stjohnsfbc.com.**

Practices will be Saturdays, February 21st, and February 28th, beginning promptly at 9:30 AM in the auditorium. Opening, two run through practices are usually done in under an hour with time for costume fitting after the practice. It is best if participants could attend both practices, but the Church Center registration allows you to notify us if you are not available for one of the rehearsals!

# Missions Conference 2026

## Here I Am! Send Me

Isaiah 6:8

<sup>8</sup> And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

March 1 – Flag Ceremony & International Potluck

March 8 – Hannah Strayer, Media Specialist to Africa, ABWE

March 15 – Lars Carlson, President & CEO, Youth Haven

March 22 – Brad Buser, Founder, Radius International

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### Beacon of Hope

Wow, did Beacon score big from the Awana kid's "Souper Bowl"! These VIP's delivered over 700 food items to the pantry last week! We are doing a victory dance! Thank you so much to all who helped to make this happen!!

### Friends of Beacon

**Wish List this week: Cereal.** Any variety. Post brand cereal is on sale this week at Kroger for \$1.49 with digital coupon. 10-16.6 oz. If you cannot download digital coupons, we have been told you can tell the cashier, and they will give you the coupon.

### Digital Ministry Team

In an effort to expand the digital presence of FBC St. Johns, we would like to Assemble a Digital Ministry Team. This will need of a number of different people to handle different aspects of the tasks to accomplish this. If you would like to be considered for one of these roles, contact Pastor Mike.

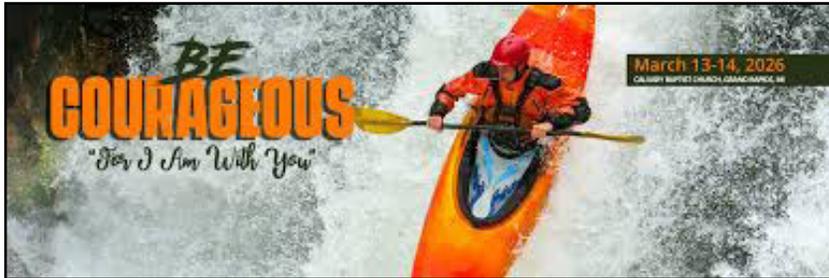
- Digital Director / Admin: Oversees the plan, social scheduling, analytics
- Social Media Hosts: Comment responders, DM follow-up, weekly rhythm
- Livestream/AV Crew: Manages sermon recordings & livestream (an expansion on our existing multimedia team)
- Podcast organizer & host
- Public awareness team member (ads, emails)

### INTRODUCING OUR NEXT CHURCH SECRETARY

The pastoral staff is pleased to announce that Annette Wood has accepted our offer to become FBC's next full-time secretary. Annette is uniquely qualified for the job, having spent many years in the corporate world as an administrator and book keeper, and the past 7 years as the Administrative Assistant at Beacon of Hope, where she has worked closely with our current secretary, pastoral staff, and deacons.

She will begin training for her new role in early March. Her official start date as Church Secretary will be Tues., March 31st.

Pease join us in welcoming Annette Wood!



**Church Ministries Conference**  
**'Be Courageous'**  
**March 13-14, 2026**  
**Calvary Baptist Church**  
**Grand Rapids**

There is a sign up sheet and Brochures explaining the Conference at the Information Area. (Please don't take a brochure unless you plan to attend-there is a limited supply). You can view a full list of workshops on their website: <https://grchurchministriesconference.com/schedule/> If you are a ministry leader or volunteer, the church will pay your registration fee. Sign up ends this Sunday, March 1st!

**Joyce Burk is Turning 90!**

Joyce Burk is turning 90 on February 22nd. If you would like to send her a card, her address is:  
1617 E Hyde Road  
St. Johns, MI 48879



**Mighty O.A.K.S.**  
**Winter Activities**  
Get out of the House and  
Play a Game with friends!



Tuesday, February 24, 2026  
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
Please use the **Office Entrance**

Join us for games with friends in an available Classroom!

Perhaps basketball and volleyball are a bit much for our group, but we will have tables and chairs for board games of your choosing!

Please bring:

- ▲ a sack lunch
- Finger food to share
- ▲ favorite game

Even if games aren't your 'cup of tea', please join us for a time of fellowship and fun! You may come when you are available and leave when you must, just a casual gathering of people wanting out of the January doldrums to enjoy a time of playing games together.

Sign up on the sheet at the Information Center for each person who will be attending so that we can have name tags ready and confirm sufficient seating for our gathering.

**AM Sermon Notes**

**The Gospel Cannot Be Chained**

**Philippians 1:12-14**

**Pastor Brandon Crawford**

**Today's Truth:** God uses trials to advance the gospel.

I. We can have joy in the midst of our trials (v.12)

II. God can use our trials for greater gospel ministry (v.12-13)

III. Facing our trials well can inspire boldness in others (v.14)

**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)



**Online Giving**

Scan the QR Code to give online.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

**YEAR TO DATE FIGURES**

BUDGET: \$162,611.68

**ACTUAL YTD**

TOTAL INCOME: \$132,380.86

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$106,467.75

Income Minus Expenses: \$25,913.11

- 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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