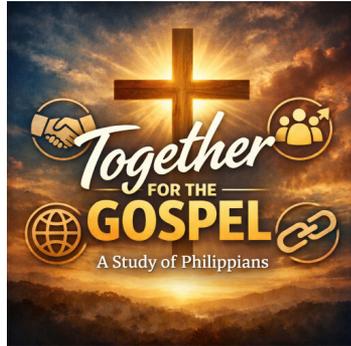


***Welcome to
First Baptist Church
February 22, 2026***



10:30 AM SERVICE

Message - Christ Over Competition
Philippians 1:15-18
Pastor Brandon Crawford
Communion

Church Information

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Today's Events

- 3:00pm** • **Hazel Findlay Country Manor Service**
Come join in worshipping with the residents.
- 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 Barger's Home)

TUESDAY

- 6:00pm • **Pickleball**
(Gym)

WEDNESDAY

- 10:15am • **Women's Bible Study**
(Gym-Classroom #5)
6:30pm • **Awana**
• **24/7 Jr. High**
• **Prayer Meeting**
(Office Level-Classroom #1)
• **Bible Study Groups**
(Lower Level-Adult Wing)
• **Women's Bible Study Off Site**
(Ruth Hills' Home)

THURSDAY

- 6:00pm • **Pickleball**
(Gym)

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

Coming Events

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)

Tues., Mar. 3

- **Busy Hands for Missions--9:30am**
(Lower Level-Classroom #15)

Thurs., Mar. 5

- **Pickleball--6:00pm**
(Gym)
- **Mentoring Moms--6:30pm**
(Cheri Kresge's Home)
- **Single Women's Bible Study--6:30pm**
(Bancroft Barn)

Fri., Mar. 6

- **Elder's Meeting--7:00am**
(Office Level-Conference Room)
- **Women's Bible Study--10:00am**
(Office Level-Classroom #2)

Sun., Mar. 8

- **Daylight Savings Time Begins!!**
- **MISSIONS CONFERENCE MONTH**
- **Sunday School--9:15am** (Missions Speaker, Hannah Strayer will share her ministry in the auditorium for Jr. High-Adults.)
- **Missions Speaker, Hannah Strayer, Media Specialist, ABWE. Missions Message, Pastor Brandon, AM Service--10:30am**
- **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 Disshes, 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
Next Sunday, March 1st.

Missions Conference 2026
Here I Am! Send Me

Isaiah 6:8

⁸ 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

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)

Beacon of Hope

Beacon is in need of truck drivers for our Monday morning run to the Greater Lansing Food Bank in Bath.

If you are interested, please see Mark Lutz.

Friends of Beacon

Wish List this week: Pasta Sauce. Any brand or variety. Prego is on sale this week at Kroger for \$1.49 with card.

Lembena People Group

Jason & Tami Hughes have been laboring faithfully to bring God's Word to the Lembena people in Papua New Guinea and are on the cusp of a significant new season of gospel outreach.

They have asked us, as a prayer support church, to stand with them in prayer. They have provided prayer cards with names and images of individual tribal members to assist us. You can find these cards in a pocket at the Information Area.

Would you consider taking one—or several—and committing to pray faithfully for them in the weeks ahead? The Lord delights to use the prayers of His people to advance the gospel among the nations. Let's ask that many among the Lembena would hear, believe, and rejoice in Christ.



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 Sunday, March 1st!



Daylight Savings Time

Begins Sunday, March 8th

Don't Forget to Turn Your Clocks

AHEAD One Hour Saturday

Night March 7th!!

March Birthdays

The March Birthday list is available at the Information Area.



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
- A 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

Christ Over Competition
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Today's Truth: A heart captive to Christ rejoices in the progress of the gospel--even when that progress is driven by people with less than perfect motives.

I. Some gospel preachers seek their own glory (v.15-17)

- A. They are born again believers
- B. Their message is sound (v.15)
- C. Their methods are scriptural (v.15)
- D. But their motives are sinister (v.15-17)
 - 1. They are motivated by envy (v.15)
 - 2. They are motivated by rivalry (v.15)
 - 3. They are motivated by selfish ambition (v.17)
 - 4. They are motivated by malice (v.17)

II. Other gospel preachers seek the glory of Christ (v.15-17)

- A. They are born again believers (v.15)
- B. Their message is sound... (v.15)
- C. Their methods are scriptural (v.15)
- D. Their motives are sincere (v.15-17)
 - 1. They are motivated by good will (v.15)
 - 2. They are motivated by love (v.16)
 - 3. Summary: their motives are pure (v.17)

III. All godly Christians should rejoice whenever the gospel advances (v.18)

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: \$189,713.60

ACTUAL YTD

TOTAL INCOME: \$171,327.42

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$132,879.42

Income Minus Expenses: \$38,447.66

- **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

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