

***Welcome to
First Baptist Church
March 8, 2026***

Missions Conference 2026
Here I Am! Send Me

Isaiah 6:8
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and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."



10:30 AM SERVICE

Ministry Update - Hannah Strayer
Media Specialist in Africa, ABWE
Message - Missions is a Team Effort
Colossians 4:7-18
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

6:30pm
7:00pm

- **NO Shuffleboard** (Gym)
- **Men's Basketball** (Gym)
- **Men's Bible Study**
(Lane Bargeron's Home)

TUESDAY

- **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

- **Pickleball**
(Gym)

FRIDAY

10:00am

- **Women's Bible Study**
(Office Level-Classroom #2)

SATURDAY

8:00am

- **Coffee Conversations for Men**
(Gym) Sign up at the Information Area!

Coming Events

- Sun., Mar. 15** **MISSIONS CONFERENCE MONTH**
- **Sunday School--9:15am** (Missions Speaker, Lars Carlson, will share the ministry of Youth Haven Ranch in the auditorium for Jr. High-Adults.)
 - **Missions Speaker, Lars Carlson, President & CEO, Youth Haven Ranch, AM Service--10:30am**
 - **Young Adult Bible Study--5:30pm** (Office Level-Conference Room)
 - **Sr. High Bible Study--6:00pm** (Youth Room)
- Tues., Mar. 17** • **Pickleball--6:00pm** (Gym)
- Thurs., Mar. 19** • **Pickleball--6:00pm** (Gym)
- **Deacons Meeting--6:00pm** (Office Level-Classroom #1)
 - **Single Women's Bible Study--6:30pm** (Bancroft Barn)
- Fri., Mar. 20** • **Women's Bible Study--10:00am** (Office Level-Classroom #2)
- Sun., Mar. 22** **MISSIONS CONFERENCE MONTH**
- **Sunday School--9:15am** (Missions Speaker, Brad Buser, will share the ministry of Radius International in the auditorium for Jr. High-Adults.)
 - **Missions Speaker, Brad Buser, Founder, Radius International, AM Service--10:30am**
 - **Young Adult Bible Study--5:30pm** (Office Level-Conference Room)
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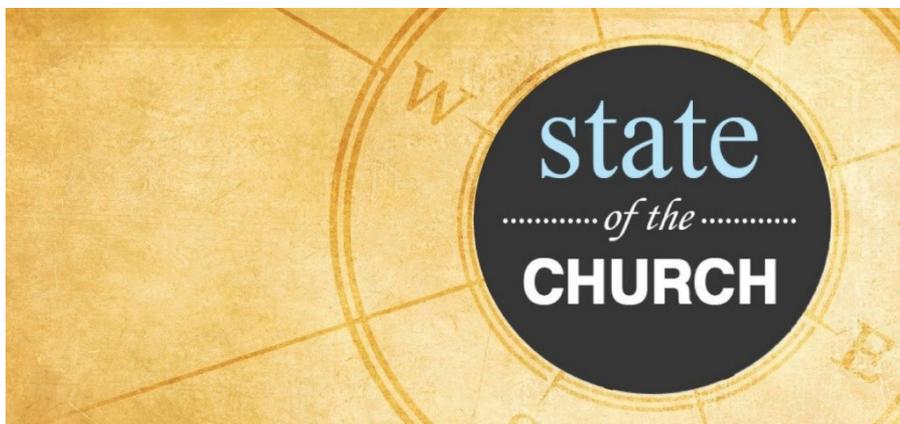


THANK YOU FOR VISITING TODAY



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.

State of the Church Address **Sunday, March 29**



Join us for a special presentation during a combined Sunday School time (5th grade and up) on Sunday, March 29th.

Pastor Brandon will be laying out our church's Theological Vision for Ministry and discussing our upcoming ministry initiatives.

Today's Missionary Guest: Hannah Strayer



Hannah Strayer is a media specialist to Africa. Using media, she shares the needs on the field, helping missionaries more effectively communicate with supporters and share the gospel with nationals.

Hannah's ministry goals:

- Be involved in local ministries that share the Gospel, disciple believers, and plant churches
- Use media to communicate stories visually
 - o Help workers communicate more effectively with their partners in N. America
 - o Provide resources for workers, field teams and ABWE for mobilization, fundraising, and awareness purposes in order to affect change
 - o Provide resources that help spread the Gospel locally
- See media teams growing, not only in Africa but everywhere ABWE has workers on the ground, so that the stories of God's work in the lives of others can be shared.

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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

Adult Sunday School

The Missions Conference Speakers will share their ministry in the auditorium for Jr. High-Adults during the Sunday School hour on March 15, & 22.

Missions Conference Offering

We will be taking a special offering for our Missions Conference Speakers. The offering will be split evenly to help them with their ministry.

Please mark your giving envelope "Missions Conference Offering." You may also give online. Please click on the box for "Missions Conference Offering". Deadline to give is Sunday, March 29, 2026.

Mission Closet Needs

It is time to restock the missions closet to provide for our missionaries by bringing any of the following items:

Gift cards - Amazon, Walmart, gas, fast food, restaurants, home improvement stores, etc.

Sheet sets - regular twin & queen (some prefer all cotton)

Bath products - shampoo, body wash, handcrafted soaps, lady-style razors

Card games - (i.e. moose master, quiddler, dominoes, uno, sky jo, etc.)

Food storage container sets (smaller)

Socks - warm fuzzy, sports type, etc. **Bath towel sets**

Glass jar candles **Lotions**

Blank note cards(with envelopes) **Gel pens**

Printer paper **Colored pencils**

Tools:

Skill saws

Drill bits

Cordless drills (12V or more)

Tool boxes

Electrical testers/ohmmeters

Stud finders

Socket sets (metric or standard)

Flashlights

Wrench sets (metric or standard)

Work gloves

Files (wood, metal, etc.).

Screwdrivers sets

One-hand quick clamps

Tape measures

There will be a bin in the foyer to put your donations in during the month of March.

Missionary Prayer Albums

Missions Update and Prayer Guides

Since praying for our missionaries is vital to their ministries, we want to remind you of a couple resources for doing that. The **missionary prayer albums** have pictures of each of our missionaries and tell where they serve. This can be used as a flip book to pray for one of our missionaries each day. If you don't have an album yet, you can pick one up at the missions table in the foyer. If you already have an album for your family, you may want to grab a **list of the missionaries** we currently support to make sure you have the right cards in your album.

The second resource we want to remind you of is the **missions update and prayer guide**. This is a summary of all the letters from our missionaries that have come in during the previous month. We try to publish them at the beginning of each month and email them to the congregation. If you are receiving an email, and would like to, please contact the church office. We also have a printed version available in the foyer for those who prefer hard copy. These are helpful to know the latest needs of our missionaries and be able to pray more specifically. They will be available on the missions table. Please take the above resources and use them to pray for our missionaries!

March Birthdays

The March Birthday list is available at the Information Area.

Church Website

Part of our church budget this year included funds to update/revamp our church website. The process to build a new site has begun and, we hope, in the next few weeks will be ready to launch. Part of the reason we feel this update is important is to keep up to date with current technologies.

This will also help, as people search for information about churches in St Johns, make sure that our church will show up in those browser searches.

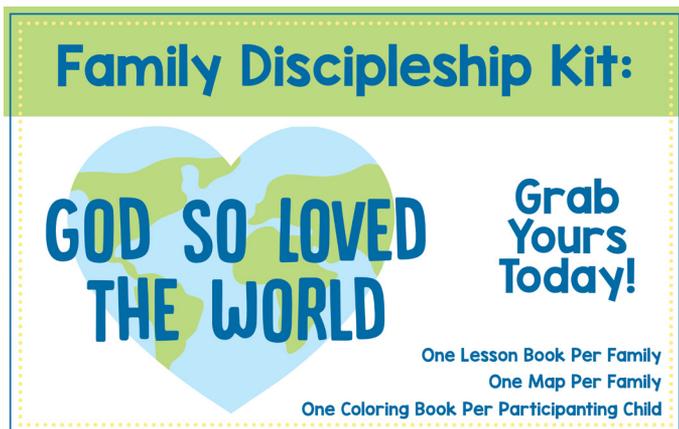
We are also making some changes in the overall purpose of our church website. We want to make sure that our site is really for people who don't know who we are but want to find out who we are.

“Why does that matter?” you may ask. What you may be used to finding on our website will still be there in many ways, but the information that is truly intended for just our church family will be made available in a different way. This “internal family information” will not be findable by navigating links on our site.

What will this change for our church families? The one thing that we'd most encourage is downloading and using our Church Center app. This will become the central hub for us to communicate digital information.

One other important thing that will shift with the inception of this process. As of last Sunday, March 1st, we have implemented a simulcast of our livestreamed services not only to our YouTube channel, but to our church Facebook page and our church website.

We'll keep you posted as these changes take place.



Family Discipleship Kit (FDK)

We are excited to introduce a new resource for your home: our Family Discipleship Kit (FDK), designed to help you lead meaningful, focused discipleship time with your family.

It's called "For God So Loved the World" and its theme is Global Missions. The kit includes 25 engaging lessons, each highlighting a different country around the world. Every lesson contains:

- A short Bible reading
- A brief country profile
- A simple family challenge for the day
- A coloring page for children

Our goal is to make this tool simple, practical, and encouraging for families of all sizes. If you have multiple children, you only need one lesson book per family. However, please feel free to take a coloring page for each participating child.

We hope this resource empowers you and gives you confidence as you lead spiritual conversations in your home. Our prayer is that as you work through these lessons together, your family would grow in love for God and in heart for the nations. You can find them downstairs by the Children's Wing Check In.

Beacon of Hope

Beacon has a large quantity and variety of seed packs to share with gardeners.

Feel free to stop in and see if we have something you can use. It's best to call or text ahead to make sure staff is here to let you in. 989-224-0328

Friends of Beacon

There is no "wish list" this week.

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)

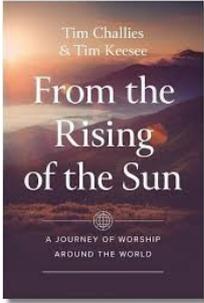
Lembena People Group

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.

Monthly Book Recommendation **From Pastor Brandon**



From the Rising of the Sun: A Journey of Worship Around the World, by Tim Challies & Tim Keesee. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2025. 166 pages.

This book is a global travelogue that invites readers to witness how Christians worship across different cultures and time zones.

The journey begins near the International Date Line in Fiji and follows the sun as it rises and sets, taking readers through eleven locations—from the Pacific Islands and Asia to Europe, Africa, and the Americas. Each chapter combines vivid travel diary entries with descriptions of local worship gatherings, showing the beauty and diversity of how believers praise God in ways that are faithful to Scripture yet expressed through cultural distinctives.

Alongside these narratives, the authors include Bible studies, reflections on the meaning of worship, and questions for deeper thought or group discussion. Woven throughout are inspiring stories of local churches and individual believers, highlighting how the global church embodies the call of Psalm 113:3 to praise God “from the rising of the sun to where it sets.”

The book also includes access to a companion 12-episode video series that visually captures these moments of worship.

This book is now available in the church library

**First Baptist
Mighty O.A.K.S.
March Potluck**

**Tuesday, March 10
11:45am (Gym)**



We will meet in the gymnasium to enjoy fellowship and a potluck luncheon.

Following the meal, we will move to the Ambassador Classroom for a presentation by Pastor Chad reporting on his trip to Mozambique where he visited and encouraged our own missionaries, Kent & Jenny Schafer.

Please join us for an update and time of fellowship with our own pastor, as he shares about his travel, meeting with Ethnos 360 staff, local church leaders and the people in Micaune. Come prepared to learn how we can pray as Kent and Jenny transition their family back to the United States and finish their ministry well with the Maindo people of Mozambique!

Please sign up with the name of each person who will be attending so that we can have name tags and tables and chairs prepared for each person.

Rise With The Sun (CityAlight)

RICH THOMPSON, JONNY ROBINSON
& TIM CHALLIES



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Verse 1/2



There's a song that's sung through the nations, of joy-ful thanks to the
an-them sung in the is lands, where sun first touch-es the

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king, where the count less saints who are re-cued, praise Je - sus who set them all
earth. O - ver land and sea it ad-vanc es, now joined by the saints of this

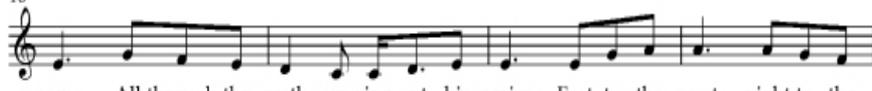
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free. Hear the Rise with the sun, lift up his
church.

Chorus

16



name. All through the earth we sing out his praise. East to the west, night to the

20

To Coda ◊

Interlude

F

Am

G



day, join in the song and sing out his praise.

25



I will add my voice to the cho - rus of

28



man - y peo - ple and tongues, for we share the gift of sal -

D.S. al Coda

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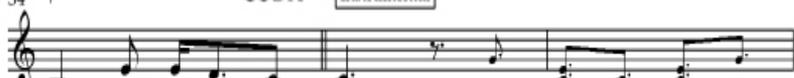
va - tion and share in the life yet to come. Rise with the

34

CODA

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Instrumental



song and sing out his praise.

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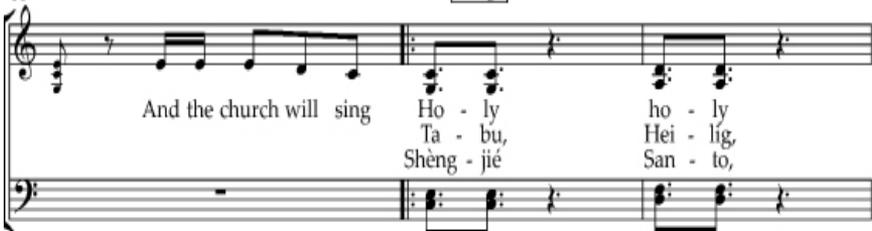


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Bridge



And the church will sing Ho - ly ho - ly
Ta - bu, Hei - lig,
Shèng - jié San - to,

47



ho - ly are you Lord.
O - fi are you Lord.
Ka - dosh are you Lord.

49

You're the glo - ri - ous one, we lift up your name.
 You're the lamb who was slain, we lift up your name.
 You're the king who was raised, we lift up your name.

52

1.2. | 3. Bridge

And the church will sing. And the Church will sing: Ho - ly,
 And the church will sing:

55

ho - ly, ho - ly are you Lord. Now you reign ev - er -

59

more, we lift up your name. O-ver all of the world, we lift up your

64

CHORUS

name. Rise with the sun, lift up his

67

name. All through the earth we sing out his praise. East to the

70

west, night to the day, join in the song and sing out his

73

1. 2. Tag

praise. Rise with the praise. join in the song and sing out his

76

Outro

praise. and sing out his

80

praise.

AM Sermon Notes

Missions is a Team Effort

Text: Colossians 4:7-18

Pastor Brandon Crawford

Proposition: Behind every advance of the gospel, there stands a whole network of committed, Christ-exalting laborers.

I. Paul's Ministry Team (v.7-17)

II. Paul's Final Farewell (v.18)

III. Paul's Lesson for Us Today

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: \$243,917.44

ACTUAL YTD

TOTAL INCOME: \$241,163.50

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$161,079.60

Income Minus Expenses: \$80,083.90

- **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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