

**Welcome to**  
***First Baptist Church***  
***Memorial Day Weekend***  
***Sunday, May 25, 2025***



**10:30 AM SERVICE**

Message - Anonymous Accounts of Faith  
from the Bible  
Hebrews 11:35-40  
Pastor Tim Knaus

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***Church Information***

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## **Today's Events**

- NO College Bible Study
- NO Sr. High Bible Study

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## **This Week's Events**

### **MONDAY**

- NO Shuffleboard
- NO Men's Basketball

### **WEDNESDAY**

6:30pm

- **Prayer Meeting**  
(Office Level-Classroom #1)

### **SATURDAY**

1-4:00pm

- **Grace Peterson's Open House**  
(Bancroft Barn)

## **Coming Events**

**Sun., June 1**

- **Sunday School--9:15am**
- **AM Service, Graduation Sunday**  
**--10:30am**
- **PM Service--5:00pm**
- **Evening Fellowship--After the PM**  
**Service** (Gym) See Article
- **College Bible Study--6:45pm**  
(Office Level-Classroom #2)
- **Sr. High Bible Study--6:45pm**  
(Youth Room)

**Tues., June 3**

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

**Thurs., June 5**

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

**Fri., June 6**

- **Elder's Meeting--7:00am**  
(Office Level-Conference Room)

**Sun., June 8**

- **Sunday School--9:15am**
- **AM Service, Communion--10:30am**
- **Hazel Findlay Country Manor Service**  
**--3:00pm**  
Come join in worshipping with the residents.
- **College Bible Study--5:30pm**  
(Office Level-Classroom #2)
- **Sr. High Bible Study--6:00pm**  
(Youth Room)

## **June Birthdays**

The June 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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### **June Sunday Evening Fellowship** **Sunday, June 1, 2025** **After the PM Service (Gym)**

**Our June Sunday Evening Fellowship menu is: Your favorite Summer salad (include a protein such as meat, eggs, beans or cheese), bread sticks, dessert.**

It's important that we all sign up for items needed for the meal, either on the Church Center app, the church website ([www.stjohnsfbc.com](http://www.stjohnsfbc.com)) OR on the signup sheet in the Information Area. Signups are very straightforward and easy to follow, and include the food items needed.

We look forward to gathering together as a church family!



June 23-June 26  
6:15-8:30pm

Family Night  
June 26

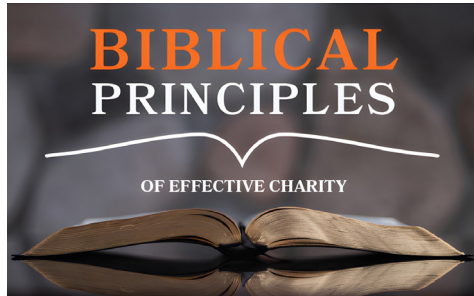
### For Kids 4 Years - 6th Grade

Join us at VBS where kids are invited to join us for Bible Stories, cool crafts, yummy snacks, Bible verses, crazy games, and fun songs. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to experience *Overboard*, where through the story of Jonah we will learn about our need for a Survivor, and that salvation comes from God. You can Pre-Register your kids today for our VBS today by scanning the QR code provided.



### For Volunteers

June 22 marks our VBS kick off. Right now we are in need of volunteers. If you are able, we would love for you to join us in serving Jesus during our Bible School Ministry. We will need all different kinds of volunteers, and we can find a place for anyone willing and able to serve. Please sign up so that we can put you into a position where you can thrive! We can find a spot for anyone 7th grade thru 112 years old. Questions? Contact Pastor Dan!



Beacon of Hope is hosting a Lunch and Learn with True Charity joining us virtually to learn more about the biblical principles of effective charity. It will be held on Wednesday, June 25th, from 11:30am-1:00pm in the Youth Room. This is open to all of our fellow faith-based partners who also serve the community through their benevolence ministries. Below is a description of the presentation provided by True Charity:

*God's word commands us to serve people in need - but it also gives us a lot of insight on how to do that well. This session provides foundational concepts for effective charity rooted both in scripture and practical experience. We'll cover the true nature and root causes of poverty, the responsibility of everyone in the Church to be actively involved in service to the poor, the mandate for service in a discerning way that doesn't amplify root problems, and the importance of honestly assessing the impact of our efforts.*

Feel free to join us!

You may sign up using the QR code or call the Beacon office at 989-224-0328.



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

**Kerith Hoard** -- Graduating from Fellowship Baptist Academy on May 23rd. Open House on Saturday, June 14th, 12-3pm at First Baptist Church Gym.

**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.

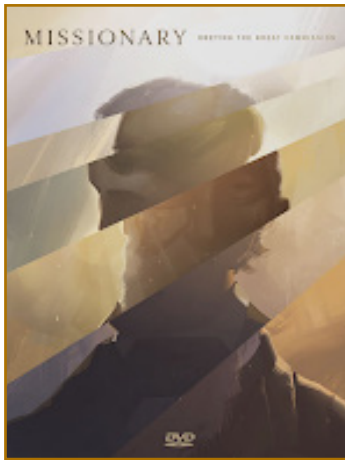
Please drop off, email, or mail your information to the church office or place in our Secretary's box in the Office Work Room.

## **Beacon of Hope**

### **Friends of Beacon**

**Our request for this week is: Hamburger Helper, any flavor, on sale this week at Walmart for \$1.68.**

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### **Adult Summer Sunday School 2025**

This summer, starting June 1st, we will take a break from our adult small group Sunday school classes and encourage everyone to meet in the auditorium together each week. This change of pace gives our leaders a little extra time in the summer and allows them to be a participant and learner instead of just a leader. We encourage everyone to join us from 9:15-10:15 in the auditorium each week. This year, we will be studying through the series mentioned by (and starring) Brooks Buser - "Missionary: Obeying the Great Commission". In this series, we will study the stories of men and women who were sent and examine our role and our church's role in continuing to accomplish Great Commission work for Christ!

## **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	

## AM Sermon Notes

### Message - Anonymous Accounts of Faith from the Bible Hebrews 11:35-40 Pastor Tim Knaus

- I. Faithful Men and Women of Courage
  - A. Last week, we read about fairly well-known people from the Old Testament who are honored not because of their talents, intellect, wealth, or power, but because of their faith.
  - B. Verses 35-38 are a powerful reminder that some of God's most faithful saints did not live lives of ease and comfort.
- II. The Great Hope of Heaven
  - A. That small phrase in verse 38 sums up this entire passage and this entire chapter: "of whom the world was not worthy."

Romans 8:18

- B. I want to share some closing observations from Hebrews chapter 11.

Psalms 84:1-2 (NIV84)

Psalms 84:10 (NIV84)

#### 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: \$545,815.72

#### ACTUAL YTD

TOTAL INCOME: \$495,915.07

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$474,267.20

Income Minus Expenses: \$21,647.87

- 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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