

**Welcome to
First Baptist Church
Graduation Sunday
June 1, 2025**



10:30 AM SERVICE

Recognition of High School &
College Graduates

Message - God Produces Hope For His People
Lamentations 3:21-25
Pastor Daniel Dubois

5:00 PM SERVICE

Message: Judgment and Mercy:
The Royal Law of Mercy
James 2:1-13

Pastor Tim Knaus

Churchwide Fellowship After the Service
in the Gym (See Article for what to bring)

Church Information

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Today's Events

- **College Bible Study (After the PM Service)**
(Office Level-Classroom #2)
 - **Sr. High Bible Study--6:45pm**
(Youth Room)
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This Week's Events

MONDAY

10:00am

- **Shuffleboard**
(Gym)

6:30pm

- **Men's Basketball**
(Gym)

TUESDAY

9:30am

- **Busy Hands for Missions**
(Lower Level-Classroom #15)

WEDNESDAY

6:30pm

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

THURSDAY

6:30pm

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

FRIDAY

7:00am

- **Elder's Meeting**
(Office Level-Conference Room)

Coming Events

Sun., June 8

- **Sunday School--9:15am**
- **Communion, AM Service--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)

Thurs., June 5

- **Missions Committee Meeting--6:30pm**
(Office Level-Conference Room)

Fri., June 13

- **Kale Schafer's Open House--6-9:00pm**
(Gym)

Sat., June 14

- **Coffee Conversations for Men--7:00am**
(Gym)
- **Kerith Hoard's Open House--12-3:00pm**
(Gym)

Sun., June 15

- **Sunday School--9:15am**
- **Father's Day, AM Service--10:30am**
- **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.

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) 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!

Missionary Photo Album/Updates

Since we now support Zach & Evamarie Burnham, we prepared cards for you to put in your prayer albums to help remind you to pray for them. You can pick one up at the information center in the foyer.

2025 High School Graduates

Kerith Hoard

Grace Peterson

Silas Robbe

Kale Schafer

Our 2025 College Graduates

Elayna Pagels - Graduated on May 9th, from Ferris State University with a Degree in Architecture.

Stuart Thomas - Graduated on May 10th, from Calvin University with a "Mechatronic Engineering BSE" Degree.

Missionary of the Month

Brad & Beth Buser

Radius International

- For continued good health as they get older.
- For the energy to keep up with students in their 20's and 30's.
- For a good time of 'break' as classes will be done in early June.
- Times of refreshing in God's Word as they have more time this summer to do so.



June 23-June 26

6:15-8:30pm

Family Night

June 26

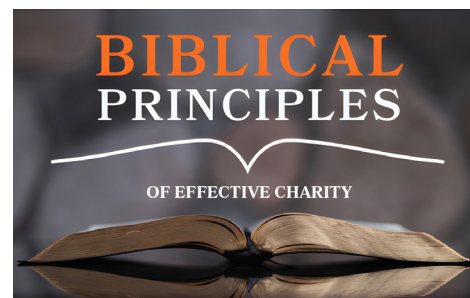
For Kids 4 Years - 6th Grade

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.



Beacon of Hope

Reminder: Our double match day at Meijer is coming quickly! On June 14th, Beacon staff will be taking the monetary donations we have collected to the Bath Meijer. If you would like to add to that, you may drop off your cash donation to the Beacon office. Thank you!

Friends of Beacon

Our request for this week is: Apple Juice, any brand, on sale this week at Kroger for \$1.49.

The Pastors' Book of the Month Recommendation

Tim Keller on the Christian Life: The Transforming Power of the Gospel by Matt Smethurst (Crossway)

Pastor and author Timothy Keller (1950–2023) built a lasting legacy in Christian ministry, planting Redeemer Presbyterian Church and cofounding the Gospel Coalition. With sharp biblical insight that has shaped countless church leaders, along with counsel on the Christian life that has stirred and strengthened audiences worldwide, Keller's teaching promises to influence generations to come.

Synthesizing Keller's work topic by topic, each chapter of this book highlights a key aspect of the Christian life—covering his views on prayer, suffering, friendship, vocation, intimacy with God, and more. Written by pastor Matt Smethurst, *Tim Keller on the Christian Life* draws from Keller's nearly 50 years of sermons, conference messages, and books to share practical theological insight that will galvanize leaders and laypeople alike.

This book is now available in our church library!

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 - God Produces Hope For His People Lamentations 3:21-25 Pastor Daniel Dubois

1. God Produces _____ despite our circumstances. (21)
 - a. The Steadfast Love of God produces hope for his people. (22)
 - i. Genesis 24:12-14
 - b. The Mercies produce hope for his people. (22b-23a)
 - i. Mercies or Compassion here is closely tied to a _____ love.
 - c. The Faithfulness of God produces hope. (23)
 - i. God is _____ about his people.
 - d. The Lord being our portion produces hope. (24)
 - i. The Lord is the _____ of our refuge, security.
2. It is the _____ of God that produces hope for his people.
 - a. Exodus 34:6-7
3. Jesus produces hope for _____.

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: \$573,106.51

ACTUAL YTD

TOTAL INCOME: \$513,392.46

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$481,054.39

Income Minus Expenses: \$32,338.07

- 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

Guest WIFI

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