# firstbaptistchurch

Weekly Notes

Welcome to our church! We are glad you're here today! Whether you are joining us as a vacationer or someone who is looking for a church home, we hope that you enjoy our gathering time and sense God's presence. Here are a few things to get you connected:

#### infants and young children

Our safe and sanitary nurseries are here to serve you. Infants ages birth-4 years old can be cared for and play in our supervised Nursery.

#### children

Children's Worship is a unique worship experience, designed specifically for ages 5 years old through 5th grade, starting at 10:30 AM in the Gym. (Children do not meet separately on the 1st Sunday of each month so families can celebrate Communion together.)

#### finding your way around

If you need help locating any activities or rooms, please be sure to ask an usher!

#### introduce yourself

After the service, we invite you to stop by our Welcome Center and sign our guest book, have your questions answered, or receive more information about our church.

#### announcements

Happy Birthday!...Tina Wilburn (12/6); Asa Norman (12/7); Amy Neikirk (12/8); and Carol Hover (12/10).

#### Next Week's Servants (12/12):

- Café Bakers. Eric Brower (breakfast sandwiches) | Marge Benham (muffins)
- Mission Café: Jean Robinson
- Nursery. Rooker Family

Attn: Members: The 2022 Budget proposal and explanation will not be printed and placed in church mailboxes as we have in the past. It will instead be sent to members via email in a PDF format. If you would like to have a paper copy, please contact the church office. Ministry reports will not be submitted by individuals, but updates will be given in the Pastor's Report, which will also be emailed. Elder Ministry Team members willing to serve for 2022 will be the same Elders that served in 2021 (Jason Avery, Brian Bocock, Steve Follman, Janette Hendrix, and Rob Zantello). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office.

New Women's Study Begins: All ladies are invited to join a new Bible study beginning on January 12. The study will be held on Wednesday evenings beginning at 6:30 PM. Depending on what participants want to do, it will be in-person, online, or a hybrid of both. This group will be doing the study Elijah by Priscilla Shirer. Join this 7-session journey through the life and times of the prophet Elijah to discover how the fire on Mount Carmel was forged in the valley of famine. And how the emboldened, fiery faith you desire is being fashioned by God in your life right now. To sign-up or for questions, contact Tracy Marshall or the church office.

We Care: Christmas Hope Program...We Care is accepting items for their Christmas Hope program which allows eligible parents to come and "shop" for their children from a supply of donated toys, stuffed animals, hats and mittens, stocking stuffers, crafts, family games, books and personal care items. All recipients are deared through We Care to insure need and eligibility. If you would like to make a contribution, items can be brought to FBC and placed in the box in the foyer or dropped off directly to First Assembly of God Church (06500 Blue Star Highway). For questions or more information, contact 269-214-6208.





# Thank Ljou

We are greatly humbled by the generosity of our congregation. So far, this year's offering, combined with pledges, is a total of \$42,279. We thank you for your faithfulness, especially during such challenging times, and look forward to seeing how God will use our building in the year ahead as we continue to "Know Him and Make Him Known." If you would still like to make a contribution to this fund, please drop your gift in the regular offering with the notation of "Oktoberfest."



#### Saturday, December 11 6:00pm Upstairs at FBC

You're invited to join us for a mini-trivia night that will be a primer for our normal event in March 2022. We will have a "Best of Trivia" and use two categories each from our 2015-2019 events. 8-10 people per table. Table hosts will coordinate or bring snacks and drinks for their group. Childcare provided. Cost will be \$10 per table payable in cash on the night of the event. The winning table will receive the entire registration amount collected as a prize. For questions or more information, contact Kim Collins.

Let us know if we should plan on your attendance: <u>click here</u> to signup online; stop by the Welcome Center to sign up; or contact Kim Collins (email southhavenfbc@gmail.com or call/text 269-767-2226).

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items to send in Christmas boxes to our FBC military members [John Ellis, Stephen Koller & Mitch Rooker] - plus if we get enough items, we'll send additional boxes to Stephen to share with those he is stationed with in the Middle East. If you'd like to donate items, please leave them on the cart in the foyer by Sunday, December 12. Some suggested items are:

- Hostess/Little Debbie Snacks (swiss cake rolls, zebra cakes, honey buns, etc.)
- Packaged candy (no chocolate, except M&M's)
- Pre-packaged Holiday Cookies
- Candy Canes

CHRISTMAS

- Cheese Logs (nonperishable)
- Crackers for Beef and Cheese (Ritz, Club, etc.)
- Cracker Sandwiches
- Beef Jerky or Sticks (pork and pork by-products are not allowed)
- Pumpkin/Sunflower Seeds, Nuts
- Trail Mix
- Mints or Gum
- Granola or high protein bars
- Pringles/canned chips
- Individual Drink Flavor Sticks
- Coffee

- Flavored Creamers (individual sizes)
- Dried Fruit
- Peanut Butter
- Toilet Paper
- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- Chapstick
- Hand Lotion
- Deodorant
- Disposable Razors, Shaving Gel
- Cotton Swabs, Tissue (small packs)
- Baby Wipes
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Sunscreen
- Crossword Puzzle Books
- Playing Cards
- Men's Socks
- Waterless hand sanitizer
- Nerf Balls, Frisbees, Travel Size Games
- Anything else you think would be yummy, helpful, or enjoyed!



C A N D L E L I G H T S E R V I C E

Join us for a special time of worship on

# Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24 6:00 pm

If you would like to participate in the Christmas Eve service (sing, dance, instrumental, etc.), please contact Pastor Jerry.



# weekly opportunities

mission café: Sundays | 9:00-10:15am

#### children's sunday school: Sundays | 9:15am | Resource Room

- Ages 5 years old through 5th grade
- Contact Janette Hendrix for questions or more information.

#### worship: Sundays | 10:30am | Sanctuary

 If you're unable to join us in-person, you can watch live on <u>Facebook</u> or view later in the week on <u>Facebook</u> or <u>YouTube</u> or listen to an audio only version on <u>Archive</u>.

#### children's worship: Sundays | 10:30am | Library

- Ages 5 years old through 5th grade
- Contact Alyssa Newell for questions or more information.

#### aftermath: Sundays | 12:00pm | Upstairs

- Discuss the morning's sermon and message over lunch
- Contact Pastor Jerry for questions or more information.

#### youth group: Sundays | 2:00-4:00pm | Classroom 2

- Middle & High School students
- Contact Allie Wilson for questions or more information.

#### men's bible study: Tuesdays | 7-8:30pm | Library

• Contact Paul Fitton for questions or more information.

#### church office open: Wednesdays | 10:00am-4:00pm

#### bible study: Wednesdays | 9:30-11:30am | Library

• Contact Vasha Ferguson for questions or more information.

#### women's craft group: Thursdays | 6:30pm | Library

• Contact Tracy Marshall to participate.

#### men's basketball: Saturdays | 1:30-2:30pm | Gym

• Contact Josiah O'Conner to participate.

#### coming soon

- Trivia Night Saturday, 12/11 | 6:00pm | upstairs
- Christmas Eve Service Friday, 12/24 | 6:00pm | FBC Sanctuary
- Women's Bible Study Wednesdays | 6:30pm | beginning 1/12

# prayerREQUESTSandPRAISES

**Linda Pries** is scheduled for a total reverse shoulder replacement surgery on 12/14 which will require an overnight hospitalization.

Susan Seitz is recovering from shoulder replacement surgery.

John Ellis is stationed in Washington state and is still having heart and/or lung related issues. He continues testing and asks for prayers that the Army process would be swifter and speed up as he feels like he is regressing more and more as he is waiting for answers.

**Fany** one of the tutors at El Ayudante (where Missionaries Amir & Denise Hodge serve in Honduras) who lost her 14 year-old daughter on 11/15.

Elliot Keys (8 year-old son of Ashley Ampersee who is a coworker of Tracy Marshall) is going home! He is doing fantastic and pretty much back to his normal self, relatively speaking. He still has a long way to go physically, but his cognitive ability has been an amazing answer to prayer. He doesn't have a release date yet, but his home is being prepped for wheelchair accessibilityso it's ready for him when he is discharged.

**Roy & Sue Richmond and their family** upon the loss of Sue's mother, Mary Stainbrook, on 11/8 following a massive stroke.

**Penny Alexander** (friend of Bruce & Vasha Ferguson) has stage 4 COPD and is struggling with a severe cold. Please pray for healing.

**Rose Ely** (Tracy Marshall's grandma) fell and broke her femur at mid-thigh. She is now in a rehab facility, but is not eating well.

Pastor Jerry Koller is recovering from corrective foot surgery.

Steve Follman is recovering from a successful hip replacement surgery.

Linda Rooker is recovering from a successful hip replacement surgery.

Check out our monthly prayer card on-line at southhavenfbc.com under "General Info" for a list of those with on-going needs.



#### **CAFÉ HOURS**

9:00-10:15am on Sundays

The Mission Café is a great place to have a breakfast treat and coffee, enjoy lively conversation and have fun while helping support missions at First Baptist Church.

Donuts

- ◆ English Muffins
- ♦ Hot & Cold Beverages

◆ Bagels

Snacks

◆ And more!

For your convenience, we accept cash, check and debit/credit cards!

### our**purpose**

To Know Him and Make Him Known

## our**mission**

Living Out Our Faith Together

#### ministry contacts

<b>ministry</b> leaders	
Pastor Jerry Koller       269-767-2188         Jason Avery, Adjunct Pastor       269-370-3143         Kim Collins, Office       269-767-2226         Doug Zantello, Outreach       269-427-7000	Allie Wilson, Sr. Events Coord 269-639-8001 Alyssa Newell, Children's Worship 269-906-0367
elderministryteam Janette Hendrix, chair269-767-5785	deaconministryteam Vasha Ferguson, chair269-906-0083

#### stay informed

- Web Page: Be sure to check out our website at www.southhavenfbc.comfor all the latest events & news; use password "Know Him" to see the content on the FBC Family Only page.
- Facebook: Join our group "First Baptist Church of South Haven" for regular updates & news.
- Email Get added to our email lists. Simply emailsouthhavenfbc@gmail.com and give us vour email address.
- FBC App: Download our app MinistryOne and keep informed on your phone or tablet.
- Online Giving: <a href="https://www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/southhavenfbc">https://www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/southhavenfbc</a>
- Bible App: Under the events option, find FBC and follow along with Pastor Jerry's message, take notes, and see announcements.
- Office Hours: Wednesdays, 10:00am-4:00pm
- For additional information or help on any of these items, please contact the office.

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