

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GIVING: You can give online through our website, drop your offering in one of the two offering boxes in the lobby, or you can simply mail a check to the church (P.O. Box 157 - Lowell, MI 49331).

LADIES COFFEE BREAK: Thursday | April 20th | 6:30pm-8:30(ish)
Ladies are you feeling overwhelmed? Rushed? Exhausted? Maybe we all need a break? Join us for a time to connect and refresh at Coffee Break. This is an agenda free time to get out of the house, relax, and get to know each other. Drop in anytime! to play a game or just sit and talk. We'll be there from 6:30 to at least 8:30pm

LIFE GROUPS: A Life Group is a hospitable environment where we connect with God and with one another by sharing life together. You can view open groups and sign up at fbclowell.churchcenter.com.

MEN'S MORNING COFFEE: Attention Men! Come get a cup of coffee on us! Every Wednesday morning we will have the Hebrews Cafe open for men to come and get some coffee and have a conversation. The Cafe will be open from 6:30 am until 9:30 am. Feel free to drop in any time for some coffee. Stay as long as you would like or leave whenever you need to.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST: Men of all ages, come join us for breakfast, fellowship, an encouraging word, and prayer on April 15 at 8 am in the morning. We meet in the fellowship room which is located in the lower level of the main building.

MONTHLY GIVING REPORT: March's giving was \$36,916. Our monthly need is \$33,350. Year-to-date giving is \$98,938 and our need is \$100,050.

Past messages are available online at www.fbclowell.org



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

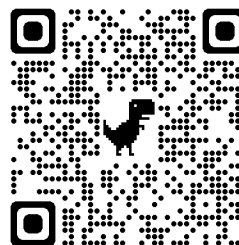
CHRIST-CENTERED, KINGDOM-FOCUSED HOMES

April 9, 2023

"The Testimony of a Transformed Life"

-Acts 2:32-36

Pastor Jon Pickens



WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

Thank you for joining us for worship today. It is our desire to be as helpful as possible during your visit. We would love to get to know a little about you. Please consider filling out the Connection Card in the chair pocket or using the QR Code to the left.

During the Service

Bibles	At the Welcome Center
Hearing Assistance	Available at the sound booth
Nursery	Infant through age 2
Preschool	Ages 3-5 - downstairs
Children's Church*	We offer Children's Church for grades K-3. Children are dismissed to go downstairs before the message begins.

**Please be sure to check your child in at one of our Child Check-In Stations.*

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This Week @ FBC

MONDAY (Church Office Closed)

6:30 pm Youth Group

TUESDAY

9:30 am Ladies Bible Study (Outreach Building)

6:00 pm Tae Kwon Do (Gym)

WEDNESDAY

6:30-9:30 am Men's Morning Coffee (drop in)

6:15 pm AWANA

THURSDAY

7:00 pm Volleyball (Gym)

SATURDAY

8:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

SPRING ELECTIVE

Practical Ecclesiology: What Does the Bible Say About the Church?

April 23 - May 7 | 11:00am - 12:00pm | Pastor Jon Pickens

Many are often confused about what a church is, why it is important, and how it functions in today's world. Is there such a thing as online church? Why is the church called the bride of Christ? What are the ordinances and why do we practice them? Why are there so many protestant denominations and is that a good thing? Why does FBC have a confession of faith and a church covenant? What does the Bible say about governance and leadership? Is church membership biblical? What is church membership anyway? All these questions and more will be addressed in this five week course. We are encouraging everyone not serving in a ministry during the second hour to join us for this time of teaching at 11am. Pastor Jon will be teaching this class.

COMING UP NEXT SUNDAY

GUEST SPEAKER: Clare Jewell will be speaking on April 16. Clare and Donna Jewell are ABWE's Regional Directors for North America West. Clare also oversees church planting in the US and Canada. His primary focus is to develop church planters and encourage existing churches to reproduce disciples, leaders, and churches. Clare will also be meeting with our middle school and high school students during our business meeting to talk about missions.

BUSINESS MEETING: Next Sunday is our quarterly business meeting from 11am -12pm.

Bible Reading Plans

Reading Plan booklets are at the Welcome Center and Online.

We want to encourage our church body to spend time hearing from God and provide you with the tools to grow. This reading plan is the basis for all FBC D-Groups. Please pick one up or download it from our website.

Reading plans for older elementary children are also available. The children's plan is a great way for parents to start teaching their children how to dig into God's word.

<https://www.fbclowell.org/Ministries/Adult-Ministry/FBC-Bible-Reading-Plan>



FBC Prayer Page

People Concerns:

- Pray for Lynn Green as she deals with health issues including a neck issue that will likely require surgery.
- Pray for Sue Green. Sue is home, but continues to need a liver transplant. Pray for healing, patience, strength, and a LIVER!
- Pray for Lisa Hooker recovering from surgery.
- Pray for Randy and the Ossewaarde's. Pray for ongoing care for Gloria and continual healing for Randy.
- Pray for Ray Kastanek as he has been experiencing significant fatigue. Pray for the doctors as they try to determine a cause.
- Pray for Pastor Dave Sims who is recovering from open heart surgery.
- Pray for Karen Onan recovering from knee replacement surgery and encountering weeks of physical therapy
- Pray for Roger Onan's mom, Sandy, who fell and was taken to the hospital. Further evaluation revealed kidney stones and some trouble with her heart. She was admitted.^(3/29/23)
- Pray for Scott Bruinekool that God would pave the way for his lung medication to be approved quickly by his new insurance carrier. He has been without vital meds for nine weeks.

Community Concerns:

- Pray for a spiritual awakening for those within our community.
- Pray that FBC would be obedient to God's mission to reach others with the Gospel of Jesus and to genuinely love our neighbors.
- Pray for the families of those grieving the loss of their loved ones in the school shooting in Nashville.
- Pray for peace in our nation.

Church Concerns:

- Pray for God's provision for our financial needs and wisdom for the leadership as we plan for the new year.
- Pray for the Swain family as they are currently in a transition.

Missionary Concerns:

- Seth and Becca Mallay: **Pray** for Irene's health. She responds well to her new therapy, but has periodic breakthrough symptoms. **Pray** for the hospital ministries; there are spiritual battles, many needs, and inflation is impacting the ministry. **Pray** for increased provision and favor in the eyes of the government.
- Mike and Monica Pasquale: **Pray** for much wisdom in parenting, juggling responsibilities, and in caring for their families. **Pray** that God would cause them to find their ultimate joy, satisfaction, and fulfillment in Him, and help them rest in Him as they seek His plan and timing.
- Roy and Joanne Schwartz: **Pray** for Roy as he begins his new position of a vice president of Chosen People. His primary responsibility will be to help develop and work with the next generation to plant and lead Messianic congregations in the U.S.

- Marilyn VandenAkker: **Pray**: She is thankful for fellowship with other women at church every Tuesday. It is her desire that others will be encouraged to pray for the Liberian people.
- John and Paula Dannenberg: **Pray** about a shipment of Sango Bibles that's on its way. The team in CAR is working to complete the last paperwork and then it can cross the border. **Pray** for Charlie Jewell, one of the main speakers for a Bangui area deacon/deaconess conference this week.
- Shirley Hossack: She passed away on Tuesday, April 4th. She will have a service on April 13th at 10am in France. We thank God for her service as a missionary. Pray for the family as they grieve.
- Ron and Chris Self: **Pray** for the salvation of Gabriela, a student who heard the gospel during a class that Ron taught and attended church. Continue to Pray for the Pastoral Search Committee as they begin the process of calling a new Senior Pastor for the church in Don Torcuato.
- Rich and Karyn Visser: **Praise**: They were able to see all of their children together recently. **Pray** for their church as they're working through a conflict with some people who have brought dissent among their members. Also both Rich and Karyn are dealing with some medical issues and would appreciate prayer.
- Steve and Sue Mayo: **Praise**: The network of churches and church plants in Australia has expanded from eight to 40 causing the vision for more church planting to be global as well as local. Declare International will appoint its first missionary at its public launch on March 25. **Pray** for unbelievers to visit Calvary Baptist and turn to Christ-perhaps at their upcoming baptism service.
- Jasson and Kim Farmer: **Pray** for the Farmer family as they grieve the loss of Jasson's dad, David, who went to Heaven this past Tuesday.
- Wolfgang and Kelly Grotendiek: **Praise**: They are getting close to finishing an apartment at the airplane hangar in Ironton, Missouri in order to have a place to stay when they are there. **Kelly's** parents are joining them this week to help speed the process up. **Pray** for safety as they work to be finished by May.
- Andrew and Leah Postema: **Pray** that Andrew will be able to find a trusted person to stay at the land so they can get some relief from that task this winter.
- Timothy and Laura Compton: **Praise**: Tim was able to host and lead Good Soil training recently. For the first time they were able to offer the training in Thai, and thirty-six people came. Sixteen of them were students who have plans to take and teach the Story of Hope to local villages. **Pray** for the 7% needed to be fully supported to come in.