

## 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).

**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.

**A GOSPEL CONCERT:** Saturday | April 29th | 6:30pm  
The concert will feature the Tribute Quartet as well as FBC's own Jim Visser. The concert is free, with a love offering collected to bless the ministry of the artists.

**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](http://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.

**Baby Dedication:** If you are interested in your child being dedicated during our Mother's Day Service, please let us know ASAP. A dedication is a commitment that you make as parents to nurture your child in their faith and a commitment the church makes with you to partner with you in that journey. Once you let us know, either Pastor Jon or Pastor Andrew will connect with you. Please let us know by emailing Pastor Jon at [pjpickens@gmail.com](mailto:pjpickens@gmail.com).

Past messages are available online at [www.fbclowell.org](http://www.fbclowell.org)



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

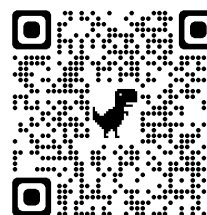
CHRIST-CENTERED, KINGDOM-FOCUSED HOMES

April 23, 2023

## "An Overview of Colossians"

Colossians 1:1-2

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

<b>Bibles</b>	At the Welcome Center
<b>Hearing Assistance</b>	Available at the sound booth
<b>Nursery*</b>	Infant through age 2
<b>Preschool*</b>	Ages 3-5 - downstairs
<b>Children's Church*</b>	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.*

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL

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**Pastor Jon Pickens, Lead Pastor**

**Pastor Andrew Bolkom, Pastor of Discipleship**

## 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 (Quarter Night)

### THURSDAY

7:00 pm Volleyball (Gym)

### Saturday

6:30 pm A Gospel Concert (Tribute Quartet)

## Bible Reading Plans

Reading Plan booklets are at the Welcome Center and Online.

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



We 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.

## Reading Plan Resources

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

Did you know that there are resources available on the FBC website to help you dig deeper into God's word? One of those is the "Plan of Redemption Across Scripture", which lays out how God's redemptive plan began before creation and culminated in the NT with Jesus Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. Consider checking out the reading plan resources today!

## SPRING ELECTIVE

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

**April 23 - May 21 | 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.



**FBC VBS**  
**June 11-14**  
**6:30-8:30pm**  
**Pre-K - 6th Grade**

**First Baptist Church**  
2275 W. Main St  
Lowell, MI



Use the QR Code  
to Register Online

**VBS Volunteer Meeting next Sunday at 6pm in the Fellowship Room.**

## 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's continual health struggles as she waits for a liver transplant. Pray for healing, patience, strength, and a LIVER!
- 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, and as they grieve the homegoing of PD's mother.
- Pray for Karen Onan recovering from knee replacement surgery. Her pain is decreasing and physical therapy is going well.
- Pray for Roger Onan's mom, Sandy, who fell at the end of March. She is home from the hospital. Pray that she would regain her strength.

### 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 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 upcoming VBS that God would provide the volunteer help that we need and that it would be an effective outreach in our community.

### 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: **Praise**: They were blessed to have Charlie Jewell back in CAR for most of March. He spoke for the Deacon Conference and helped out with the Jonathan's House Orphanage at Sibut. They have purchased tickets for a short 4-month furlough to speak to as many of their supporting churches as possible. **Pray** for a place for them to live, a dependable car to drive and a schedule of meetings.
- 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 and Martina and for wisdom as the leadership seeks to minister effectively to David, Alfredo, and Ernesto. **Pray** for the family of a national pastor who has lost everything in a fire. He and their four-month old were treated and released; the wife and two-year old are in the hospital.
- 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**: Declare International launched with its first appointee departing for service in Togo. **Pray** for Friesca to be effective and **pray** for more to join her on the mission field. **Praise**: Sue has had her last radiation treatment. **Pray**: The long road to recovering mobility is next.
- Jasson and Kim Farmer: **Pray** for Jasson and other UIM pilots as they fly and land in out of the way and challenging places.
- 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.
- 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.



**Have a prayer request?** Use the QR Code to the left to share it with the FBC staff. Prayer Requests submitted will not be shared with the church without consent.