

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**CHURCH WORKDAY:** On June 3rd we will be having a work day at the church. There are a few bigger projects and a lot of smaller projects on the list. It may be building shelves, cleaning windows, painting walls, laying down mulch, or a number of other projects. We need a lot of help. We will start at 8am and go until 3pm. Come out anytime during those hours and we will put you to work.

**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 PRAYER BREAKFAST-June 3:** Ladies of all ages are invited to join us for this intergenerational time of fellowship. Cheryl Haines will be sharing her story. We gather at 9am in the Fellowship Room to eat, share, and pray. Hope to see you there!! (If you are able, consider bringing a donation to help cover food costs)

**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 6:30am until 9:30am. Feel free to drop in any time for some coffee. Stay as long as you would like or leave whenever you need to.

**MONTHLY GIVING REPORT:** April's giving was \$30,305. Our monthly need is \$33,350. Year-to-date giving through April is \$135,258.50 and our need is \$133,400.

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



# **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

CHRIST-CENTERED, KINGDOM-FOCUSED HOMES

**May 28, 2023**

**"Secure, Steadfast, and Stable"**  
**Colossians 1:23**

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**

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| <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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## 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)

### SATURDAY

8:00am-3:00pm Church Workday

9:00 am Ladies Prayer Breakfast

## 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!



**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 Meetings

**Wednesday, May 31 @ 6:30pm:** At this meeting, we will solidify volunteer assignments, do an overview of the curriculum, and run through what still needs to be done before the start of VBS.

**Sunday, June 4th @ 11am:** This meeting will be focused on training small group leaders, going over safety policies, assigning spaces for the different groups, and communicating any last minute details.

Please pray for our VBS. We already have over 70 kids registered and anticipate quite a bit more. Pray for safety, a meaningful ministry, and for a unified and joy-filled week.

## Summer Sunday Schedule

There will be no second hour beginning this week until the fall. We are planning to do a few things together as a church throughout the summer during the second hour. Stay tuned. In the fall, we will have three elective classes. Dave Beach and Bob Copeland will be teaching a class on grief, Pastor Jon and Trish will be teaching a Bridge to Life marriage class, and Pastor Andrew will be teaching a class on soteriology (developing a theological understanding of all that is involved in salvation).

## FBC Prayer Page

### People Concerns:

- Pray for Darlene Good who has been diagnosed with colon cancer and will be having surgery June 9.
- Pray for Lisa Hooker who will be undergoing oral chemo again. Pray that it would be effective with few side effects.
- Pray for Lynn Green as she deals with issues related to her neck and foot. She is dealing with pain associated with broken off bone spurs and plantar fasciitis.
- 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 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 for her to regain her strength.
- Pray for all those graduating that God would give them wisdom and peace as they navigate this huge transition in their lives. Pray that they would have an undivided allegiance to Christ and a deep affection for Him.

### Community Concerns:

- 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 other churches in our community to teach and preach the gospel of Christ and for a commitment to lead their people to honor the Lord in their walk of faith.
- Pray that FBC would represent Christ in our community as an ambassador of reconciliation.

### 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:**Praise:**a Jewish lady attending the monthly outreach in Chicago since Passover last year has come to

faith.**Pray** as Roy meets with a staff member in Minneapolis to help in the early stages of planting a Messianic congregation in the St Louis Park neighborhood there.

- 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:**Following their testimonies, 26 were baptized recently.**Pray** that they will become involved and be faithful as new church members. Also **pray** for a place for them to live July through October while here in the States, a dependable car to drive and a schedule of meetings.**Pray** for an increase in support as they are only at 86%.
- Shirley Hossack:**Pray** for her family as they grieve her passing.
- Ron and Chris Self:**Praise:** An unsaved visitor from two weeks ago was given a gift copy of the book of Romans. He returned to church this past Sunday having read it and, realizing that salvation is a free gift, has come to Jesus through faith. **Pray** for Felix as the church continues to minister to him.
- 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:**Praise** for a successful medical clinic and for the lives impacted, and that neither pilot was injured in a hard landing. **Pray** for the plane to be repaired quickly and for their travels to visit some of their churches.
- 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.
- 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, and for some to come to Christ during camp this summer.
- Timothy and Laura Compton:**Pray** for a meeting with the school headmasters at Banmaisuksan and Galea on May 22; a medical clinic in Banmaisuksan on June 9; basketball camp outreach June 15-16; a team going to help run English Fun Days July 17-26.



**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.