

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GIVING: You can give online through our website, or you can simply mail a check to the church (P.O. Box 157 - Lowell, MI 49331).

FBC READING PLAN: April reading plans are available at the Welcome Center and online. We also publish the FBC Reading Plan Podcast weekly that follows our reading plan. You can access that on our website or any popular podcasting platform.

BARNABAS TEAM: Tuesday's 7:00 pm, in the Hebrews Cafe.

YOUTH GROUP: Monday's 6:30-8:00 pm, in the main auditorium.

AWANA: Wednesday's 6:30-8:00 pm, in the main building.

D-GROUPS: We are encouraging D-Groups to meet. Please email or call Pastor Jon or Pastor Andrew if you are interested in joining a D-Group.

W.A.R.: Today, we are hosting a Women At Risk pop-up table. W.A.R. focuses its ministry on helping women who are oppressed, exploited, enslaved, and experience other threats. To raise money for this ministry, they sell hand-crafted jewelry made by women who are at risk. Please consider helping their ministry.

FAITH @ HOME: This Sunday we begin a series on prayer and we have some creative resources for families to use as we learn to pray as Jesus taught us.

PARENT DEDICATION WORKSHOP: This workshop is for any parents that are interested in dedicating their child/children. We will meet in the lower level of the main building on April 25 at 11:00 am. Parent Dedication will be Sunday, May 9.

VBS: This summer we would like to hold backyard-style VBS. We need families that are willing to host at their homes. This is a great opportunity to reach the Lowell Community with the good news of the gospel. If you are interested in hosting or would just like more information please email Christi @ christi.swain@fbclowell.org.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

CHRIST-CENTERED, KINGDOM-FOCUSED HOMES

April 18, 2021

"Longing for Heaven on Earth"

Pastor Andrew Bolkcom

Matthew 6:10

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

Thank you for joining us for worship today. We desire to be as helpful as possible during your visit.

Children's programming, birth through 3rd grade is provided during the worship service, and programming for birth through 5th grade is provided for Table Groups. Please visit one of the Child Check-In Stations for more information.

We know that the past months have been somewhat of a challenge for everyone, including churches. We genuinely desire to honor the Biblical command to gather as a church, to respect the authorities over us that have been established by God, to love another through acts of kindness and sacrifice, and to be a community of love, joy, and hope for this world to know that Jesus Christ is indeed the eternal Son of God. As we navigate these times together, we want to do so with love, grace, and kindness. We look forward to worshipping our God together!

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FBC Prayer Page (April 18, 2021)

People Concerns:

- Sue Raimer: She continues to face one health challenge after another. She is tired and discouraged. Please pray for healing and strength.
- Pray for Gloria Ossewaarde. Her health has declined over the years from Alzheimer's and now the family is faced with difficult decisions.
- Pray for Lisa Hooker as she continues to go through chemo.
- Pray for Bob and Patty Copeland: Patty's sister is a perfect match for a stem cell transplant! Pray for the doctors as they continue to determine treatment options for Patty.
- Terre Ritchie: needs to have her ankle surgically repaired due to arthritis.
- Dorthy Rhoades recovering from surgery for a broken hip.
- Lynn Mitchell is home recovering from open-heart surgery. Please pray for healing and recovery.
- Betty Deans rehab for a broken arm.
- Mike and Marie Miller, Herb Whorley's brother-in-law and sister, are fighting Covid and their son Ron just passed away from a heart attack.
- Mark Smoe's sister, Joann, hospitalized with Covid
- JR Cramer's mother Nancy hospitalized with Covid
- Dave Pasquale was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease this week, please be in prayer for his family as they have many decisions to make.
- Pray for those who are feeling isolated and lonely during this time.
- Pray for hurting families and struggling marriages.

Community Concerns:

- Pray for those in our community that have been impacted by COVID.
- Pray for peace in our nation now that the election has taken place.
- Pray that God's people will show grace, peace, and patience as we continue to navigate a pandemic that affects most aspects of our life.

Church Concerns:

- Pray for our church to continue to weather this storm. Pray that our response to all that is happening around us would honor God and demonstrate a God-inspired love for one another.
- Pray for the elders as they discuss and make decisions about the immediate and long-term ministry strategies we will implement.
- Pray for God's provision financially as we continue to face more and more challenges.

Missionary Concerns:

- Seth and Becca Mallay: **Pray** with them as they continue to look for the right ministry opportunities. They are working toward reopening the mobile clinic and considering how to properly institute a palliative care ministry at the hospital.

- Mike and Monica Pasquale: They are thankful to be able to continue serving missionaries and churches globally through the wonders of technology. **Pray with them** as they carefully consider what else they can do with ABWE in North America.
- Roy and Joanne Schwartz: **Praise:** Two Jewish men who have been away from Christian fellowship are now weekly attending Rock of Israel Congregation.
- Marilyn VandenAkker: Please continue to **Pray** for Rosalyn Vaye and Marion Thomas with health issues as well as the Liberian believers. The Coronavirus is spreading, travel is prohibited.
- Bill and Sue Green: After a short time away, **pray** for them as they begin to get ready for summer camps.
- John and Paula Dannenberg: **Praise:** Good medical reports. **Pray:** For safe travel back to CAR. Their departure date is tomorrow, April 19.
- Eric and Shirley Hossack: **Pray** for their physical well-being as they continue to do what they can to further God's work in France.
- Ron and Chris Self: **Pray** for the many opportunities that have arisen to connect with folks through in-person and online services along with new people participating in their Skype meetings. Also, **pray** for Ron as he teaches online classes at Besson Bible College and for the discipline and commitment of the students.
- Rich and Karyn Visser: **Praise:** God has provided them with a year-old car at a great price and Rich's trips to Bordeaux have been well received. Continue to **pray** about Ben's job as they've not heard if it will become permanent.
- Steve and Sue Mayo: **Praise:** congregational singing is now permitted without masks where they live. **Pray** for Australian churches to send missionaries to the unreached in the Asia Pacific.
- Jasson and Kim Farmer: **Pray** for wisdom regarding a new ministry opportunity in Honduras. Jasson, along with two fellow UIMA pilots, flew there recently to network with missionaries in southern Mexico, Guatemala, and Honduras to check it out.
- Wolfgang and Kelly Grotendiek: Wolfgang is in Mexico.. **Pray** that he will soon find a suitable home with a good internet connection in order for Kelly to be able to join him.
- Andrew and Leah Postema: They return to Romania yesterday, April 17. **Pray** for them as they work on building number one, along with doing camp ministry this summer.
- Timothy and Laura Compton: They are planning to return to Thailand in July. **Pray** that their visas will come through and that the additional \$600 monthly support needed in order to return will come in.