

## **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:** May 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 Upper Room of the Outreach Building.

**AWANA:** 6:00 pm awards night on the outdoor stage, weather permitting (rain plan in the gym). A hot dog dinner will be provided.

**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.

**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](mailto:christi.swain@fbclowell.org).



# **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

CHRIST-CENTERED, KINGDOM-FOCUSED HOMES

*May 2, 2021*

**"God Our Pardoner!"**

**Pastor Jon Pickens**

**Matthew 6:12**

## **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 (May 2, 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: recovering from ankle surgery, this past week.
- Dorothy 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.
- Dave Pasquale was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, please be in prayer for his family as they have many decisions to make.
- Dale Reed has lung disease and has difficulty sleeping and breathing.
- 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 for wisdom regarding what direction they should pursue in considering unreached peoples. There are several communities of unreached people groups in their area.
- 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: They have returned to CAR. Pray that they will be able to settle back into a routine smoothly.
- Eric and Shirley Hossack: Eric went to be with the Lord last Monday, April 26. Shirley is left with three children living in France and one daughter, Claire, in the States. Pray that she would be able to travel to her father's funeral.
- Ron and Chris Self: Pray for the country of Argentina, experiencing a very aggressive outbreak of Covid-19. Pray for their church as they have a continual list of Covid patients they seek to minister to during this time. Indoor church has been prohibited.
- Rich and Karyn Visser: The Bible Institute has about a month to go before graduation ceremonies. Pray for the students who have had to get used to distance learning this year, that they might finish well.
- 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 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 for wisdom and direction for Wolfgang on decisions for Missionary Aeroplanes and future base of operations and for his Flight Instructor Renewal test coming up.
- Andrew and Leah Postema: Praise: they arrived in Bucharest safely with all their luggage intact. Pray for them as they work on building number one at the camp, 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.