

## **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:** Monthly 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.

**YOUTH GROUP:** Monday's 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Upper Room.

**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.

**FROM MOBILE FOOD PANTRY:** July 24 from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.. See Pastor Andrew if you are able to help out.

**BRIDAL SHOWER:** Bridal shower for Hailey Hutchinson. Hailey and Tyler Ritchie will be married in August. They are registered at Amazon; Bed, Bath & Beyond; and Crate & Barrel. Ladies, please join us on Thursday, July 29 at 6:00 p.m. to shower blessings on this wonderful couple.

**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST:** August 7 @ 8:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served in the Fellowship Room in the basement of the main building. After breakfast there will be a devotional and a time for prayer.

**OUTDOOR SERVICES:** August 15 and 29. We will be having a church picnic following the service on August 29.

*Did you know that we have a weekly podcast that provides some teaching to help you as you read through our Bible Reading Plan? You can access it through our website or watch your email. If you are not receiving emails from the church, please let us know so we can fix the problem.*



# **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

CHRIST-CENTERED, KINGDOM-FOCUSED HOMES

*July 18, 2021*

## **"Fruitful Evangelism Part 2"**

**Pastor Jon Pickens**

**1 Thess. 2:1-8**

### **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. 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 (July 18, 2021)

## People Concerns:

- George Raimer: Pray for George and family as they grieve the passing of Sue.
- 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 Bob and Patty Copeland: Pray for Patty's sister, Linda-her blood work came back with concerns. Pray that she will be able to continue as Patty's dono and for her health concerns..
- Rudy Blattner had a couple of seizures on Tuesday and is currently hospitalized.
- 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.
- Praise God for the 60 kids who attended VBS this past week.

## Missionary Concerns:

- Seth and Becca Mallay: Pray for Irene's medical condition. She and Seth are currently in London meeting with doctors there. Pray for wisdom and guidance for the doctors as well as for Irene's healing. Also pray for the rest of the family in Togo as they continue to serve there.
- Mike and Monica Pasquale: Pray for Alex and Daniel and their spiritual growth and maturity and wisdom. And pray as the family continues to try to develop relationships with their neighbors. There are three neighbors in particular that they are earnestly praying for.
- Roy and Joanne Schwartz: Praise: They had their first in-person meeting of Beth Sar Shalom at Moody Church in May with over 65 people attending! Pray for this outreach, designed to bring together

Jews and non-Jews to proclaim the Good News of Israel's promised Messiah.

- Marilyn VandenAkker: Praise: Both Pastor Vaye's wife and Thomas' wife seem to be doing well. Please continue to pray for their physical and monetary needs. "Living in Liberia is very difficult at this time, not only due to COVID, but other health concerns including Malaria, and then financial needs."
- Bill and Sue Green: Sue is home from the hospital now with several antibiotics. Pray that her body will begin to respond to the diuretic treatments as her biggest challenge is fluid retention. Praise: Camp is going well with volunteers covering their roles.
- John and Paula Dannenberg: Praise: an anonymous gift for the campus construction has been received and they are now within \$20,000 of their Phase 1 fundraising goal. Pray that God will provide the remainder or they find ways to cut the costs. Pray for the men who make those decisions.
- Shirley Hossack: Pray she seeks God's direction after Eric's death.
- Ron and Chris Self: Pray for Monica Gonzalez, their son Andrew's mother-in-law recovering from surgery to have several stents and a pacemaker inserted. She's unable to have visitors because of ongoing COVID restrictions.
- Rich and Karyn Visser: Praise: Covid restrictions are lifting in France and they've attended their church's service in person. Rich preached and they were able to connect with folks they hadn't seen in awhile.
- 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 safe travels as they visit their supporting churches in the western part of the U.S.
- Wolfgang and Kelly Grotendiek: Pray for stamina for Wolfgang in Missouri in process of moving Missionary Aeroplane's base there. Also pray for others to come alongside to help and that all the airplanes, parts and tools will arrive intact and undamaged.
- Andrew and Leah Postema: Praise: They have all the funds now to move forward with building. Pray for the approval for the waiver of taxes to get the container out of port and for the remaining permits to be obtained.
- Timothy and Laura Compton: Praise: They have their tickets to return to Thailand July 28, but are still a little short of support and several funds: Required Quarantine in Bangkok - short \$1000; Foundation fee for Visas - \$3000; possible COVID Insurance of \$3000. Please pray for these needs to be provided.