

## **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:** August's giving was \$24,325. Our monthly need is \$33,350. Year-to-date giving through August is \$257,735.15 and our need is \$266,800.

**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:** Men, come get a cup of coffee on us! Every Wednesday morning the cafe will be open from 6:30 am until 9:00 am. Feel free to drop in any time for some coffee.

**PRIME TIME!** Prime Time is a program for those 55 years old or older. They meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 11am for a meal and encouragement from the Word. Join us September 27th for our next Prime Time!

**SINGLE MOMS MINISTRY:** We are starting up a new ministry for single moms in October. On the second Thursday of every month, we will be providing a meal for single moms and their children. We will need those willing to prepare food, serve food, women to engage with these moms, supervise children, and a clean up crew. There is an information/organizational meeting on September 14 at 7pm for anyone who is interested.

**REACHING HURTING KIDS:** Next Sunday (September 17th), we will be having a workshop on reaching hurting kids. We are encouraging all of our children's ministry workers and youth ministry workers to attend. We will start with lunch around 12:15 pm in the fellowship room and launch into our workshop shortly after. Child care will be provided.

**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST:** Men of all ages, come join for breakfast, fellowship, an encouraging word, and prayer in the Fellowship Room (lower level, main building) at 8am, September 16th.

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



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

CHRIST-CENTERED, KINGDOM-FOCUSED HOMES

*September 10th, 2023*

## ***"An Introduction to James"***

**James 1:1**

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.*

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## This Week @ FBC

### MONDAY (Church Office Closed)

6:30 pm Youth group this week

### TUESDAY

6:00 pm Tae Kwon Do (Fellowship Room)

7:00 pm Admin Deacon Meeting (Office Building)

### WEDNESDAY

6:30-9:00 am Men's Morning Coffee

6:15-8:00 pm Awana

### Thursday

7:00-9:00 pm Adult Volleyball Night

7:00 pm Single Mom's Ministry Meeting (fellowship Room)

## Meet the Pastors Luncheon

September 24th @12:30pm

Are you new or have been coming for a short while to FBC? Pastor Jon and Pastor Andrew would love to get to know you and your family. We are having lunch at the church on September 24th and would love for you to attend. We will also be sharing about the vision FBC and how you can connect better with our church.

## Reaching Hurting Kids Workshop

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### Bible Reading Plans

Reading Plan booklets are at the Welcome Center and Online.

## Electives starting in September!

Pick an elective to attend this coming fall. Read through each description and choose the class best suited for you.

### Into the Pit and out of the Pit by Power of Yahweh

Taught by Dr. Dave Beach and Bob Copeland

"O Lord, this wasn't supposed to happen to me. Why Lord, why did you take my loved one?" Or have you ever wondered, "How do I help that person who is grieving their loss? What should I say? What should I do?" Well, this class is for you. It is designed for anyone who has lost a loved one recently or well in the past, and for those who would like to help someone who is grieving. Or perhaps you would just like a different way of studying the Psalms. You'll hear a fresh and different way of organizing the Psalms. We will examine how this organization and study of the Psalms relates to those who grieve or have grieved. We will learn how the Psalms can help those grieving. The interactive class will have plenty of opportunities to discuss our feelings and experiences. As the class develops, we will discuss how our feelings and viewpoint has changed as we relate our lives to the Psalms.

### What Must I Do to Be saved?

Taught by Pastor Andrew Bolkcom

"What must I do to be saved?" That is the most important question a person can ask, and that makes the answer one of eternal importance. This class will explore what exactly the word "salvation" means to Christians and how we receive salvation. The goal is to both confirm what you already believe but also help you explain why you believe it. This study will deepen our love for our Savior and compel us to be more faithful in sharing him with the world.

## Ladies Retreat @ Lake Ann Camp

September 22-24

See the Welcome Center for more details.

## Men's Retreat @ Lincoln Lake Baptist Camp

September 29-30

See the Welcome Center for more details.