

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 \$26,669. Our monthly need is \$33,350. Year-to-date giving through August is \$288,124.15 and our need is \$300,150.

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.

FALL INTO FUN FESTIVAL: This year our church will be having a fall festival. Come stop by anytime between 1-3pm on October 28th. We will have inflatables, popcorn, cotton candy, lots of games with prizes, coffee, and warm cider. If you are interested in helping out, please talk to Laura Roberts. You can also bring in candy, the bins will be in the lobby.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: National collection week is November 13th-18th and the last day First Baptist will collect boxes is November 19th. We will be taking the boxes to a drop off site in Grand Rapids on the 19th after the morning service. See Sharon Vosovic if you have any questions and thank you for sharing the love of Jesus with so many unreached children and their families.

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 October 25th for our next Prime Time!

Youth Group Fall Events:

Heidi's Corn Maze - October 27th anyone who is 6th-12th grade is welcome to join us at Heidi's 6:30pm. The cost to come will be \$10 per student which covers the corn maze, donuts, and cider. Wear warm clothes and shoes that can get muddy. To sign up, download the app Church Center. If you have any questions, talk to Pastor Andrew.

Rake n Run - November 4th anyone who is in youth group (6th-12th grade) can meet at the church at 8:00am. We will be serving people in our church and community by raking their yards. Students please bring a rake and wear warm clothes. There will be lunch provided afterwards.

Past messages are available online at www.fbclowell.org



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

CHRIST-CENTERED, KINGDOM-FOCUSED HOMES

October 22, 2023

"Just one man"

Isaiah 6:8

Pastor Rich Visser

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

Bibles	At the Welcome Center
Hearing Assistance	Available at the sound booth
Nursery*	Infant through age 2
Preschool*	Ages 3-5 - downstairs
Children's Church*	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

9:30 am Ladies Bible Study (Outreach classroom)

6:00 pm Tae Kwon Do (Fellowship Room)

WEDNESDAY

6:30-9:00 am Men's Morning Coffee (Cafe area)

11:00 am Prime Time (Cafe area)

6:15-8:00 pm Awana

Thursday

7:00-9:00 pm Adult Volleyball Night (Gym)

Friday

6:30 pm Heidi's Corn Maze (6th-12th)

Saturday

1:00-3:00 pm "Fall" into Fun Festival

Missions Conference

Join us for a week of hearing from our long-time missionaries - Rich, Karyn and Benjamin Visser here from France and John and Paula Dannenberg here from the Central African Republic.



Monday – 6:30pm - Youth Group

with the Vissers

Wednesday – 6:15pm - Awana

with the Vissers

Thursday – 6:30pm – Ladies' Coffee Break

with Paula Dannenberg & Karyn Visser

Saturday - 8:00am - Men's Prayer Breakfast

with John Dannenberg

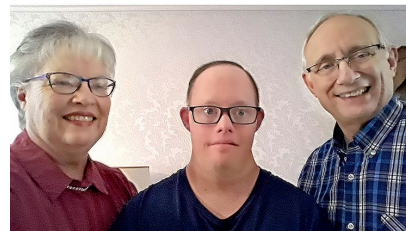
Sunday Morning - 9:30am - Worship,

Elective Hour & All Church Lunch

with Vissers & Dannenbergs

Bible Reading Plans

We encourage our church body to spend time in scripture and prayer, looking for God's leading in your life; everyday. We provide reading plan booklets, reading plan bookmarks, and memory verse cards at the Faith@Home board



Rich and Karyn Visser:

Karyn and I both grew up in Christian homes and attended churches that gave us many contacts with missionaries who shared their works and needs. God led us through several years of training during which time we met more and more missionaries from Europe, particularly France, an area of

the world we'd never considered as a mission field. God really opened our eyes as we discovered a country with a rich Christian heritage, long ago abandoned. Most Frenchmen know nothing about the Bible or anything about God's wonderful plan of salvation. It's been our challenge since 1979 to work in evangelism, planting churches and training a new generation of Christian workers among French believers. In 2019, we retired in our adoptive country and find a lot of joy in encouraging our former Bible institute students, local churches, and new missionaries from the States as they launch their careers. The needs are as great as ever, and we're waiting for you to come see first-hand what God is doing and how you might fit into our French team of missionaries.



John and Paula Dannenberg:

We both came to know the Lord as children and grew up in ministry families. I (John) am a missionary kid from Chad and the Central African Republic, and I learned to love the people and their culture. Paula, a pastor's kid from Michigan, grew up seeing the blessings and difficulties of ministry. God gave both of us a desire to serve Him as missionaries. He brought us together during John's seminary years, and we joined BMM in 1986, leaving for CAR the next year.

Originally, we worked with a four-year Bible institute, training men and women to serve in church leadership. Political unrest forced us to evacuate, and we served five years in Moncton, NB, Canada. In 2010, God led us back to CAR with a vision of creating a seminary that would be self-sustaining and would outlive our missionary presence. The school (FIBAT) began in 2011, awarding both masters and bachelor's of theology degrees. We are trusting God to help with two major goals: 1) Completing the campus development so classes can be held on the 22 acres purchased for the school, 2) Funding doctoral degrees for current teachers that would, in turn, raise the level and credibility of the seminary.