

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.

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.

AWANA PRAYER CARDS: There are 5 different prayer cards available that present our Awana staff. The cards present the staff separated by their role in our Awana program. Please take one or more to serve as a reminder to pray for them as individuals in their ministry role.

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 November 22nd for our next Prime Time!

FAMILY CHRISTMAS NIGHT: Join us Sunday evening, December 10th at 6:00pm for this year's Christmas program. This will be a combined program featuring our kids program and special music from various other people. Following we will have a time of fellowship with holiday treats.

LADIES SOCK EXCHANGE: December 9th join us in the cafe area from 10:00-11:30 for Ladies Christmas sock exchange. Bring a pair of Christmas socks with an ornament and a few of your favorite treats in it. We will have some fun Christmas games and prizes.

Past messages are available online at www.fbclowell.org



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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November 19, 2023

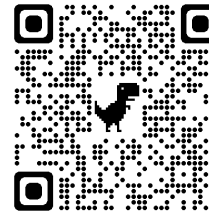
"Playing Favorites"

James 2:1-13

Pastor Andrew Bolkcom

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 (Outreach Building)

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)

6:15-8:00 pm Awana

11-12:30 pm Prime Time (Cafe area)

Bible Reading Plans

Reading Plan booklets are at the Welcome Center and Online.

<https://www.fbclowell.org/Ministries/Adult-Ministry/FBC-Bible-Reading-Plan>



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, summary booklets for November and December, reading plan bookmarks, and memory verse cards.

We also provide a reading plan "single sheet" list for those who want to use a separate journal for notes and prayer lists.

For older elementary children there are Keys for Kids devos available. Our vision is to build this discipline into the lives of our entire FBC family.

Youth Group Events:

Christmas Party - Come join us December 15th from 6:00-8:30pm anyone in 6th-12th grade can come to the Youth Group Christmas Party. There will be pizza, Christmas games and activities.

Current Electives!

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

Taught by Dr. Dave Beach and Bob Copeland

This class is for those who are dealing with grief, want to help someone who's grieving, or just learn more about the Psalms. We are meeting in room 13 off of the fellowship room.

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. We are meeting in room 12 off of the fellowship room.

Student Ministry Elective

Taught by Bob Berrington

High school and middle school students are encouraged to join Bob Berrington for an elective geared to students. They are currently studying prayer. High school students are also invited to jump into one of the adult electives. They will meet in room 22 in the main building.

HARVEST INGATHERING:

Carpet in the Upper Room

In the month of November we take up a special offering to raise funds for a project at FBC. This year, we want to raise money to install new carpet squares in the Upper Room of the Outreach Building. We knew this would be our reality when the building was built. The original carpet was very cheap and not made for a big room. The carpet is separated at the seams. We did the lower part of the Outreach Building this year and it looks so good with quality carpet squares. The Upper Room is huge, so it will require a bit of carpet. Our goal is to raise \$15,000 to pay for labor and materials. Please be in prayer about giving to this fund. We will take up a special offering on November 19th.