

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: October's giving was \$30,935. Our monthly need is \$33,350. Year-to-date giving through October is \$319,059.70 and our need is \$333,500.

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.

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 at 10:00am 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.

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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: A BIG THANK YOU to all who participated in the Operation Christmas Child by filling boxes or donating items as fillers. We dropped off 65 boxes! Drop off location said they were waiting for us as First Baptist of Lowell is one of seven churches who always have a large number of boxes to drop off. Special thanks to the army of young people who helped load the boxes in Peggy Nelson's vehicle. Team effort greatly appreciated.

HARVEST INGATHERING: We are currently at \$14,126 of our \$15,000 goal for the Harvest InGathering.

Past messages are available online at www.fbclowell.org



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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December 3, 2023

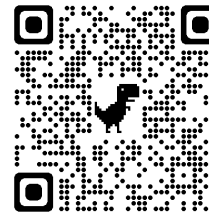
"The Power of Words"

James 3:1-12

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

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

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

Thursday

5:30 pm Family Matters Team Meeting

7:00 pm Children's Ministry Team Meeting

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

Saturday

10:00 am Ladies Sock Exchange (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.

FBC Office Elections (December 17th)

Here is the ballot for this year's officer elections.

Administrative Deacon: Caleb Clark, Kevin Sherman, Randy Wieland

Mercy Deacon: Colton Ritchie

Nominating Committee: Barb Antles, Karol Burnham, Diane Gerard

Elder: Mike Sullivan, Bob Copeland

