

## **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:** January's giving was \$31,450. Our monthly need is \$34,089. Year-to-date giving through January is \$31,450 and our budgeted need was \$34,089.

**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).

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** March 30th at 11:00am, join us for our annual Egg Hunt. We will have crafts, a puppet show, lots of eggs, and lunch in the gym. If you are interested in helping, please talk to Laura Roberts. You can also get a bag of eggs from the lobby and fill it. Please bring the eggs back by March 24th.

**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.

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



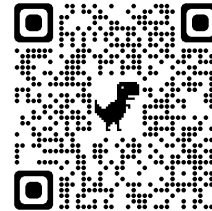
# **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

CHRIST-CENTERED, KINGDOM-FOCUSED HOMES

*March 17, 2024*

## ***Purchase #4 - Propitiation*** **Romans 3:23-25**

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**

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| <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.*

### **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL**

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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

6:30-8:00 pm Brittany Kuhn's Baby Shower (Cafe Area)

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

### FRIDAY

6:30-8:00 pm Nerf Night (Gym)

7:00-11:00 pm Popcorn and Pajamas (Upper Room)

## Bible Reading Plans

Reading Plan booklets are at the Welcome Center and Online.  
<https://www.fbclowell.org/Ministries/Adult-Ministry/FBC-Bible-Reading-Plan>

## Missions Trip

From July 20-26, we will be taking a group of students to Kentucky to run a morning VBS for a church. In addition to running a VBS, we will work on projects at the church in the afternoon, and lead worship during the evening worship service at Camp Nathanael. While things wrap up at Camp Nathanael on Thursday morning, we will head toward Cedar Point, where we will enjoy a day at America's Roller Coast. We will arrive back home late Friday evening. Those who are entering 9th grade in the fall up through those graduating from High School this May are eligible to join us for the trip. The cost will be \$260 plus 4 meals on the road. A \$50 deposit is due by the end of February. Please only pay for the deposit at this point, because there may be some fundraiser opportunities. We will have additional meetings before the trip to prepare for the VBS and prepare for leading worship. To register, go to our church center site and click on the event.

<https://fbclowell.churchcenter.com/registrations>

## Current Electives!

### Interpreting the Inspired Word

Taught by Pastor Jon Pickens

Can you trust the Bible? This question hits the heart of many other questions surrounding the origins of Scripture and whether or not one can properly interpret what it says. This class is designed to help you understand the source of this special book and how to interpret what it says. The two major goals for this class are to help anchor one's trust in the inspired Word of God and to help boost confidence in Biblical interpretation. Biblical interpretation is perhaps one of the greatest skills a follower of Jesus can learn. Join us for this journey!

### Heaven - My Final Destination

Taught by Phil VanLaan

We all have questions about Heaven. Where is it? What will I do? Won't Heaven get boring? Our hope is to answer many of your questions concerning Heaven. Many of the concepts and beliefs you currently hold may be either confirmed or perhaps presented in a new way. I hope you are challenged throughout the study and, by the end, look forward to heaven in a way where you would desire no one to miss out.

### Ladies Book Discussion

Taught by Trish Pickens

How can the practice of intentional gratitude transform a soul? Join us as we read and discuss *One Thousand Gifts*, Ann Voskamp's personal account of how intentional gratitude brought healing. We'll be invited to "embrace a lifestyle of radical gratitude and slow down and catch God in the moment." (Please purchase your copy of the book prior to the first class.)

### 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.