firstbaptistchurch South Haven

Weekly Notes

Welcome to our church! We are glad you're here today! Whether you are joining us as a vacationer or someone who is looking for a church home, we hope that you enjoy our gathering time and sense God's presence. Here are a few things to get you connected:

infants and young children

Our safe and sanitary nursery is here to serve you. Infants ages birth-4 years old can be cared for and play in our supervised Nursery.

children

Children's Worship is a unique worship experience, designed specifically for ages 5 years old through 5th grade, starting at 10:30 AM in the Children's Worship Room. *(Children do not meet separately on the 1st Sunday of each month so families can celebrate Communion together.)*

finding your way around

If you need help locating any activities or rooms, please be sure to ask a greeter or someone at the Welcome Center.

introduce yourself

After the service, we invite you to stop by our Welcome Center and sign our guest book, have your questions answered, or receive more information about our church.

October 25, 2026

announcements

Happy Birthday!...Renee Goff (10/29) and Ed Newell (10/30).

Happy Anniversary!...Rob & Brandy Zantello (10/25, 23 years).

Next Week's Servants (11/1)

- *Café Attendant*: Allie Wilson
- *Café Food*: Lisa Follman (casserole), Alyssa Newell (donuts)
- *Nursery*: Abi Avery, Sandi Cagle
- *Sound Tech*: Gabe Bocock
- *Video, Streaming & Camera Techs*: Linda Newell, Tracy & Riley Marshall

Fundraiser for Oktoberfest...John Seitz has donated several handmade rugs that he created on a loom (which is a keepsake from his mother). They will be on table in the foyer and available to purchase for a donation to the Oktoberfest fund. There is not a set price (however an online search says they sell for $50-150+ at craft shows), and donations will be accepted first come, first served. Payment can be made in the church office.

Video Production Team Members Needed...We are seeking to add 1-2 people to our video team on Sunday mornings. No prior experience necessary and we can easily train you. If interested, please contact Rocky Starland.

Hearing Assistance Devices Available...We have hearing assistance devices available during the morning worship service which allow the user to control the volume based on their individual needs. They are available from the Sound Booth at the rear of the sanctuary and are cleaned and sanitized after each use. For questions, see Rocky Starland.

Pop Cans = Scholarships...Beverage can & bottle donations are used to fund teen scholarships for youth retreats, summer camps, special activities, etc. Please bring your recyclable items to the church anytime!

Have You Considered? Did you know that if your bank offers online services, you can set your tithe up as a regular 'bill payment' through your bank? This is a convenient option to help with continuity in giving and the ability for you to tithe even when you are on vacation or miss church. It eliminates having to wonder if you turned in your offering while you were gone! If you have questions or would like more information about how to utilize this convenient option, check with your banking institution or contact the church office.

WHEN? THIS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

TIME? 6:30–8:00 PM

WHO? KIDS AGES 2 YRS. OLD–5TH GRADE

(All Children Must Be Accompanied by an Adult age 18 or older)

WHERE? FBC GYM

WHAT? PumpkinFest provides a **FREE** festive, carnival-type atmosphere INDOORS. Kids and their parents can enjoy an evening of FREE games, food and treats (no tricks!). Hot coffee, popcorn, and cotton candy will be served. If the weather is rainy or cold, this is a great alternative to trick-or-treating! Or, stop by after you're finished trick-or-treating, have more fun and get more candy! This is a children's event and costumes should be "G" rated—please no scary or violent attire.

WE STILL NEED CANDY

If you're able to donate candy, please do so by Wednesday, 10/28, so we know if we need to buy more or not. Thank you!

LET IT BURN

Oktoberfest Celebration
11-8-2026

In 2010, we began collecting an Annual Oktoberfest Offering to pay our mortgage payment for the next 12 months. We financed $850,000 to build our new addition with the purpose that it be built, not only for use by FBC, but also as a community space. As of November 8, 2026, we will have an approximate balance of $70,100 left on this mortgage. Our goal is to pay it off this year! Start planning how you can help us

PAID IN FULL

GOAL:
$70,100

How will you help?

Oktoberfest Celebration

"They (we) will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness."
(Psalm 145:7)

A Time to Give: Oktoberfest Offering

On Sunday, November 8, we will receive a special Oktoberfest Offering. During our morning worship service, we will have an opportunity to present a monetary gift to God in thanksgiving for His abundant blessings and in joyful celebration of being a church who is committed to being what God wants us to be. We will receive an extremely important Oktoberfest Offering which will be used solely for payment of our building mortgage (annually about $36,000.00). This year, we have a goal to collect $70,100 to pay this mortgage off! Besides celebrating God's goodness, our Oktoberfest Celebration will also be a time when we can recommit ourselves to fulfilling God's calling "To Know Him and Make Him Known" and to the goal of living out our faith together.

We are looking forward to what 2027 will bring as we see how God will use our building to impact the lives of others in our community. If you are unable to join us for the service, we hope you'll consider either mailing or making an online contribution ahead of time. Your offering is vital to our ability to pay the mortgage. We thank you for prayerfully considering how you can contribute.

A Time of Fellowship

Following our worship service on November 8, we will enjoy a time of food and fellowship. Dinner and dessert will be provided.

A Time to Help

If you're able to help with the dinner (set-up, serving, and/or clean-up), please contact Kim Collins.

prayerREQUESTS&PRAISES

- **Sharon Danapilis and Family** upon the loss of her husband, Pete, on 10/11.
- **Chris Truer and Family** upon the loss of her husband Henry on 10/8.
- **Renee Goff** failed a hearing test and is undergoing additional testing on 12/8 to determine if a small tumor in her ear is the cause.
- **Bruce Ferguson** has completed radiation. He will continue immunotherapy treatments for several more months. Overall, his prognosis is good and the treatments have been effective.
- **Alyssa Newell** has consulted with a specialist. and test results show that she does not have lupus. They are doing additional testing to determine what is causing her symptoms.
- **Joyce Bocock** has a large hematoma in her thigh which is causing a significant amount of pain and making it difficult for her to walk.
- Check out our monthly prayer card on-line at southhavenfbc.com under "General Info" for a **list of those with on-going needs.**

But we will give ourselves continually to **Prayer** and to the ministry of the word. Acts 6:4

If you have a request or concern that you'd like us to pray for, please let us know!

The Mission Café

CAFÉ HOURS
9:00-10:15am on Sundays

The Mission Café is a great place to have a breakfast treat and coffee, enjoy lively conversation and have fun while helping support missions at FBC.

- ♦ Donuts
- ♦ Bagels
- ♦ English Muffins
- ♦ Snacks
- ♦ Hot & Cold Beverages
- ♦ And more!

For your convenience, we accept cash, check, debit/credit cards or Venmo, PayPal, Apple and Google Pay thru the church app!

weeklyopportunities

mission café
Sundays | 9:00-10:15am | Mission Café

worship
Sundays | 10:30am | Sanctuary
- Join us in-person, or watch live on Facebook or view later in the week on YouTube or listen to an audio only version on Archive.

children's worship
Sundays | 10:30am | Children's Worship Room
- Ages 5 years old through 5th grade.
- Does not meet on the first Sunday of each month.
- Contact Alyssa Newell for questions or more information.

men's bible study
Tuesdays | 7:00-8:30pm | Mission Café
- Contact Paul Fitton or Larry Dobberstein for questions or more information.

women's book study
Tuesdays | 7:00-8:30pm | Classroom 2
- Contact Annette Koller for questions or more information.

church office hours
Wednesdays | 11:00am-4:00pm

theology class
Wednesdays | 7:00-8:00pm | Classroom 2
- Closed course.
- See Pastor Jerry for questions or more information.

women's craft group
Thursdays | 6:30pm | Craft Room
- Contact Tracy Marshall for questions or more information.

Coming soon
- *Pumpkinfest* | Saturday, 10/31 | 6:30-8:00pm | FBC Gym
- *Oktoberfest Celebration* | Sunday, 11/1 | during worship

our**purpose**

To Know Him and Make Him Known

our**mission**

Living Out Our Faith Together

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stay**informed**

- **Web Page**: Be sure to check out our website at www.southhavenfbc.com for all the latest events & news; use password "Know Him" to see the content on the FBC Family Only page.
- **Facebook**: Join our group "First Baptist Church of South Haven" for regular updates & news.
- **Email**: Get added to our email lists. Simply email southhavenfbc@gmail.com and give us your email address.
- **FBC App**: Download our app and keep informed on your phone or tablet.
- **Online Giving**: https://www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/southhavenfbc
- **Bible App**: Under the events option, find FBC and follow along with Pastor Jerry's message, take notes, and see announcements.
- **Office Hours**: Wednesdays, 11:00am - 4:00pm
- For additional information or help on any of these items, please contact the office.

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