

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.

September 20, 2026

announcements

Happy Anniversary!...Gabe & Addison Bocock (9/20, 1 year).

Next Week's Servants (9/27)

- *Café Attendant:* Marge Parmenter
- *Café Food:* Julie Zantello (casserole), Jean Robinson (coffee cake)
- *Nursery:* Abi Avery, Bailey Finch
- *Sound Tech:* Bill Foskett
- *Video, Streaming & Camera Techs:* Linda Newell, Tracy & Riley Marshall

Fundraiser for Oktoberfest...John Seitz has donated several handmade rugs that he made 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.

Rides for Medical Appointments Needed...If you're able to help transport Bruce and/or Vasha Ferguson to medical appointments in Kalamazoo or Paw Paw, please contact Kim Collins to see if you can help fill some open spots in the schedule.

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.

Theology Class Resumes This Week...The Wednesday evening Theology Class will resume on Wednesday, September 23, at 7:00 PM, in Classroom 2 (down the hall), enter via the carport doors. We will complete our final course, Session 6: Ecclesiology and Eschatology. Videos will be available online and workbooks can be picked up from the office soon.

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!



PumpkinFest

WHEN? 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

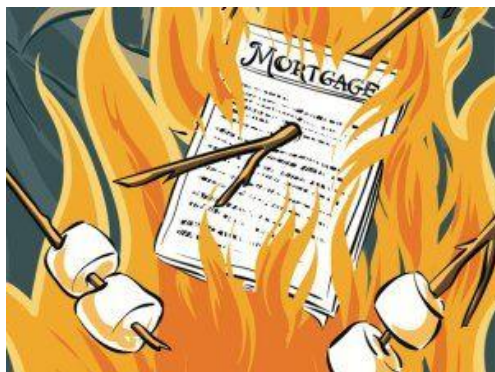
WHAT? PumpkinFest provides a FREE festive, carnival-type atmosphere INDOORS. Kids and their parents can enjoy an evening of FREE games, food and treats (no tricks!). Hot coffee, popcorn, and cotton candy will be served. If the weather is rainy or cold, this is a great alternative to trick-or-treating! 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. **SIGN-UP IN THE FOYER SOON AND LET US KNOW HOW YOU WILL HELP!**



Got Candy?

We need a LOT of it brought in for PumpkinFest! If possible, we are asking that each household bring in two or more bags of candy to church each Sunday through October 25. Please leave your candy bags in the pumpkin can outside the church office door. Thanks for your help!

LET IT BURN



Oktoberfest Celebration 11-1-2026

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 1, 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 achieve this goal so we can celebrate this historic milestone.

**PAID IN
FULL**

**GOAL:
\$70,100**

How will you help?

prayerREQUESTS&PRAISES

- **Marge Benham** will have surgery on 9/22. Please pray for everything to go as planned and that she will have a speedy recovery.
- **Henry Truer** is dealing with multiple health issues, including cancer in several areas of his body. He is currently admitted to Trinity Hospital in Grand Rapids. He is also receiving chemo and radiation.
- **Emma Bither** (granddaughter of John & Susan Seitz) is recovering at home from an appendectomy.
- **Bruce Ferguson** started 5 weeks of radiation therapy on 9/14.
- **Alyssa Newell** has been diagnosed with Lupus. She has an appointment in the near future to discuss a management plan; pray that the treatment options are successful.
- **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!



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.

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

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

weekly opportunities

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.

church office hours

Wednesdays | 11:00am-4:00pm

theology class

Wednesdays | 7:00-8:00pm | Main Foyer

- On summer break.
- 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

- *Women's Book Study* | Tuesdays | 7:00-8:30pm | Classroom 2 | Starting 9/22
- *Theology Class Resumes* | Wednesdays | 7:00-8:00pm | Classroom 2 | Starting 9/23
- *Pumpkinfest* | Saturday, 10/31 | 6:30-8:00pm | FBC Gym

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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