

# Merry Christmas

Come and Worship *Christ* the Newborn King



**firstbaptistchurch** South Haven

December 25, 2022

# 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.

# announcements

**Happy Birthday!**...Annette Hatfield (12/27); Jeff Wilson (12/28); and Zoie Zantello (12/30).

**Happy Anniversary!**...Bill & Tina Wilburn (12/27; 29 years).

**Please Note:** The Mission Café and Nursery will be closed today and next Sunday/New Year's Day (1/1). Aftermath will not meet either.

**Church Office Closed...**The church office will be closed until January 4. If you have an emergency request for the prayer chain, please text Kim (269-767-2226) and she will send it out as soon as possible.

**Reminder: 1st Sunday of the Month...**Next Sunday is the first Sunday of the month and as such, we will celebrate Communion. At the end of the service, you will have an opportunity to give to the Benevolent Fund. If you feel compelled to do so, please put your gift in the container at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for supporting those in need.

**Summer Camp Fundraiser...**We are hosting a "take an envelope" fundraiser to support our future campers. There is a tree outside the sanctuary which has numbered envelopes. If you'd like to participate, then the number on the envelope that you pick is the amount of money you would like to donate. [Example: If you take the number 6, then you'll donate \$6.] You can take as many envelopes as you'd like. And if all the envelopes are taken, then we will raise \$5500 for future campers!! This would enable many of our students to bring a friend with them to camp - what an exciting way to possibly introduce someone to Jesus for the first time! Envelopes can be dropped in the offering bucket or mailed back to church. For questions, please contact Rob Zantello or the church office.

**Childcare Help Needed...**If you are able to provide childcare in the FBC Nursery during the Wednesday morning Bible study from 9:30-11:30am, please contact Tina Wilburn or Kim Collins.

**Attention Amazon Shoppers!** Please remember us for your online Amazon purchases, and designate "First Baptist Church South Haven" as your charity of choice. We will receive 0.5% donation from all purchases which is used for our youth scholarships. You can do so by going to the following link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-2244607>. Thanks for your support!



# NEW class starting soon

Wednesdays | 7:00-8:00 PM | Conference Room  
beginning 1/25/2023

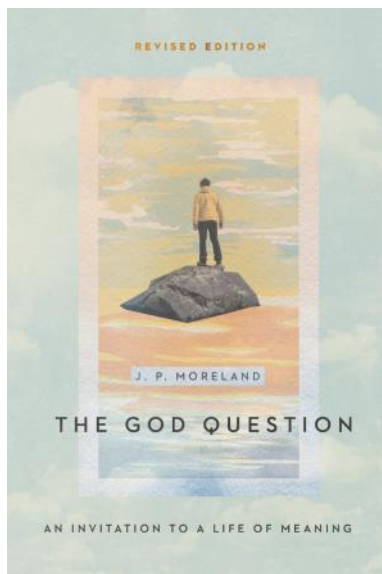
Beginning January 25, we will be introducing a new class entitled **Reason**.

Reason has to do with thinking logically. It requires us to use our mind. It requires knowledge. In the book of Isaiah, we read: *"Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD.* (Isaiah 1:18)

Living our faith is not an exercise of mindlessness. God gave us a mind. He gave us the ability to think and reason. In this class, we will learn to use our minds more fully in regard to how we can understand our culture and live out our faith.

We will be using the book *The God Question (Revised Edition)*, by J.P. Moreland. This book will need to be purchased by all participants as there will be required weekly reading from it. Please make sure you purchase the revised edition.

Pastor Jerry will be the facilitator. Each class will run for one hour (7:00–8:00 PM). [Sign up online](#) or at the Welcome Center. Other than purchasing the book, there will not be a cost involved in taking the class.



sign-up online





sunday,  
january 15,  
2023

# ANNUAL MEETING

## AND POTLUCK DINNER

# Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 15, immediately following the morning worship service. 2023 budget information and proposed by-laws changes have been emailed to all members. Pastor Jerry is putting together an Annual Report that will cover all ministries which will be emailed in January. We will vote on the following:

1. Approval of the 2023 budget.
2. Affirmation of the 2023 Elder Ministry Team: Jason Avery, Patty Bales, Brian Bockock, Janette Hendrix, and Rob Zantello.
3. Approval of changes made to outdated by-laws procedures.

For questions or more information, please contact the church office.

*After the meeting, everyone is invited to join us for a potluck lunch in Freeman Hall Gym. Please bring a dish and a dessert to share that will feed at least 10-12 people. Beverages will be provided.*



## CAFÉ HOURS

9:00-10:15am on Sundays  
**\*\*CLOSED 12/25 & 1/1\*\***

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

For your convenience, we accept cash, check and debit/credit cards!

# prayerREQUESTS and PRAISES

*PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BEING CLOSED, THIS LIST WAS LAST UPDATED ON 12/14/2022.*

- **Caroline Bocoock** received a really bad concussion on 11/5 while playing soccer. Doctors are concerned because she is still vomiting, dizzy, and having constant headaches. She has an neurological appointment scheduled to determine if they can get some of the symptoms under control. Please pray for healing, wisdom for the doctors, and that the Lyme's Disease hasn't been triggered. Old symptoms are surfacing, but can't determine if they are concussion symptoms vs. Lyme's symptoms because they are the same symptoms for both.
- **Ben Harris** (Allie Wilson's dad) is recovering from a successful heart procedure.
- **Walter Hatfield** is recovering from hernia surgery scheduled on 12/20.
- **Annette Koller** is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- **Bruce & Vasha Ferguson and their family** upon the loss of Vasha's sister, Deborah Kirby, on 11/28.
- **Keith Buckley** (employee of Lakefront Roofing) is recovering from injuries due to a fall off a ladder.
- **Nolan Marshall** (son of Dan & Tracy) is struggling with major tantrums and other behavioral issues. Please pray for the doctors to have wisdom in choosing medication and treatments, and that the tantrums do not escalate worse than what they are. He had an evaluation at a brain specialty clinic on 12/6; the parental follow-up meeting is on 1/6. Also pray for patience and safety for him, his parents and his brother Riley as they try to work through situations.
- **Shannon French** (son of Curt & Patty Bales) is improving, but continues eye drop treatments for an infection. It looks like the damaged part is creating new cells and hopefully healing.
- **Joyce Bocoock** finished radiation on the large tumor in her spine. She is handling the medication for the endocrine therapy well.
- **Pete Danapolis** is recovering from a successful back surgery.
- **Linda Newell** is recovering from surgery to have a rotator cuff repaired.
- **Vincent Bryant** (Miriam Bryant's son) is recovering from a broken ankle.
- Check out our monthly prayer card on-line at [southhavenfbc.com](https://southhavenfbc.com) under "General Info" for a **list of those with on-going needs**.

# weekly opportunities

## mission café

Sundays | 9:00-10:15am | Mission Café

- Closed today and next Sunday, 1/1.

## children's sunday school

Sundays | 9:15-10:15am | Classroom 3

- Ages 5 years old through 5th grade
- **No class today or next Sunday, 1/1**
- Contact Bailey Rooker for questions or more information.

## worship

Sundays | 10:30am | Sanctuary

- If you're unable to join us in-person, you can watch live on [Facebook](#) or view later in the week on [Facebook](#) or [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.
- **No session today or next Sunday, 1/1**
- Contact Alyssa Newell for questions or more information.

## aftermath

Sundays | after worship | Upstairs

- Join us for lunch and a discussion about the worship message.
- **No gathering today or next Sunday, 1/1**
- Contact Pastor Jerry for questions or more information.

## youth group

Sundays | 1:00-3:00pm | FBC upstairs

- Middle & High School students
- **No meeting today or 1/1; stay tuned for when we'll resume in 2023**
- Contact Allie Wilson 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.
- **No meeting on 12/27/22 or 1/3/23**

## bible study

Wednesdays | 9:30-11:30am | Classroom 3

- **No meeting on 12/28**
- Contact Tina Wilburn for questions or more information.

## church office hours

Wednesdays | 11:00am-4:00pm

- Closed through 1/4/2023

## women's craft group

Thursdays | 6:30pm | Classroom 2

- Contact Tracy Marshall for questions or more information.



# our purpose

To Know Him and Make Him Known

# our mission

Living Out Our Faith Together

## ministry contacts

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## stay informed

- **Web Page:** Be sure to check out our website at [www.southhavenfbc.com](http://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](mailto: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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