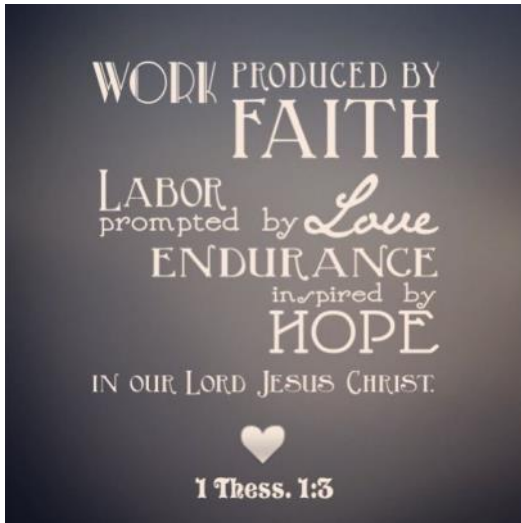


Welcome



While our place of worship has changed from the usual place and time, we are grateful to know that the Body of Christ can worship anytime, anywhere. And a building is just that - a building. The Church is the people, not the place where we worship. In these troubled times, our witness for Jesus Christ can be evident to those around us as we take wise precautions, while simultaneously living out our faith with what it means to have a peace that passes all understanding. May you be blessed this week as we see God at work through these unprecedented times. We can get through this together. Our God is able.

Sermon notes are also available. You can view them through the Bible app as usual on your phone or tablet or via the internet. See our Facebook page or check your email for this week's link.

WORSHIP

Resumes July 12!

The target date for our first corporate worship service, since the state of emergency was declared, is Sunday, July 12 at 10:30 AM. For the most part, the format we have become accustomed to will be the same with a few alterations. For those not ready to return, we intend to offer a live worship stream via Facebook. This means when our service begins in the auditorium, so will the live stream. While we will not present a recorded message, as we have been doing during the pandemic, we plan to record and post the service on YouTube and Facebook each week by Monday afternoon at the latest.

Masks are Required..To begin with, we are requiring those who wish to attend to wear a mask (or bandana) that covers both their nose and mouth. Face shields are acceptable. This requirement will remain until the end of July. At that time, we will reassess the situation to see if masks are still needed. Our rationale for this requirement has to do with the number of droplets that are discharged during singing. Some data suggests singing expels as much as a sneeze. Believing most would want to be able to sing, we feel masks will restrict the amount of droplet discharge to some degree. It will not eliminate them all, but with distancing, we believe everyone should be safe.

Offering: We will not be physically collecting the offering in our regular manner of passing a bag. We strongly suggest you continue to give via mail, online, etc. as you have been during the pandemic. We also intend to place a couple of baskets in the rear of the church should one want to place their offering in it each week.

WORSHIP

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Koinonia: We will discontinue koinonia for a season as we continue to watch and see how the pandemic progresses. Please be sensitive to this decision. We know many of you have not seen one another for months. Please refrain from physical contact (hugs, kisses, handshakes, etc.) as the individual you are extending them to may not wish to make contact.

Mission Café: Sadly, we will not re-open the Café at this time. Like some other things, this will be for a season. It will not be permanent.

Communication: We will not be distributing any printed information (bulletins, prayer cards, kid's coloring pages, etc.). Announcements will run in the foyer and before worship. We will continue to send out as much information as possible electronically (emails, website, Facebook, etc.). Please take advantage of these methods if you want to stay informed.

Classes and Small Groups: For a season, we will not be conducting Sunday School classes or Children's Worship in person. As the pandemic diminishes, we will resume these ministries knowing it is safe to do so. Again, this is for a season. It is not permanent. We will resume small groups for those interested. These gatherings will comply with distancing and sanitizing policies.

See you soon!

announcements

Happy Birthday!...Deb Jenks (7/4).

Sympathy...We extend our sympathy to and ask you to please pray for Bruce & Vasha Ferguson and their family upon the loss of Bruce's sister, Gloria Thompson, on 6/24 from Covid-19. Bruce and family (her siblings, 2 children and 6-7 grandchildren) are grateful for the assurance of her salvation, but also devastated as she seemed to be doing well and was recovering. Gloria was a caregiver and support for her daughter, Melissa, who has been on our prayer list for many, many months due to pervasive cancer.

Graduation Open House...Hayden Rooker will celebrate her graduation with an Open House on Saturday, July 18, beginning at 4:00 PM at the Rooker home (12895 CR 687, South Haven, MI 49090). The congregation is invited!

We Are Here For You!...If you need assistance in any way (physically, spiritually, mentally, financially, grocery delivery, or otherwise), please do not hesitate to contact the church office and we will try to help. We also have rolls of toilet paper available if you're having difficulty getting it from the store, please feel free to buy some from us. We were anticipating a need and trying to be proactive to help keep our church family covered, but there wasn't as much demand as we expected and we don't want to "get stuck" with rolls that don't fit our dispensers.

Church Parking Lot Repairs..We thank those of you who have donated for your generosity and support of this project to resurface our parking lot. So far, we have received \$4,084 and have \$5000 in pledges for a total of \$9,084. The cost to resurface the lot was \$10,650.00, which leaves a balance of \$1566. If you are able to make a donation to help us meet our goal of funding the full cost of this maintenance, your financial contribution would be greatly appreciated. Be sure to mark "Parking Lot" on your gift.

Flower Bed Maintenance Needed..We need help maintaining the church's flowerbeds. If you're looking for a reason to get outside and yet still maintain your social distancing, feel free to stop by the church at your convenience and pull weeds from whatever flowerbed catches your eye. If you contact us in advance, we can arrange for the garage to be open so you can get tools; otherwise feel free to bring your own. Once life returns to normal, we'll work on adopting flower beds as we have in the past.

announcements

New Bible Study Begins..The Wednesday morning Bible study group will begin a new study on Wednesday, July 15. Participants have the option to join via zoom or meet in person. The new study is titled "Adorned: Living Out the Beauty of the Gospel Together" by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth. *Discover the power of Paul's encouraging vision of community in Titus 2! Wolgemuth explores how Christian women of all ages are strengthened and better equipped to impact the world when singles and young moms widen their peer group and older women who've "been there" invest in the next generation.* Cost for book and study guide is \$17. If you're interested in joining, please contact Tina Wilburn (269-767-4685 or 2fifty7@gmail.com).

Check Out Our Web Page..We are keeping our web page (southhavenfbc.com) updated regularly. Please use it as a tool. Under "Resources" we have a page for FBC Members only which has our latest emails and letters from Pastor Jerry (<https://www.southhavenfbc.com/for-fbc-family-only>). If you try to access this page, you will need the password "Know Him" to see the content.

Online Giving is Now Available!..You now have the option to support our ministries by giving an online tithe via debit/credit card or by donating via your bank account. If you're interested in sending a gift via this safe and secure option, you can do so by using this link: <https://secure.givelively.org/donate/first-baptist-church-south-haven-mi>.

Pop Cans = Scholarships..Don't forget that your 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!

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!

Use Your Bible App..You can use the Bible App on your phone or tablet to follow along with Pastor Jerry's message, take notes, and see announcements. For help on how to do so, contact the office.

WeCarePantryCollection

The We Care Food and Personal Care Pantries continue to need supplies. We suggest calling ahead to make sure someone is there to receive your items.

Food Pantry

First Congregational Church
651 Phoenix Street
269-637-3804

Open Mon., Wed., Fri. 10am-12pm
Suggested items are:



- Cereal
 - Dry Pasta
 - Canned Vegetables
 - Canned Fruit
 - Tuna
 - Spaghetti Sauce
 - Crackers
 - Rice-A-Roni
 - Pork & Beans
 - Canned Soup
 - Peanut Butter
 - Oatmeal
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Personal Care Pantry

First Assembly of God Church
06500 Blue Star Hwy
269-637-1286

Open Wed. 10am-1pm
Suggested items are:



- Shampoo
 - Conditioner
 - Body Soap
 - Deodorant
 - Toothbrushes
 - Toothpaste
 - Feminine Items
 - Shaving Cream
 - Razors
 - Dish Soap
 - Laundry Detergent
 - Cleaning Supplies
 - Trash Bags
 - Toilet Paper
 - Paper Towels
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**Thank you for helping those in our community
who are in need!**

prayerREQUESTSandPRAISES

Bruce & Vasha Ferguson and their family upon the loss of Bruce's sister, Gloria Thompson, on 6/24 from Covid-19.

Molly Blaney (daughter of Lisa & Steve Follman) is recovering from surgery to have her gall bladder removed.

Ramona Schultz (Kristen Schultz's 88 year-old mother-in-law) has a mass on her brain which is believed to be cancer. Treatment options are being evaluated.

John Ellis is in boot camp and struggling with loneliness.

Pastor Jephthe Lucien and his family and their Haitian community as they grieve the loss of Jephthe's brother, Pastor Henoc Lucien.

Cards can be sent to: Pastor Jephthe Lucien | c/o Jerusalem Baptist Mission Church | P.O. Box 601 | Round Lake Beach, FL 60073.

Dominique (Bruce's Ferguson's nephew) who is recovering from COVID-19.

Shirley Jackson and her family upon the death of her husband, Art, on 5/31 following a battle with kidney cancer.

Leslie Robinson, who lost her husband and pastor, Darrel Robinson, to Covid-19. She was in the hospital and released but quarantined.

Her 90-year-old mother is recovering in a rehab facility following a car accident. Bishop Robinson was the pastor of Vasha Ferguson's sister, Deborah Kirby. She was very close to him and his wife. So, please include her, the congregation and God's guidance for the continuation of the ministry in your prayers as well.

Lynn Rarick continues to deal with hip issues. Pray that a solution can be figured out.

Crystal Jennings (sister of Tracy Marshall's brother-in-law, Louie) started chemo for stage 4 breast cancer. She had scans to check how the hormone therapy was doing. There is no new growth and the lesions on her bones show signs of healing. Thank you for all the prayers and please continue to pray that the cancer will be eradicated.

Check out our monthly prayer card online at southhavenfbc.com under "Weekly Bulletins" for a **list of those with on-going needs**.

opportunities this week

SUNDAYS

- 6:00 AM Worship Video/Audio Available
(at www.southhavenfbc.com for viewing at your convenience)

WEDNESDAY

- 9:30 AM Berean Bible Study: Book of James via Zoom
(Led by Tina Wilburn)
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Children's Sunday School

- This group is on summer break and will resume again this fall.

Monday Evening Men's Group

- This group is on summer break and will resume again this fall.

Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study

- This group is on summer break and will resume again this fall.

Wednesday Bible Study

- Currently studying the book of James, but will be starting a new book on 7/15.
- Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:00 AM. This group meets via Zoom, but will also resume meeting in person soon.
- To find out where they are meeting or if you're interested in joining, please call/text Tina Wilburn at 269-767-4685 or email 2fifty7@gmail.com.

Thursday Evening Craft Group

- Has not yet resumed, but will be very soon. Contact Tracy Marshall for questions or more information.

our purpose

To Know Him and Make Him Known

our mission

Living Out Our Faith Together

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- Be sure to check out our website at www.southhavenfbc.com for all the latest events and news.

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