

Weekly Notes

We are currently only having VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICES. Join us online each week! Services will be available on our Facebook page and YouTube channel at 6:00 AM Sunday mornings for viewing at your convenience.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SouthHavenFBC>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzOahojNwyPo2LMn-ctTG8A>

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.

In addition, all in-person activities have been cancelled. Watch our emails or check the website for how to participate virtually.

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.



A Time of Thankfulness...

We are greatly humbled by the generosity of our congregation. So far, this year's offering, combined with pledges, is a total of \$33,617.00. We thank you for your faithfulness, especially during such challenging times,

and look forward to seeing how God will use our building in the year ahead as we continue to "Know Him and Make Him Known." If you would still like to make a contribution to this offering, please mail your gift to the church or donate online. If you make an online donation, please also let Kim know your gift is for Oktoberfest as there isn't a way to designate this on the website.

Oktoberfest Offering

announcements

Since this Sunday, 12/6, is the first Sunday of the month, please be prepared to join us for virtual communion and have your own bread and cup ready to participate after Pastor Jerry's message.

Check Out Our Web Page...If you are looking for information and can't find it, please check our webpage (<https://www.southhavenfbc.com/>). 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.

Happy Birthday!...Tina Wilburn (12/06); Asa Norman (12/07); Amy Neikirk (12/08); and Carol Hover (12/10).

Sympathy...We extend our condolences to John & Susan Seitz and their family upon the death of Susan's stepfather, Robert Pollard, on 12/1 following a battle with Covid. Please keep Susan's mom, Loretta and Robert's daughters in prayer during this season of grief.

Online Giving is Available!...If you would like to support our ministries by giving an online donation via debit/credit card or your bank account, you can do so by using this link: <https://secure.givelively.org/donate/first-baptist-church-south-haven-mi>.

Attention Amazon Shoppers...The Christmas shopping season is coming! 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.

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Announcements from We Care I.N.C.

Items Needed for Pantries...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. For a list of items and pantry locations, please visit their website at <https://www.wecare-inc.org/pantries-and-programs>

Christmas Meal Baskets Needed..Would you like the opportunity to make a difference this holiday season? You can provide a meal basket to a family in need during the holidays. Check the We Care website [<https://www.wecare-inc.org/holiday-programs>] for items needed and for ways you can give a special meal. Email lynn@wecare-inc.org to sign up to receive or donate.

Christmas Gift Give-Away...Christmas is coming and that means We Care's Project Christmas Hope (South Haven) and St. Nicholas Village (Bangor) are gearing up. They are in desperate need of gifts for children, ages 0-16. If you would like to help out, you can drop off gifts at the We Care offices Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 9:30-12:30 each week from now until December 15. There will be donation locations throughout the South Haven and Bangor communities within the next few weeks - check their website for a complete list coming soon. Some gift suggestions: dolls, hair products and accessories, bath or hygiene sets, LEGO, Gift cards worth \$10 to any store or restaurant, sports balls, radio-controlled cars, and stuffed animals. Go to <https://www.wecare-inc.org/holiday-programs> to see the full list. Thank you for helping to bless our community's kids!

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John & Susan Seitz and their family upon the loss of Susan's stepfather, Robert Pollard, following a Covid infection.

Tina Dell has tested positive for Covid and is also going through withdrawals from a narcotic drug called Norco and she says it "is bad" and she is struggling.

The Wiersum Family (relatives of Linda Newell): Brother-in-law Todd is hospitalized due to Covid, on a ventilator with pneumonia, is receiving dialysis due to kidney failure from meds, and is in critical condition. Sister Chris is also positive and slowly improving. Niece Tina tested positive, has been quite sick, and developed bronchitis. Please pray for healing and support for the family as they cannot go to the hospital to be with Todd.

Randy Follman (brother of Steve Follman) is recovering from hip replacement surgery. He is doing well and will have the other side done in December. Pray for a speedy healing and full recovery.

Chet & Renee Goff and their extended family members: 1) Renee's mom has recovered from pneumonia and is doing well; 2) Chet's mother continues to be hospitalized due to very high sugar, a mini stroke, and a positive Covid test with no symptoms and is waiting for a Covid bed in a rehab facility so she can begin intensive physical therapy; 3) Chet's brother, Kenny, has recovered from Covid and is doing well; 4) and their son Dylan tested positive for Covid and continues to have no symptoms. Their immediate family is all quarantining. So far, no one else has become infected.

Howard Robinson (brother of Stan Robinson, father of Bruce Robinson) is recovering from a stroke followed by surgery. Howard has been struggling since his first stroke several months ago from which he has not regained speech ability.

Mary Ann Jones (Vasha Ferguson's godmother) has returned home from hospital following a fall. She is also suffering from dementia and is being cared for by family.

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Leslie Robinson (friend of Vasha Ferguson) continues to have multiple health issues.

Deborah Kirby (Vasha Ferguson's sister) has been moved to a rehab center following a massive stroke. Pray that medicare/ medicaid insurance can be upgraded to cover needed treatment. She also has a wound that is not healing and is being tested for diabetes and cancer. Please pray for good results.

Ginny Dorsey (Rhonda Dobberstein's mother) is receiving radiation for cancer.

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

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

opportunities this week

sunday

10:30 AM Virtual Worship Available (Online Only)

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SouthHavenFBC>
- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzQahojNwyPo2LMn-ctTG8A>

tuesday

6:45 PM Women's Virtual Bible Study

- Studying *Get Out of Your Head* by Jennie Allen
- Contact Tracy Marshall to participate.

our purpose

To Know Him and Make Him Known

our mission

Living Out Our Faith Together

ministry contacts

ministry leaders

Pastor Jerry Koller _____	269-767-2188	Allie Wilson, Sr. Events Coord. ___	269-639-8001
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Kim Collins, Office _____	269-767-2226		269-906-0367
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elder ministry team

Dean Newell, chair _____ 269-906-0366

deacon ministry team

Vasha Ferguson, chair _____ 269-906-0083

stay informed

- Join our group "First Baptist Church of South Haven" on **facebook** for regular updates and news.
- Get added to our email lists. Simply email southhavenfbc@gmail.com and give us your email address.
- Be sure to check out our website at www.southhavenfbc.com for all the latest events and news.

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