

# 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 nurseries are 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 Gym. *(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 an usher!

## **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!**...Anthony Criffield (12/14); Jason Avery and Chet Goff (12/16).

**Next Week's Servants (12/19):**

- *Café Bakers:* Janette Hendrix (casserole) | Alyssa Newell (banana bread)
- *Mission Café:* Marge Dumbaugh
- *Nursery:* Holly Norman, Connie Hollis

**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.

**Pictures Needed...**As Rocky Starland is wrapping up the final video for our 150th anniversary history series, he is looking for specific pictures from these events:

- 2002 Point Youth Ministry in the garage
- FBC dragon boat races during Harborfest
- 2005 Kings Kids blueberry festival float/train
- 2004 FBC participation in 4th of July parade
- 2000, 2008, 2009 softball champs and/or teams

If you have any, please contact Rocky (269-767-2883 | rcsjr50@i2k.com) or the church office so we can get them scanned and returned to you. Thank you!

**Reminder: Zoom Account Available for You to Use.**As we approach the holidays, we just wanted to remind you that the church has a corporate Zoom account which allows for unlimited people to participate for an unlimited amount of time (unlike the free version). If you'd like to access our account and use it for Zoom meetings to connect with family and friends during the holiday season (or anytime really), please contact Kim to set-it up.

# announcements

**New Women's Study Begins:** All ladies are invited to join a new Bible study beginning on January 12. The study will be held on Wednesday evenings beginning at 6:30 PM. Depending on what participants want to do, it will be in-person, online, or a hybrid of both. This group will be doing the study Elijah by Priscilla Shirer. *Join this 7-session journey through the life and times of the prophet Elijah to discover how the fire on Mount Carmel was forged in the valley of famine. And how the emboldened, fiery faith you desire is being fashioned by God in your life right now.* To sign-up or for questions, contact Tracy Marshall or the church office.

**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!

**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!



## 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 First Baptist Church.

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

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



## Thank You

We are greatly humbled by the generosity of our congregation. So far, this year's offering, combined with pledges, is a total of \$42,279. 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 fund, please drop your gift in the regular offering with the notation of "Oktoberfest."



## Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 16, immediately following the morning worship service. 2022 budget information will be emailed to all members by December 15. If you do not receive this via email, please let Kim know. Pastor Jerry is also putting together an Annual Report that will cover all ministries which will be emailed as well. We will not have a potluck after the meeting.

1. Approval of the 2022 budget.
2. Affirmation of the 2022 Elder Ministry Team (which is the same as 2021): Jason Avery, Brian Bocock, Steve Follman, Janette Hendrix, and Rob Zantello

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



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## CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Join us for a special time of worship on

*Christmas Eve*

**Friday, December 24**

**6:00 pm**

**If you would like to participate in the Christmas  
Eve service (sing, dance, instrumental, etc.),  
please contact Pastor Jerry.**



# weekly opportunities

**mission café:** Sundays | 9:00-10:15am

**children's sunday school:** Sundays | 9:15am | Resource Room

- Ages 5 years old through 5th grade
- Contact Janette Hendrix 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 | Library

- Ages 5 years old through 5th grade
- Contact Alyssa Newell for questions or more information.

**aftermath:** Sundays | 12:00pm | Upstairs

- Discuss the morning's sermon and message over lunch
- Contact Pastor Jerry for questions or more information.

**youth group:** Sundays | 2:00-4:00pm | Classroom 2

- Middle & High School students
- Contact Allie Wilson for questions or more information.

**men's bible study:** Tuesdays | 7-8:30pm | Library

- Contact Paul Fitton for questions or more information.

**church office open:** Wednesdays | 10:00am-4:00pm

**bible study:** Wednesdays | 9:30-11:30am | Library

- Contact Vasha Ferguson for questions or more information.

**women's craft group:** Thursdays | 6:30pm | Library

- Contact Tracy Marshall to participate.

**men's basketball:** Saturdays | 1:30-2:30pm | Gym

- Contact Josiah O'Conner to participate.

**coming soon**

- **Christmas Eve Service** - Friday, 12/24 | 6:00pm | FBC Sanctuary
- **Women's Bible Study** - Wednesdays | 6:30pm | beginning 1/12
- **Annual Meeting** - Sunday, 1/16 | after worship | sanctuary

# prayerREQUESTS and PRAISES

We express our deepest sympathy to **Marge Benham and Dean & Linda Newell and their family** upon the peaceful passing of Marge's husband and Linda's father, Ben Benham on 12/8. A memorial service will be held in January. The family greatly appreciates all the prayers and support given throughout Ben's struggle with Alzheimer's disease.

**Joshua Johnson** has been released from the hospital and is recovering from Covid at home.

**Linda Pries** is scheduled for a total reverse shoulder replacement surgery on 12/14 which will require an overnight hospitalization.

**Susan Seitz** is recovering from shoulder replacement surgery.

**John Ellis** is stationed in Washington state and is still having heart and/or lung related issues. He continues testing and asks for prayers that the Army process would be swifter and speed up as he feels like he is regressing more and more as he is waiting for answers.

**Fany** one of the tutors at El Ayudante (where Missionaries Amir & Denise Hodge serve in Honduras) who lost her 14 year-old daughter on 11/15.

**Elliot Keys** (8 year-old son of Ashley Ampersee who is a coworker of Tracy Marshall) is going home! He is doing fantastic and pretty much back to his normal self, relatively speaking. He still has a long way to go physically, but his cognitive ability has been an amazing answer to prayer. He doesn't have a release date yet, but his home is being prepped for wheelchair accessibility so it's ready for him when he is discharged.

**Roy & Sue Richmond and their family** upon the loss of Sue's mother, Mary Stainbrook, on 11/8 following a massive stroke.

**Penny Alexander** (friend of Bruce & Vasha Ferguson) has stage 4 COPD and is struggling with a severe cold. Please pray for healing.

**Rose Ely** (Tracy Marshall's grandma) fell and broke her femur at mid-thigh. She is now in a rehab facility, but is not eating well.

**Pastor Jerry Koller** is recovering from corrective foot surgery.

**Steve Follman** is recovering from a successful hip replacement surgery.

**Linda Rooker** is recovering from a successful hip replacement surgery.

Check out our monthly prayer card on-line at [southhavenfbc.com](http://southhavenfbc.com) under "General Info" for a list of those with on-going needs.

# 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
Jason Avery, Adjunct Pastor ___	269-370-3143	Alyssa Newell, Children's Worship	
Kim Collins, Office _____	269-767-2226	_____	269-906-0367
Doug Zantello, Outreach _____	269-427-7000		

### elder ministry team

Janette Hendrix, chair \_\_\_\_\_ 269-767-5785

### deacon ministry team

Vasha Ferguson, chair \_\_\_\_\_ 269-906-0083

## 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 [MinistryOne](#) and keep informed on your phone or tablet.
- **Online Giving:** <https://www.shebygiving.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, 10:00am-4:00pm
- For additional information or help on any of these items, please contact the office.

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