

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.



Annual Meeting

Information has been mailed to each household. If you did not receive yours, please let Kim know. You can read Pastor Jerry's letter regarding this by clicking [here](#). There are four items on the ballot:

1. Approval of a Bylaw change. To review this proposed change, click [here](#).
2. Approval of the 2021 budget. Click [here](#) to review an explanation.
3. Approval of a new Elder, Brian Boccock, to serve on the Elder Ministry Team.
4. Affirmation of the 2021 Elder Ministry Team. To see a list of the Elders, see the online [ballot sample](#).

Please Note: Each member needs to return one ballot to the church office by January 17, 2021. For your convenience, a self-addressed stamped envelope was included in the mailing. **IMPORTANT: A "Yes" or "No" checkbox for question #1 on your ballot regarding the Bylaw proposal change is missing. Please be sure to handwrite your answer of "Yes" or "No" next to this question so the ballot is fully completed.**

Annual Reports: Due to the lack of activities at church this past year because of the pandemic, we will not have Annual Reports available. A final financial report will be prepared in January and sent once the year-end reconciliation has been finalized.

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The 2020 ballot includes a request to approve a new Elder, Brian Bocock, to serve on our Elder Ministry Team. Here is some information to get to know him a little better:

Brian Bocock



Brian has been a member of First Baptist Church his entire life, and is the son of Joyce and Edward Bocock. Brian has been an active member of the choir, church musicals, a soloist, and a nursery volunteer.

Brian is currently employed as Vice President of Product Management and Owner Relations for Naturipe Farms, where he performs supply strategies and analytics for all types of berries and acts as mediator for the corporate owners of the companies. He is also part owner of New Day Blueberry Farms and Bumbleberry Acres, with his family. Brian and his wife Beth have 5 children, ages 20-14. In his spare time Brian enjoys spending time with his family, driving around the family farms dreaming of future plans, and fishing. Brian is excited for the opportunity to bring his strengths of planning, budgeting, and analytics to the Elder Ministry team.



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

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!...Teanna McIntosh (12/20); Joyce Bockock (12/23); and Annette Hatfield (12/27).

Sympathy...We extend our condolences to Ken & Tina Dell and their family upon the loss of Tina's mother, Paula Chambers, on 12/15 following complications from a Covid infection.

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 here! 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.

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 by 12/21...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. Please respond by December 13. 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.

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Ken & Tina Dell and their family upon the loss of Tina's mother, Paula Chambers, on 12/15 following complications from Covid.

Rafael Cabrera (friend of Bob & Kim Collins) has a kidney transplant scheduled for 12/30. His wife, Rachel, will be a donor to another individual (who then has someone who will donate so Rafael gets his kidney since she isn't a match). Rachel's surgery will be in the morning followed by Rafael's surgery in the afternoon. Pray for a successful procedure, a speedy recovery for both of them, and that Rafael's body doesn't reject his new kidney.

Ken Wagner (friend of Stan & Jean Robinson) has been in remission from lymphoma for a few years, but it's back. He will meet with the doctor on 12/17 to decide on treatment options.

The family of Paul Haiderer (Sandi Starland's cousin) who passed away suddenly on Sunday, 12/6.

Dean and Linda Newell and their family upon the death of Linda's brother-in-law, Todd Wiersum, on 12/4 following complications from Covid.

John & Susan Seitz and their family upon the loss of Susan's stepfather, Robert Pollard, on 12/1 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.

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.

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.

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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.

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
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

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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