

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!...Pat Fitton (10/23) and Holly Norman (10/28).

Happy Anniversary!...Rob & Brandy Zantello (10/25, 20 years).

Next Week's Servants (10/29)

- *Café Bakers:* Pat Fitton (casserole) | Marianne Foskett (banana bread)
- *Café Attendant:* Marianne Foskett
- *Nursery:* Allie Wilson, Paul Fitton
- *Sound Tech:* Don Jenks

Wheelchair Ramp Needed..Doug Zantello is coordinating the project of building a wheelchair ramp at the home of Renee Goff (5668 109th Avenue, Pullman). Pending good weather, we are hoping to have two workdays. On Friday, 11/3, the posts will be set and then on Saturday, 11/4 the remainder of the deck will be finished. Start time will be 9:00am. Please bring your own tools. If you are able to help, please let Doug know (call/text 269-427-7000) or contact Kim in the church office (email southhavenfbc@gmail.com or call/text 269-767-2226) as soon as possible. Many hands make light work and the more help we have, the faster this project will go.

Oktoberfest Sunday: 11/5 - Be Prepared!...November 5 is our Oktoberfest Sunday. We plan to have an interactive service on this day and will have an open mic opportunity for the congregation to encourage others by sharing their personal blessings and how God has been faithful. *Please come to worship prepared to do two things: present a financial gift of gratitude and share how God has blessed you this year.*

Hanging of the Greens..We will host our annual "*Hanging of the Greens*" and decorate the church for the holiday season on November 18 starting at 9:00am. Depending on how many people help, this activity usually takes 3-4 hours. For questions, please contact the church office.

prayerREQUESTS&PRAISES

- **Susie** (friend of Tracy Marshall) had a great turn around and the doctor is now talking about sending her to a rehab facility. Praise God for the good news! .
- **Gretchen, Jay & John** (acquaintances of Rocky & Sandi Starland) upon the unexpected loss of their son, Robert, who took his own life in early October. Gretchen is the ballet teacher of Rocky & Sandi's granddaughter.
- **Rocky & Sandi Starland and their family** upon the death of Sandi's cousin, Peter Greko, on 10/1.
- **Tara Yousef** (niece of Doug & Julie Zantello), her four children, and their extended family upon the loss of her 36-year-old husband Steven on 9/27.
- **Scott Newton** (Roberta Newton's son) has had a full recovery and is doing well.
- **Kendra Newton** (Roberta Newton's granddaughter) is recovering from back surgery in Florida and doing well.
- **Caroline Bocock** is dealing with a Lyme Disease and is receiving a treatment regimen that looks promising. Please pray that it is effective and that she will be feeling better soon.
- **The Marshall Family.** Continue to pray for Nolan who is still struggling.
- **Joyce Bocock** has completed chemo and radiation; praise God that both tumors have shrunk significantly more than expected; evaluating additional treatment options.
- Check out our monthly prayer card on-line at southhavenfbc.com under "General Info" for a **list of those with on-going needs**

youth group



Building 412

Building 412 - FBC Youth Group presents:

Live Among Us: Dark Mode

Where: First Baptist Church of South Haven - 1635 76th St.
South Haven, MI 49090

When: Sunday, October 29 @ 1:30 - 3:30pm

Who: Anyone Fourth Grade and up - including any adults who want to join in the fun.

What: Based off of the popular video game Among Us, we will be playing a live version of the game. For those unfamiliar with the game it is similar to the game Mafia.

- There is up to 2 imposters who are unknown to the crewmates (players) and their goal is to get everyone out before the crewmates finish their tasks. Crewmates, your job is to finish your task and figure out who the imposters are.

- In this version of Live Among Us the lights will be out and only the tasks and the emergency meeting table will have lights.

- There will be snacks available and a short Bible Study before we start the game.

For any questions please contact Julie Newell via email at juliannenewell@outlook.com.

Please RSVP by October 22





PumpkinFest

WHEN? TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

TIME? 6:30–8:30 PM

WHO? KIDS AGES 2 YRS. OLD–5TH GRADE

(All Children Must Be Accompanied by an Adult age 18 or older)

WHERE? FBC GYM

WHAT? PumpkinFest provides a **FREE** festive, carnival-type atmosphere **INDOORS**. Kids and their parents can enjoy an evening of **FREE** games, food and treats (no tricks!). Hot coffee, popcorn, and cotton candy will be served. If the weather is rainy or cold, this is a great alternative to trick-or-treating! Or, stop by after you're finished trick-or-treating, have more fun and get more candy! This is a children's event and costumes should be "G" rated—please no scary or violent attire. **[SIGN-UP ONLINE](#) OR IN THE FOYER AND LET US KNOW HOW YOU WILL HELP!**



Got Candy?

We need a LOT of it brought in for PumpkinFest! If possible, we are asking that each household bring in two or more bags of candy to church each Sunday through October 29. Please leave your candy bags in the pumpkin can outside the church office door. Thanks for your help!



Oktoberfest Celebration

*"They (we) will
celebrate your
abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of
your
righteousness."*
(Psalm 145:7)

A Time to Give: Oktoberfest Offering

On Sunday, November 5, we will receive a special Oktoberfest Offering. During our morning worship service, we will have an opportunity to present a monetary gift to God in thanksgiving for His abundant blessings and in joyful celebration of being a church who is committed to being what God wants us to be. We will receive an extremely important Oktoberfest Offering which will be used solely for payment of our building mortgage (annually about \$36,000.00). Besides celebrating God's goodness, our Oktoberfest Celebration will also be a time when we can recommit ourselves to fulfilling God's calling "To Know Him and Make Him Known" and to the goal of living out our faith together.

We are looking forward to what 2024 will bring as we see how God will use our building to impact the lives of others in our community. If you are unable to join us for the service, we hope you'll consider either mailing or making an online contribution ahead of time. Your offering is vital to our ability to pay the mortgage. We thank you for prayerfully considering how you can contribute.

A Time of Fellowship

Following our worship service on November 5, we will enjoy a time of food and fellowship with a Potluck Dinner. Please bring a main/side dish AND a dessert to share that feeds at least 10-12 people. Sign up at <https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/LXBV1183> to let us know what you're bringing and to avoid too many duplicate dishes.

A Time to Help

If you're able to help with the potluck (set-up, serving, and/or clean-up), please [SIGN-UP HERE](#) or contact Kim Collins.

Trivia Night



*Saturday, November 18
6:00pm | Upstairs at FBC*

We invite you to join us for our annual Fall Trivia Night, featuring all new categories, as we raise funds for True Vine Equestrian Center [www.truevineequestrian.org].

- * \$100 per table.
(Proceeds benefit True Vine Equestrian Center)
- * 8-10 people per table
(Table hosts will coordinate or bring snacks and drinks for their group)
- * Heads or Tails: 2 Rounds/ \$5 to play each
- * \$1 mulligans - up to 10 per table.
- * Door Prizes and More!
- * Childcare is available.
- * For questions or more info, contact the church office southhavenfbc@gmail.com 269-637-1291.



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 FBC.

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

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



WE CARE

COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

Holiday Blessings Campaign

We Care's Holiday Programs

Assistance Provided for Families in Need:

If you need assistance providing food or gifts for your family this holiday season, call or visit the We Care office to see how we can help. Please bring one of the following:

- DHHS Decision Notice for assistance (ie: food benefits or cash assistance)
- Free/reduced lunch letter from your child's school
- Income verification (check stub) and birth certificates for all children being signed up
- Or call the office and we can help you figure out the best thing for your family

Visit us at 1301 M-43 Hwy, Suite 2B in South Haven

Gift Distributions

South Haven: Christmas Hope, partnered with First Assembly of God.

Parents get to shop in a "Toys-R-Us" style space and pick out gifts for their children. Families sign up through We Care and are assigned a date and time to "shop". A volunteer guides them through age-appropriate areas to pick out special gifts their child will enjoy. Donation boxes for gifts are located in businesses around South Haven. Serving residents of South Haven, Covert, Glenn, Lacota, Breedsville, and Grand Junction.

Bangor: Santa's Workshop, partnered with Sacred Heart Catholic Church and St. Vincent de Paul.

Parents are provided with a form to list specific gifts their children would like. Volunteers pack gifts specific to each family. Donation boxes located throughout Bangor. Serving residents of Bangor.

TEENTidings, partnered with donors throughout the community.

Parents sign up through We Care. Donors provide specific baskets for teens. Serving residents of South Haven, Covert, Glenn, Lacota, Breedsville, Grand Junction, and Bangor.

Meal Baskets Donations

A **complete meal** for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas just like you'd serve at home:

- Meat - ham, turkey, pot roast, or pork shoulder.
- 2+ sides - veggies, casserole, potatoes.
- Rolls - refrigerated, canned, or bakery items.
- Desserts - pie, cake, ice-cream, whipped cream, candy, cookies.
- All necessary ingredients, such as milk and butter for mashed potatoes; eggs, oil and frosting for cake mix, butter and jelly for rolls, etc.
- Place all in a reusable container, such as a tote, laundry basket or crate.

Distributed out of a public location, such as a church, business or the We Care office.



Gift Donations

Gifts Suggestions for kids 0 - 13 years: Blocks, learning toys, stuffed animals, Lego, sports balls, art supplies board games, head-phones, sports equipment, and bath items. Drop off locations throughout South Haven and Bangor (listings at www.wecare-inc.org)

TEENTidings suggestions:

- **Earbuds**, ear phones or headphones
- **Toiletries** such as body wash, nail kits and care, lotions, hair care, deodorant, gift sets, etc.
- **Blanket** any size, shape or color
- **Gift Card** for \$10 to a local restaurant, store or theater
- **Reading Material** such as magazine, graphic novel, crossword puzzles, word search.

All in a basket (no clothing); valued around \$75

269-637-4342 | 269-427-9581

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weekly opportunities

mission café

Sundays | 9:00-10:15am | Mission Café

children's sunday school

Sundays | 9:15-10:15am | Children's Worship Room

- Ages 5 years old through 5th grade
- Contact Bailey Finch for questions or more information.

worship

Sundays | 10:30am | Sanctuary

- Join us in-person, or watch live on [Facebook](#) or view later in the week on [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.
- Contact Alyssa Newell 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.

church office hours

Wednesdays | 11:00am-4:00pm

bible study

Thursdays | 9:30-11:00am | Conference Room

- Contact Tina Wilburn for questions or more information.

women's craft group

Thursdays | 6:30pm | Upstairs

- Contact Tracy Marshall for questions or more information.

coming soon

- *Youth Group: Among Us Event* | Sunday, 10/29 | 1:30-3:30pm | Upstairs
- *Pumpkinfest* | Tuesday, 10/31 | 6:30-8:30pm | FBC Gym
- *Oktoberfest* | Sunday, 11/5 during worship | Potluck to follow
- *Fall Trivia Night* | Friday, 11/10 | 6:00-9:00pm | FBC Upstairs
- *Hanging of the Greens* | Saturday, 11/18 | more details to follow

our purpose

To Know Him and Make Him Known

our mission

Living Out Our Faith Together

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stay informed

- **Web Page:** Be sure to check out our website at 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 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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