

# 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!**...Griffin Rooker (11/16) and Ken Dell (11/19).

**Next Week's Servants (11/28):**

- *Café Bakers*: Sandi Starland (pigs in a blanket) | Marge Dumbaugh (donuts)
- *Mission Café*: Marge Dumbaugh
- *Nursery*: Chelsea Hagger, Patty Bales

**Pumpkinfest Trunk or Treat Pictures Wanted!**...If you took pictures at our Trunk or Treat, please give copies to the office either via Google dropbox, on a thumbdrive, or stop by and have Kim take them directly off your device. Thank you!

**Cook Needed for Local Ministry!**...Open Door is a local ministry that has been in operation for over 20 years. A free meal is provided to anyone once a week on Tuesday afternoon. Many churches in the South Haven area participate with the First United Methodist church who hosts this ministry in their kitchen and dining hall. Each week, a different church has volunteers come to cook and/or serve the food. Since COVID-19, meals have been boxed in takeout containers, where recipients can drive up and take the desired number of containers for their household. One of the cooks is retiring and there is a need to fill this spot. I was asked if someone from FBC would like to take on this ministry of cooking. There is a retired professional chef that would be willing to train this person or team of persons who would be cooking for about 100 people once a month. A different team comes in to "box" the meal and take it to the cars in the parking lot at 6pm. If you'd like to learn more about this ministry opportunity, please catch me at church on a Sunday or contact me at 269-767-2883. One afternoon a month to help in a local ministry that helps someone stretch their food budget is one of the most worthwhile ministries I have participated in since it started, along with We Care INC. Give it some prayer time and listen for God's answer. ~Rocky Starland

**We Care: Christmas Hope Program!**...We Care is accepting items for their Christmas Hope program which allows eligible parents to come and "shop" for their children from a supply of donated toys, stuffed animals, hats and mittens, stocking stuffers, crafts, family games, books and personal care items. All recipients are cleared through We Care to insure need and eligibility. If you would like to make a contribution, items can be brought to FBC and placed in the box in the foyer or dropped off directly to First Assembly of God Church (06500 Blue Star Highway). For questions or more information, contact 269-214-6208.



## 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 **\$41,479**. 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."



**Saturday, December 11**  
**6:00pm**  
**Upstairs at FBC**

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a mini-trivia night that will be a primer for our normal event in March 2022. We will have a "Best of Trivia" and use two categories each from our 2015-2019 events. 8-10 people per table. Table hosts will coordinate or bring snacks and drinks for their group. Childcare provided. Cost will be \$10 per table payable in cash on the night of the event. The winning table will receive the entire registration amount collected as a prize. For questions or more information, contact Kim Collins.

Let us know if we should plan on your attendance: [click here](#) to sign-up online; stop by the Welcome Center to sign up; or contact Kim Collins (email [southhavenfbc@gmail.com](mailto:southhavenfbc@gmail.com) or call/text 269-767-2226).



## christmas box collection

We are collecting items to send in Christmas boxes to our FBC military members [John Ellis, Stephen Koller & Mitch Rooker] - plus if we get enough items, we'll send additional boxes to Stephen to share with those he is stationed with in the Middle East. If you'd like to donate items, please leave them on the cart in the foyer by Sunday, December 12. Some suggested items are:

- ☞ Hostess/Little Debbie Snacks (swiss cake rolls, zebra cakes, honey buns, etc.)
- ☞ Packaged candy (no chocolate, except M&M's)
- ☞ Pre-packaged Holiday Cookies
- ☞ Candy Canes
- ☞ Cheese Logs (non-perishable)
- ☞ Crackers for Beef and Cheese (Ritz, Club, etc.)
- ☞ Cracker Sandwiches
- ☞ Beef Jerky or Sticks (pork and pork by-products are not allowed)
- ☞ Pumpkin/Sunflower Seeds, Nuts
- ☞ Trail Mix
- ☞ Mints or Gum
- ☞ Granola or high protein bars
- ☞ Pringles/canned chips
- ☞ Individual Drink Flavor Sticks
- ☞ Coffee
- ☞ Flavored Creamers (individual sizes)
- ☞ Dried Fruit
- ☞ Peanut Butter
- ☞ Toilet Paper
- ☞ Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- ☞ Chapstick
- ☞ Hand Lotion
- ☞ Eye Drops
- ☞ Deodorant
- ☞ Disposable Razors, Shaving Gel
- ☞ Cotton Swabs, Tissue (small packs)
- ☞ Baby Wipes
- ☞ Disinfecting Wipes
- ☞ Sunscreen
- ☞ Crossword Puzzle Books
- ☞ Playing Cards
- ☞ Men's Socks
- ☞ Waterless hand sanitizer
- ☞ Nerf Balls, Frisbees, Travel Size Games
- ☞ Anything else you think would be yummy, helpful, or enjoyed!



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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**

- **Trivia Night** - Saturday, 12/11 | 6:00pm | upstairs

# prayerREQUESTS and PRAISES

**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.

**Barb Harris** (Allie Wilson's mom) is improving after receiving fluids and treatment for Covid. She continues to recover at home.

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

The **family of Aaron Umbanhower** who passed away on 10/23 from Covid. Aaron was a previous member of our youth group and is the brother of Amber Wilburn (who is Tina Wilburn's daughter-in-law).

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

**John Ellis** is stationed in Washington state and is having some heart issues. Doctors believe it may be related to smoke inhalation from fighting wildfires. He is on light duty for the next month until test results are available.

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

**Elliot Keys** (8 year-old son of Ashley Ampersee who is a coworker of Tracy Marshall) continues to be hospitalized at U of M in Ann Arbor as he recovers from a car accident which resulted in one leg being amputated and part of his other foot being removed.

**Linda Rooker** is recovering from a successful hip replacement surgery. Pray for a speedy healing and minimal pain.

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**.



## 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
- ◆ Bagels

- ◆ English Muffins
- ◆ Snacks

- ◆ Hot & Cold Beverages
- ◆ And more!

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

# 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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