

Welcome



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 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.

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.

We are Here for You



We realize that this can be a difficult and stressful time for many of our church members. As this stay-at-home order continues to be in effect and many of you are unable to work, financial hardships can be an issue. Concerns and worry about the virus, financial issues, being stuck at home, etc. can be creating emotional and psychological stress. Your spiritual wellness may be struggling as we are unable to worship together and connect with church family on a regular basis.

We are here for you!! If you need assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Let us know how we can pray for you! You can submit a confidential request through our website (southhavenfbc.com) or by emailing either Pastor Jerry or Kim directly. In addition, we have persons willing to shop for those who cannot go to the store themselves or help in other ways too.

While we do not have unlimited financial resources, we do have some funds available. If you are in a good spot and willing/able to help others in need, perhaps you would consider a donation to our Benevolent Fund to help those who are struggling during this time.

We are all in this together! If you have suggestions or ideas about how we can support one another, please let us know.

announcements

COVID 19/Corona Virus

- Current Status: In addition to all FBC activities being cancelled until further notice, we are prohibiting access to the building to everyone unless specific permission has been granted by Pastor Jerry. If you need to come to the church, please contact Pastor Jerry in advance.
- Communication is Important! The key to getting through this is to communicate and continue to support each other however we can. Kim Collins will be working from home as much as possible. Please do not hesitate to contact her via church email, or by calling/texting her cell at 269-767-2226 if you have any questions or need assistance (grocery delivery, meals, etc.) during this time. We have church members ready and willing to help.
- Be Safe: Please be smart in safeguarding yourselves—not only for your sake, but for the sake of others. If you are sick, stay home.
- Be Faithful: Please be financially faithful. Even if you cannot gather with us, please remember that we still have expenses that need to be met.
- Be Prayerful: Please be in prayer for one another and for our nation at large.

Happy Birthday...Janette Hendrix (4/19); Taylor Zantello (4/20); and Linda Newell (4/24).

Happy Anniversary!...Dave & Connie Hollis (4/20, 35 years) and Pastor Jerry & Annette Koller (4/25, 39 years).

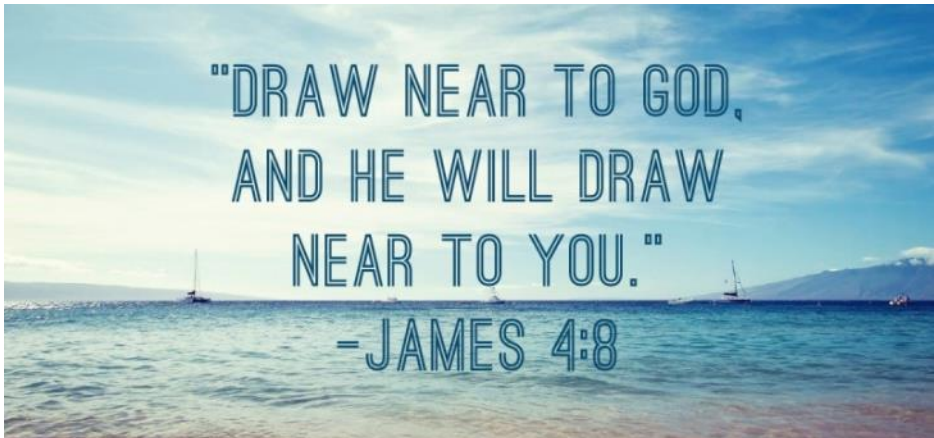
New Theology Class: Starts 4/19...The Theology 1 course is being offered via Zoom video conference starting April 19. If you're interested contact the church office or Rob Zantello.

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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Midweek Opportunities Via Zoom Video Conferences

- *Children's Sunday School*...Janette Hendrix is leading this class for children ages 5 years through 5th grade via Zoom on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15 AM. If you'd like your child to be included, please call/text Janette at 269-767-5785 or by email at janetteahendrix@gmail.com.
- *Youth Group*...Allie Wilson is working on getting this group together via Zoom. If your middle or high school teen is interested in participating, please call/text Allie's cell (269-598-0333), call her home line (269-639-8001) or email her at allenewilson3@gmail.com.
- *Women's Bible Study*...Brandy Zantello is leading this group via Zoom on Tuesday evenings beginning at 6:40 PM. They are currently studying "The Armor of God" by Priscilla Shirer. If you're interested in joining, please call/text Brandy at 269-906-0055 or via email at branzantello@hotmail.com.
- *Bible Study*...Vasha Ferguson is leading this group via Zoom on Wednesday mornings beginning at 9:30 AM. They are currently studying the book of James. If you're interested in joining, please call/text Vasha at 269-906-0083, call her home number at 269-434-8196 or via email at vashaferguson@yahoo.com.



"DRAW NEAR TO GOD,
AND HE WILL DRAW
NEAR TO YOU."
-JAMES 4:8

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Esther Sullivan is recovering from successful surgery.

Betty Nestrick (grandmother of Dan Marshall) is in a nursing home, receiving Hospice care, and continues to refuse food, water and medication. The facility will not allow family members to visit due to Coronavirus concerns. Pray for peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Paul & Vonnie Bodnar (uncle & aunt of Eric & Tom Brower) are recovering at home from Covid-19.

Chan (former neighbor of John & Debbie Owens) is a 50-something year old woman with Down's syndrome who is on a ventilator with Covid 19 in the Detroit area.

The Family of Randy Hoffman (nephew of Alice Avery, Judi Beckwith & Doris Sutherland) who passed away on 4/14 following a very short battle with melanoma that spread to brain cancer.

The Family of Phil Beckwith (uncle of Kim Collins) who passed away on 4/11 following a short battle with cancer.

Jason Wilburn (son of Bill & Tina Wilburn) has returned home from the hospital. He received biopsy results, and praise God that he does not have cancer. Doctors believe he has a bacterial or fungal infection in his lungs, along with possibly an underlying asthma issue. They are trying to pinpoint the exact kind of infection so they can treat accordingly.

Janie Kempski and her family upon the unexpected death of Janie's husband, Mike, who passed away in his sleep on 4/6. Janie is a former FBC member and an in-law to Curt & Patty Bales.

Elijah Truer (nephew of Doug & Julie Zantello) continues to recover from surgery requiring 14 pins and 2 plates for a broken leg following a skateboarding accident.

Alyssa Zantello (niece of Doug & Julie Zantello) who is a physician's assistant and has traveled to New York City to help with the corona virus outbreak there. Pray for safety and protection as well as energy and stamina as she serves in this way.

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Crystal Jennings (sister of Tracy Marshall's brother-in-law, Louie) is diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer. She has begun chemo. Pray for treatments to be successful. Also pray that Louie isn't a genetic carrier of the breast cancer gene and that it hasn't passed to his daughters (Tracy's nieces).

Dave & Linda Ferrell and their family upon the death of Dave's brother, Don Ferrell, who passed away on 3/29.

Nancy Crowner (friend of Jean Robinson) is recovering from breast cancer surgery.

The Family of Lois Jury (sister-in-law of Steve Follman) who passed away on 4/1.

Mike Underwood (Rocky & Sandi Starland's son-in-law's father) continues to have heart issues following surgery.

Allen Quinn (34 year-old nephew of Jim & Marialice Quinn) is recovering from a massive brain stem stroke. He continues therapy in Chicago and is slowly improving.

Lynn Rarick continues to heal from spinal surgery.

Anna, Gabe, Samantha and Caroline Boccock have all been diagnosed with Lyme disease.

Edna Frugé is staying with her daughter in Ohio. Her health has improved and she is currently stable. Cards can be sent to Edna Frugé, c/o Monica Holland, 5493 Bermuda Bay Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43235.

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

WeCarePantryCollection

We will continue our Food Pantry collection for We Care which is needed now more than ever! Please bring your non-perishable items directly to the First Congregational Church on Phoenix Street. We suggest calling ahead (637-3804) to make sure someone is there to receive your items.

Suggested items are:

- Cereal
- Dry Pasta
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Tuna
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Crackers
- Rice-A-Roni
- Pork & Beans
- Canned Soup
- Peanut Butter
- Oatmeal

For questions, contact the church office. Thank you for helping those in our community who are in need.

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
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 newsletter online at www.southhavenfbc.com each month for all the latest events and news.

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