

## Welcome

**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**

Church family is considered to be all ages and everyone is welcomed to the sanctuary. Our regular nurseries are currently closed due to Covid-19; however, parents are invited to use our Prayer Room (to the left of the sanctuary) where they can conveniently hear and observe the worship service if they feel the need to remove themselves and their children from the sanctuary.

### **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.



## Join us Sunday, November 1, for a Special Worship Service!

### 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.

While this year has been off-kilter in so many ways, we are looking forward to what 2021 will bring as well as 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. While the year 2020 seems to have been a standstill in many aspects, our church bills have continued to need to be paid and this offering is vital to our ability to pay the mortgage. We thank you for prayerfully considering how you can contribute.

*[Due to the pandemic, we will forego our potluck this year, but hopefully will be able to hold one following our annual meeting in January.]*

# 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!**...Tom Craig (10/20); Rocky Starland (10/21); Sheli Sobralski (10/22); and Pat Fitton (10/23).

**Happy Anniversary!**...Curt & Patty Bales (10/20, 19 years); Jim & Marialice Quinn (10/23, 49 years); and Rob & Brandy Zantello (10/25, 17 years).

**Congratulations!**...Paul and Pat Fitton are thrilled to announce the birth of their new granddaughter, Lila June Fitton. Lila was born on Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 8:18pm to Kyle and Emily Fitton of Kentwood, Michigan. Emily, Lila and Kyle are doing well, and Lila, now two weeks old, was described today by her Mom as being "awake much more during the day. She loves to have her tummy time with Daddy and is quite the hungry hippo, weighing in at close to nine pounds now." Lila is Paul and Pat's first granddaughter and their third grandchild. Cousins Samuel and Christopher Wulpi of Pittsburgh want to know if Lila is ready to play cars yet.

**Virtual Baby Shower: Hailey Watson, 10/20.** You are invited to celebrate Hailey and Grady Watson's baby girl, Emberly Grace, who is expected to arrive in November. Join us via a virtual baby shower on October 20, at 7:30 pm, using Zoom. Before this date, please plan to pick up a packet at church this Sunday from Brandy Zantello for active participation in the fun including a diaper raffle, games, prizes, and a chance to see the adorable things that have been gifted to Hailey and Grady for their baby girl. To arrange delivery, for questions, or more information, please contact Chelsea Hagger (920)763-3412. You can join the Zoom Meeting/Virtual Shower using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86863221015> Meeting ID: 868 6322 1015. If you don't have it already, you will need to download the Zoom program/app to your laptop or phone. Hailey is registered at Amazon.com [<https://smile.amazon.com/baby-reg/hailey-watson-november-2020-coloma/36KVJWYGRYK79>] for ease of shipping, but if you would rather use another website or gift something handmade, please drop your gift off at church to Hailey & Grady Watson or Chelsea Hagger or mail to: Hailey Watson, 2001 Peterson Dr., Benton Harbor, MI 49022.

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**Youth Group...**Teens grades 6th-12th are invited to join us on Sundays from 2:00-4:00 PM in Classroom 2. For questions, contact Allie Wilson or Tina Wilburn.

**Children's Sunday School:** Children ages 5 years—5th grade are invited to join us on Sundays from 9:30-10:15 in the Resource Room. For questions, contact Janette Hendrix.

**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 coming! 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.

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## *Announcements from We Care I.N.C.*

**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>

**Paddle Auction: Now thru 10/31..**The Downtown Association South Haven is auctioning paddles to benefit We Care. They are beautiful, hand painted paddles created by numerous gifted individuals throughout our community. Paddles are on display at Harbor Light Brewery. Go to <https://www.32auctions.com/paddles2020> to learn more! !

**Thanksgiving and Christmas Meal Baskets Needed..**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. 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](mailto:Lynn@wecare-inc.org) to sign up to receive or donate.

**Christmas Gift Give-Away..**Christmas is coming and that means We Care's Project Christmas Hope (South Haven) and St. Nicholas Village (Bangor) are gearing up. They are in desperate need of gifts for children, ages 0-16. If you would like to help out, you can drop off gifts at the We Care offices Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 9:30-12:30 each week from now until December 15. There will be donation locations throughout the South Haven and Bangor communities within the next few weeks- check their website for a complete list coming soon. Some gift suggestions: dolls, hair products and accessories, bath or hygiene sets, LEGO, Gift cards worth \$10 to any store or restaurant, sports balls, radio-controlled cars, and stuffed animals. Go to <https://www.wecare-inc.org/holiday-programs> to see the full list. Thank you for helping to bless our community's kids!

# prayerREQUESTSandPRAISES

**Mary Ann Jones** (Vasha Ferguson's godmother) is currently hospitalized as she is recovering from a fall. She is also suffering from dementia and is undergoing testing.

**Leslie Robinson** (friend of Vasha Ferguson) continues to have multiple health issues.

**Stan & Jean Robinson and their family** upon the loss of Stan's sister, Peggy Smothers, on 9/24.

**Crystal Jennings** (sister of Tracy Marshall's brother-in-law, Louie) latest bone scan showed slight improvement since June and marked improvement since March. She will continue back to her previous treatment every 3 weeks (no chemo) and her bone infusions will be every 3 months now instead of every 6 weeks.

**Linda Newell** is recovering from surgery for a total hysterectomy.

**Kevin & Andrea Tait** as they recover from the total loss of their home due to a fire on 9/15.

**Tina Dell** is having some health concerns and significant pain related to a hernia.

**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.

**Jim** (Rhonda Dobberstein's stepdad) had a recent cancer checkup and was told everything is excellent.

**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](http://southhavenfbc.com)

# opportunitiesthisweek

## sunday, 10/18

- 9:30 AM Children's Sunday School (Resource Room)
- Ages 5 years old through 5th grade
  - Contact Janette Hendrix for questions or more information.
- 10:30 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 AM Children's Worship (Gym)
- Ages 5 years old through 5th grade
  - Contact Alyssa Newell for questions or more information.
- 2:00 PM Youth Group (Classroom 2; until 4pm)
- Middle & High School Students
  - Contact Allie Wilson for questions or more information.

## monday, 10/19

- 7:00 PM Men's Group (Library; 'til 8)
- Studying Romans
  - Contact Dave Hollis for questions or more information.

## wednesday, 10/21

- 9:30 AM Berean Bible Study
- Studying *Adorned: Living Out the Beauty of the Gospel Together*
  - Meets in person at individuals' homes for those who are comfortable doing so. Zoom can be made available if requested.
  - To find out where they are meeting or if you're interested in joining, call/text Tina Wilburn at 269-767-4685 or email [2fifty7@gmail.com](mailto:2fifty7@gmail.com).
- 6:00 PM Worship Team Practice (Sanctuary; until 7)
- Contact Dean Newell for questions or more information.

## thursday, 10/22

- 6:30 PM Women's Craft Group (Library)
- Contact Tracy Marshall for questions or more information.

## sunday, 10/25

- 9:30 AM Children's Sunday School (Resource Room)
- 10:30 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 AM Children's Worship (Gym)
- 2:00 PM Youth Group (Classroom 2; until 4pm)

# 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](mailto:southhavenfbc@gmail.com) and give us your email address.
- Be sure to check out our website at [www.southhavenfbc.com](http://www.southhavenfbc.com) for all the latest events and news.

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