

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!...Patty Bales (3/25) and Kim Collins (3/29).

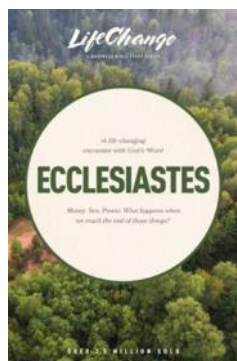
Happy Anniversary!...Don & Deb Jenks (3/26, 52 years); Bruce & Vasha Ferguson (3/28, 47 years); and Larry & Rhonda Dobberstein (3/30, 39 years).

Next Week's Servants (3/31)

- Café Bakers: *Closed for Easter*
- Café Attendant: *Closed for Easter*
- Nursery: Tracy Marshall, Gena Bassett
- Sound Tech: Rocky Starland

Love Offering...We have received a very generous offer to match donations received between now and March 31 to help a church family member with a special situation as they pursue hiring a lawyer regarding custody issues for their child. There is reason to believe that the non-custodial parent, who is grossly behind on child support, is placing the child in danger due to substance abuse. The lawyer fee is \$3500. Every little bit helps, and this is a great way to double your gift, and help this need be met! If you feel compelled to help, please make your payment to FBC with the note of "Love Offering: Lawyer" in the memo and turn your gift in between now and the end of the month. Thank you!

Bible Study Resumes 4/18...You are invited to join our Bible study group on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30am in the Conference Room. We will begin the LifeChange Bible Study on Ecclesiastes. *"Ecclesiastes is sometimes perceived as one of the most difficult books in Scripture but it's also one of the most rewarding. Launching you on an 8-week journey, this in-depth study addresses the quest for meaning, presence of evil, wisdom and foolishness, and other issues to help you understand God's ways in an often confusing and frustrating world."* Books are \$9 each. To sign-up, stop by the Welcome Center or contact Vasha Ferguson or Tina Wilburn.



Hearing Assistance Devices Now Available...We have purchased devices to help individuals with a hearing deficit to listen to the morning worship service better. The devices allow the user to control the volume based on their individual needs. They are available from the Sound Booth at the rear of the sanctuary and are cleaned and sanitized after each use. For questions, see Rocky Starland.

new youth bible study



YOUTH GROUP Bible Study

SUNDAYS | 9:15-10:15AM | CONFERENCE ROOM

- 📄 **What:** In place of afternoon Youth Group, we will have a Youth Bible Study on Sunday mornings. Join us as we go through the Mixtape Theology, a devotional and retrospective inspired by 90's Christian music and culture.
- 📄 **Who:** Anyone 5th grade and up
- 📄 **Where:** Conference Room
- 📄 **When:** Starting March 24, 9:15 - 10:15 am
- 📄 **Got ???s:** Contact Julie Newell (260-929-6688) or Allie Wilson (269-598-0333).

starts 3/24/2024

SederDinner

Wednesday, March 27

6:00 pm

First Baptist Church

(1635 76th Street, South Haven)



Join us as we celebrate Holy Week with this special event on March 27 at 6:00 PM at First Baptist Church. Come and hear our guest speaker, Douglas Carmel, from Rock of Israel Ministries, share the Gospel of Jesus Christ from a Messianic (born-again) Jewish perspective.

- Experience a true Passover meal celebration, including a meal that the Jews would have.
- Learn about how Christ is the center of Passover.
- There is no cost; however you MUST sign up at the Welcome Center or [online](#) by Sunday, March 24, so we can plan accordingly.
- If you are willing to help with set-up, cooking and/or serve the meal, and/or clean-up, please contact Kim (269-637-1291 or southhavenfbc@gmail.com).
- A love offering will be collected for our speaker.

Bring your Jewish and 'not so Jewish'
friends and neighbors!



Sign-Up Online

For more info, go to www.RockofIsrael.org.



Join us on
Easter Sunday!

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Easter Breakfast

We will have breakfast in the gym from 9:15-10:00 AM. Sunday School will not meet so families can enjoy breakfast together.

Worship Celebration

Following breakfast, join us for a special worship service at 10:30 as we honor our Risen Savior.

Get Involved!

- Help is needed for the breakfast!
- We also need people to bring egg casseroles or quiches that feed 10-12 people.
- [Sign-up online](#), at the Welcome Center, or by contacting Kim, and let us know how you'll help.
- For questions or more information, contact the office.

He Is Risen!

Trivia Night

*A Fundraiser
for True Vine
Equestrian
Center*



Saturday, April 13

6:00pm | Upstairs at FBC

We invite you to join us for our annual Spring 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.

Sign-Up Online



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!

urgentPRAYERrequest

Dear Friends,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to bring your attention to the critical situation currently faced by the people of Haiti, particularly in the city of Port au Prince, and request your prayers for peace and security.



Port au Prince, as the capital city, is at the epicenter of both government activities and the operations of various gangs. Sadly, the escalating violence has resulted in an alarming loss of life on a daily basis. The situation is dire, and the need for prayers has never been more urgent.

In addition to the general population, our church community is also bearing the brunt of these challenging circumstances. Our church buildings in Port au Prince and orphanage buildings have been destroyed, forcing us to move to a rented space in a relatively safer area. However, even in our new location, we find ourselves overwhelmed as more orphans seek refuge with us, desperately escaping the violence and destruction around them.

The well-being of these vulnerable children is of utmost concern to us. With limited resources, we are doing our best to provide them with the care they need, but the pressure is mounting. Therefore, we humbly request your prayers and support as we strive to offer them solace and a secure environment.

Furthermore, the impact of the ongoing unrest has affected the functioning of our churches and the accreditation process for our university has come to a standstill. This not only hampers our ability to minister to our congregation effectively, but also hinders the advancement of education and opportunities for the youth.

In this trying time, we believe in the power of collective prayer. We earnestly ask for your intercession for the people of Haiti, specifically for peace and security to be restored in Port au Prince. Please pray for the orphans who have sought refuge with us, that they find comfort, strength, and hope amidst the chaos. Additionally, we kindly request prayers for the resumption of normal church operations and the successful completion of the accreditation process for our university.

Your thoughts and prayers mean the world to us during these challenging times. Let us come together in solidarity, seeking divine intervention and guidance for Haiti and our church community.

May the peace of the Lord be with you and may your prayers bring the much-needed hope and healing to the people of Haiti.

Yours faithfully,

Pastor Jephthe Lucien

prayer REQUESTS & PRAISES

- **Terry Buckley** was unable to have surgery due to excessive fluid around his lungs and heart. He will be hospitalized at the Cleveland Clinic for at least a week while they try to remove the fluid and will then be re-evaluated once the medications have time to work.
- **Raelynn** (great-niece of Gena Poole) after blood work was sent out three times with one positive result, one inconclusive result, on the third test they finally got a negative result for the gene condition that was assumed she may have had. Praise God for answered prayers! She has been taken off from oxygen support, the feeding tube has been removed, and she is holding her own without them. Prayers that she continues to do well on her own are appreciated.
- **Jim Wheeler** (Renee Goff's uncle in Kansas City) is doing significantly better. All of his tubes have been removed and he is up and walking as well as eating and keeping food down. The family appreciates all of your prayers during this time.
- **Bruce Ferguson** had his medications adjusted and is continuing with his doctors for further treatment.
- **Lennon McKamey** (son of Kyle & Sarah McKamey) is consulting with a neurologist due to issues with blacking out and falling. Pray that a cause can be identified so proper treatment can be given. He is currently on anti-seizure medication and has additional testing scheduled for later this month.
- **Steve & Lisa Follman and their family** upon the loss of Lisa's mother, Martha Dubuisson on 2/23.
- **Rhonda Dobberstein** continues to heal from breast cancer surgery and pneumonia. She is feeling better, but still very weak and has little energy. She will start radiation in a few weeks. Pray that she regains strength and is feeling a bit more normal before then.
- **Nolan Marshall** was approved to receive services for another year. Praise God for answered prayers!

prayerREQUESTS and PRAISES (con't.)

- **Vincent Bryant** (son of Miriam Bryant) is dealing with multiple health issues: blood clots which are interfering with his dialysis treatments; continues to recover from a 2nd surgery on his left hand which resulted in one finger being amputated; issues with an ankle that prevents him from driving.
- **Miriam Bryant** has begun therapy for hip issues.
- **Pete Danapilis** is recovering from cataract surgery.
- **Anna Boccock** has Epstein Barr in addition to one strain of Lyme. She is waiting for next month's treatment to be done, will then take another blood test to see how the treatment performed, and once the tests come back she will hopefully be able to move forward with the Lyme disease treatments.
- **Caroline Boccock** is having some symptoms resurface so she will need to have more treatments. They are waiting for her most recent test results to come back, so they can determine which strain of Lyme's needs to be treated next.
- **Joyce Boccock** continues to do well. Prayers for continued improvement and relief from pain are appreciated.
- Check out our monthly prayer card on-line at southhavenfbc.com under "General Info" for a **list of those with on-going needs**

*Palm
Sunday*



They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the king of Israel!"

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
- No class 3/24 and 3/31
- Contact Bailey Finch for questions or more information.

youth bible study: mixtape theology

Sundays | 9:15-10:15am | Conference Room

- Ages 6th grade and older
- No class 3/31
- Contact Julie Newell or Allie Wison 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: ecclesiastes

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

- Begins 4/18
- 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

- *Seder Dinner*: Wednesday, March 27 | 6:00pm | FBC Gym
- *Easter Celebration*: Sunday, March 31
 - ☪ Breakfast 9:15am-10:00am | gym
 - ☪ Worship 10:30am | sanctuary
- *Spring Trivia Night*: Saturday, April 13 | 6:00pm | Upstairs @ FBC
- *Bible Study Resumes*: Thursday, April 18 | 9:30am | Conference Room

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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