

# 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!**...Joyce Bocock (12/23).

**Happy Anniversary!**...Bill & Tina Wilburn (12/27; 29 years).

**A Note of Thanks...**

*My Dear Church Family,*

*Annette and I wanted to let you know how much we appreciated your generous Pastor's Appreciation gift last month. Our mini vacation to Detroit was fabulous. The weather was perfect for traveling back and forth. Our hotel, Aloft Detroit at the David Whitney building, was beautifully decorated for Christmas. The pictures we took of the atrium are beautiful. The hotel was perfectly situated in the downtown area. We were able to walk to much of what we wanted to see. While valet parking was included in our package, we did not have to drive very often. The musical we attended was in an amazing theater. I believe it is ranked one of the five best theaters in the United States. As for our seats, we were about seven rows from the front. We could see everything and everyone. Thank you so much for your sensitivity and generosity. It certainly will be a highlight of our year.*

*In Love and Appreciation,  
Pastor Jerry and Annette*

**Please Note:** The Mission Café and Nursery will be closed the next two weeks on Christmas Day (12/25) and New Year's Day (1/1).

**Church Office Closed...**The church office will be closed until January 4. If you have an emergency request for the prayer chain, please text Kim (269-767-2226) and she will send it out as soon as possible.

**Summer Camp Fundraiser...**We are hosting a "take an envelope" fundraiser to support our future campers. There is a tree outside the sanctuary which has numbered envelopes. If you'd like to participate, then the number on the envelope that you pick is the amount of money you would like to donate. [Example: If you take the number 6, then you'll donate \$6.] You can take as many envelopes as you'd like. And if all the envelopes are taken, then we will raise \$5500 for future campers!! This would enable many of our students to bring a friend with them to camp - what an exciting way to possibly introduce someone to Jesus for the first time! Envelopes can be dropped in the offering bucket or mailed back to church. For questions, please contact Rob Zantello or the church office.

# announcements

**Christmas Eve Service..**Because Christmas falls on a Sunday this year, we will not have a Christmas Eve service.

**Aftermath Schedule..** We have a change in plans and Dean & Linda Newell will provide lunch for Aftermath today, so participants do not have to bring their own. There will not be an Aftermath on 12/25 or 1/1.

**Attn: Members:** The 2023 Budget proposal and explanation has been sent to members via email in a PDF format. If you would like to have a paper copy, please contact the church office. Ministry reports will be given in the Pastor's Report, which will be emailed in January. Elder Ministry Team members willing to serve for 2023 will be Jason Avery, Patty Bales, Brian Bocock, Janette Hendrix, and Rob Zantello. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office.

**Childcare Help Needed.**..If you are able to provide childcare in the FBC Nursery during the Wednesday morning Bible study from 9:30-11:30am, please contact Tina Wilburn or Kim Collins.

**Attention Amazon Shoppers!** 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!

**Pop Cans = Scholarships..**Don't forget that your beverage can & bottle donations are used to fund teen scholarships for youth retreats, summer camps, special activities, etc. Please bring your recyclable items to the church anytime!



## CAFÉ HOURS

9:00-10:15am on Sundays  
\*\*CLOSED 12/25 & 1/1\*\*

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!



## NEW class starting soon

Wednesdays | 7:00-8:00 PM | Conference Room  
beginning 1/25/2023

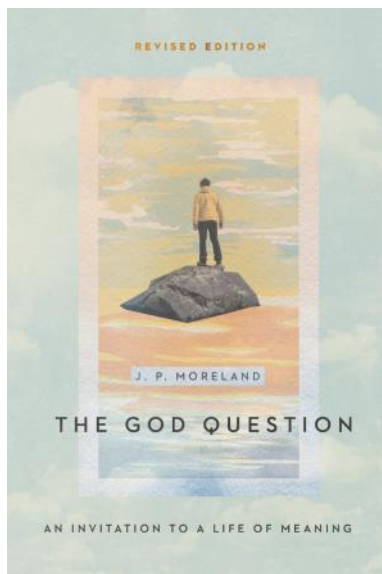
Beginning January 25, we will be introducing a new class entitled **Reason**.

Reason has to do with thinking logically. It requires us to use our mind. It requires knowledge. In the book of Isaiah, we read: "Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. (Isaiah 1:18)

Living our faith is not an exercise of mindlessness. God gave us a mind. He gave us the ability to think and reason. In this class, we will learn to use our minds more fully in regard to how we can understand our culture and live out our faith.

We will be using the book *The God Question (Revised Edition)*, by J.P. Moreland. This book will need to be purchased by all participants as there will be required weekly reading from it. Please make sure you purchase the revised edition.

Pastor Jerry will be the facilitator. Each class will run for one hour (7:00–8:00 PM). [Sign up online](#) or at the Welcome Center. Other than purchasing the book, there will not be a cost involved in taking the class.



sign-up online



# prayerREQUESTS and PRAISES

- **Caroline Bocock** received a really bad concussion on 11/5 while playing soccer. Doctors are concerned because she is still vomiting, dizzy, and having constant headaches. She has a neurological appointment scheduled to determine if they can get some of the symptoms under control. Please pray for healing, wisdom for the doctors, and that the Lyme's Disease hasn't been triggered. Old symptoms are surfacing, but can't determine if they are concussion symptoms vs. Lyme's symptoms because they are the same symptoms for both.
- **Ben Harris** (Allie Wilson's dad) is recovering from a successful heart procedure.
- **Walter Hatfield** is scheduled for hernia surgery on 12/20 and will be off from work for two weeks as he recovers.
- **Annette Koller** is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- **Bruce & Vasha Ferguson and their family** upon the loss of Vasha's sister, Deborah Kirby, on 11/28.
- **Keith Buckley** (employee of Lakefront Roofing) is recovering from injuries due to a fall off a ladder.
- **Nolan Marshall** (son of Dan & Tracy) is struggling with major tantrums and other behavioral issues. Please pray for the doctors to have wisdom in choosing medication and treatments, and that the tantrums do not escalate worse than what they are. He had an evaluation at a brain specialty clinic on 12/6; the parental follow-up meeting is on 1/6. Also pray for patience and safety for him, his parents and his brother Riley as they try to work through situations.
- **Shannon French** (son of Curt & Patty Bales) is improving, but continues eye drop treatments for an infection. It looks like the damaged part is creating new cells and hopefully healing.
- **Joyce Bocock** finished radiation on the large tumor in her spine. She is handling the medication for the endocrine therapy well.
- **Pete Danapilis** is recovering from a successful back surgery.
- **Linda Newell** is recovering from surgery to have a rotator cuff repaired.
- **Vincent Bryant** (Miriam Bryant's son) is recovering from a broken ankle.
- Check out our monthly prayer card on-line at [southavenfbc.com](http://southhavenfbc.com) under "General Info" for a list of those with on-going needs.

# Holiday Train Display

And Christmas Tree  
Silent Auction



**December 2 - 23, 2022**

**Fridays: 3-6 pm | Saturdays: Noon - 6 p.m.**

**Sundays: 3 - 6 p.m. | Dec. 21 & 22, 3 - 6 p.m.**

**Woodhams Show Room in South Haven**

1111 LaGrange St, South Haven, MI 49090

**FREE ADMISSION!**

Toy donations accepted for Project Christmas Hope

**Want to Be Involved?**

## DECORATE A TREE!

Decorate a 2' or 4' tree provided FREE by We Care. Bring decorated tree to Woodhams Ford on Tuesday, November 29th, 4-6p.m. to be part of a silent auction to raise funds for We Care's programs and ministries (registration forms are on our website at [wecare-inc.org](http://wecare-inc.org) or in our offices).

## BE A DAY SPONSOR!

Your business, family, friends, social group or organization can sponsor a day at the train display! As a sponsor, you will have signage at the venue, in our marketing, on our website and social media. Just make a donation to We Care and provide 2-5 volunteers for the event that day.

## VOLUNTEER!

Hosts and helpers, otherwise known as "Elves" are needed to welcome visitors, answer questions, and help with placing silent auction bids. Training and thank-you gift provided! This is a great opportunity for groups, families or businesses to give back during the holidays. Sign up today by contacting Doug at 269-637-4342 ext 6# or [circlesvbc@wecare-inc.org](mailto:circlesvbc@wecare-inc.org)

Visit [www.wecare-inc.org](http://www.wecare-inc.org)  
or call 269-637-4342 ext 6#



**WE CARE**  
COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER  
Relationships | Resources | Relief



# weekly opportunities

## mission café

Sundays | 9:00-10:15am | Mission Café

- Closed 12/25 and 1/1.

## children's sunday school

Sundays | 9:15-10:15am | Classroom 3

- Ages 5 years old through 5th grade
- **No class on 12/25/22 or 1/1/23**
- Contact Bailey Rooker 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](#); 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.
- **No sessions on 12/25/22 or 1/1/23**
- Contact Alyssa Newell for questions or more information.

## aftermath

Sundays | after worship | Upstairs

- Join us for lunch and a discussion about the worship message.
- **No gathering on 12/25**
- Contact Pastor Jerry for questions or more information.

## youth group

Sundays | 1:00-3:00pm | FBC upstairs

- Middle & High School students
- **Join us for a Christmas Party TODAY; no meeting on 12/25; stay tuned for when we'll resume in 2023**
- Contact Allie Wilson 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.
- **No meeting on 12/27/22 or 1/3/23**

## bible study

Wednesdays | 9:30-11:30am | Classroom 3

- **No meeting on 12/21 or 12/28**
- Contact Tina Wilburn for questions or more information.

## church office hours

Wednesdays | 11:00am-4:00pm

- Closed through 1/4/2023

## women's craft group

Thursdays | 6:30pm | Classroom 2

- Contact Tracy Marshall for questions or more information.

# our purpose

To Know Him and Make Him Known

# our mission

Living Out Our Faith Together

## ministry contacts

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## 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](#) 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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