

Welcome

Welcome to our church! We are so 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:

thank you for your patience

We thank you for your understanding and patience as we respond and adapt to Covid-19 and strive to prevent the spread of germs while worshipping and fellowshiping together. For the most part, we are keeping our worship service the same, but there are some changes which you can read more about on pages 2-3 of this bulletin or at our website www.southhavenfbc.com.

infants and toddlers

Our nursery is temporarily closed to help keep family units together and prevent the spread of germs. If you feel the need to remove your child from the sanctuary, our Prayer Room is available to sit in, listen to and observe the worship service. If you need help locating this space, please ask an usher.

children

Children's Worship is also temporarily closed to help with social distancing and preventing the spread of germs between kids. We will not be providing activity clipboards or packets at this time, but you're welcome to bring your own coloring books, etc. from home. We hope to resume our normal activities soon.

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.

WELCOME BACK

We are so glad to be worshipping with you again! For the most part, the format we have become accustomed to is the same; however there are a few temporary changes.

Masks are Required..We are requiring those who wish to attend to wear a mask (or bandana) that covers both their nose and mouth. Face shields are acceptable. We have masks available for those who forget theirs and/or need one. This requirement will remain until the end of July. At that time, we will reassess the situation to see if masks are still needed. Our rationale for this requirement has to do with the number of droplets that are discharged during singing. Some data suggests singing expels as much as a sneeze. Believing most would want to be able to sing, we feel masks will restrict the amount of droplet discharge to some degree. It will not eliminate them all, but with distancing, we believe everyone should be safe.

Offering We will not be physically collecting the offering in our regular manner of passing a bag. We strongly suggest you continue to give via mail, online, etc. as you have been during the pandemic. We also intend to place a couple of baskets in the rear of the church should some want to place their offering in them each week.

Koinonia: We will discontinue koinonia for a season as we continue to watch and see how the pandemic progresses. Please be sensitive to this decision. We know many of you have not seen one another for months. Please refrain from physical contact (hugs, kisses, handshakes, etc.) as the individual you are extending them to may not wish to make contact.

WE MISSED YOU!

Mission Café: Sadly, we will not re-open the Café at this time. Like some other things, this will be for a season. It will not be permanent.

Drinking Fountains: Our drinking fountains are unavailable; however, there are bottles of water in the refrigerator just inside the office door.

Communication: We will not be distributing any printed information (bulletins, prayer cards, kid's coloring pages, etc.). Announcements will run in the foyer and in the sanctuary before worship. We will continue to send out as much information as possible electronically (emails, website, Facebook, etc.). Please take advantage of these methods if you want to stay informed.

Nursery, Children's Worship, Classes and Small Groups For a season, we will not be conducting Sunday School classes or Children's Worship in person. Our nursery is also closed for now. As the pandemic diminishes, we will resume these ministries knowing it is safe to do so. Again, this is for a season. It is not permanent. We will resume small groups for those interested. These gatherings will comply with distancing and sanitizing policies. Contact your group leader if you have questions.

Not ready to come back? That's okay! For those not ready to return, we offer a live worship stream via Facebook. This means when our service begins in the sanctuary on Sundays at 10:30 AM, so will the live stream. We also plan to record and then post the service on YouTube and Facebook each week (by Monday afternoon at the latest) so those unable to join us at 10:30 AM, are able to view worship at their leisure.

announcements

Happy Birthday!...Loretta Avery, Gena Bassett, Devyn Pearce (7/20) and Aiden Pearce (7/21).

Happy Anniversary!...Dan & Tracy Marshall (7/22, 14 years) and Clint & Kristen Schultz (7/25, 33 years).

Bridal Shower 7/19...All ladies are invited to a Bridal Shower for Molly Blaney (daughter of Steve & Lisa Follman) today at 1:00 PM at the home of Jessica Follman (10612 Greystone Dr, Zeeland, MI 49464). Molly and her fiancé Alex are registered at Target and Williams Sonoma. Please RSVP to Lisa Follman (269-906-02490) ASAP if you plan to attend.

Help Needed...We have a few maintenance jobs around the church that need some attention:

- 1) The fenced in areas around the air conditioner units in the playground need to be weeded. They will soon choke out the airflow.
- 2) Bleach /kill the green algae/mold/etc. that is on the lower parts of the siding of the building in the playground area.

If you are able to help with any of these areas, please let Kim know. Thanks in advance!

Church Parking Lot Repairs...We thank those of you who have donated for your generosity and support of this project to resurface our parking lot. So far, we have received \$7,213 and have \$3000 in pledges for a total of \$10,213. The cost to resurface the lot was \$10,650.00, which leaves a balance of \$437. If you are able to make a donation to help us meet our goal of funding the full cost of this maintenance, your financial contribution would be greatly appreciated. Be sure to mark "Parking Lot" on your gift.

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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!

Online Giving is Now Available!... You now have the option to support our ministries by giving an online tithe via debit/credit card or by donating via your bank account. If you're interested in sending a gift via this safe and secure option, you can do so by using this link: <https://secure.givelively.org/donate/first-baptist-church-south-haven-mi>.

Check Out Our Web Page.. We are keeping our web page (southhavenfbc.com) updated regularly. Please use it as a tool. 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.

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!

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.

update from missionaries amir and denise

July 10, 2020

Hi Everyone!

Just wanted to send a personal note to all of you who are ministry partners with us. A general newsletter will be going out at some point.

The pandemic has hit Honduras hard, and the medical system is near collapse. We learned last week that if either of us were to get Covid, there is nowhere that we could go to get treated. We had assumed we could get treated at the pay hospital in Tegucigalpa where Amir had his surgery, but we called them, and they are at complete capacity with a waiting list for a bed if anyone has Covid and needs to be admitted. That's a BIG deal! Based on this new information, Amir & I have decided to go back to the states for a while.

It was a very hard decision that we prayed about fervently, and we feel this is what God has for us at this time. We will return as soon as we are able as we know God isn't finished with us at El Ayudante yet!

The good news is, with no teams coming down currently, I am able to do 95% of my work from the states. There is still a ton of admin work so I will be busy, but I am super glad I am able to work from the states. It's definitely not the same as being here, but it's a good feeling to know that I can still do my part to keep the ministry flowing smoothly, and it's only temporary!!

We are not sure what it all looks like as of yet. We will start out at our friend's house in Escondido. If any of you know of someone that may have an empty house or apartment in southern California that they would like to bless a missionary with, we would love any leads you may have for us. We so appreciate your continued support during this

update from missionaries amir and denise (con't.)

difficult time. We keep reminding ourselves that God is not surprised by any of this and He is on the throne.

There have not been many flights out of Honduras. We are booked on the flight for next Thursday, but it has not been approved by the embassy yet, so we will see. Especially at the beginning, we will not be circulating or doing much out of the house. It will be an interesting transition as we are accustomed to being on pretty strict lockdown for more than 4 months!

We will continue to keep you all updated. We covet your prayers during this difficult time.

We love and appreciate you all,

Blessings,

Amir & Denise



WeCarePantryCollection

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.

Food Pantry

First Congregational Church
651 Phoenix Street
269-637-3804

Open Mon., Wed., Fri. 10am-12pm
Suggested items are:



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

First Assembly of God Church
06500 Blue Star Hwy
269-637-1286

Open Wed. 10am-1pm
Suggested items are:



- Shampoo
 - Conditioner
 - Body Soap
 - Deodorant
 - Toothbrushes
 - Toothpaste
 - Feminine Items
 - Shaving Cream
 - Razors
 - Dish Soap
 - Laundry Detergent
 - Cleaning Supplies
 - Trash Bags
 - Toilet Paper
 - Paper Towels
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**Thank you for helping those in our community
who are in need!**

prayerREQUESTSandPRAISES

Loretta Avery is recovering at home. Pray that the infection in her foot continues to heal.

Ginny Dorsey (Rhonda Dobberstein's mother) is recovering from surgery for a hysterectomy, a bladder lift, and a possible cancer area being removed.

Jim (Rhonda Dobberstein's stepdad) just finished radiation recently for prostate cancer. Pray that it worked.

Rhonda Dobberstein's nephew, Mark, sister Sherry, and brother-in-law Mark all have Covid. She has other family members that were around them that are experiencing symptoms too.

Pastor Jephthe Lucien and his family and their Haitian community as they grieve the loss of Jephthe's father, Pastor Sidoine, who passed away on 7/3 and his brother, Pastor Henoc Lucien, who died on 6/5. Cards can be sent to: Pastor Jephthe Lucien | c/o Jerusalem Baptist Mission Church | P.O. Box 601 | Round Lake Beach, FL 60073.

Bruce & Vasha Ferguson and their family upon the loss of Bruce's sister, Gloria Thompson, on 6/24 from Covid-19.

Dwan (childhood friend of Tracy Marshall) continues to be hospitalized. Pray for a full recovery and for freedom from addiction. She has three kids ages 18, 11, and 8.

Ramona Schultz (Kristen Schultz's 88 year-old mother-in-law) has a mass on her brain which is believed to be cancer. Treatment options are being evaluated.

Dominique Thompson (Bruce Ferguson's nephew) who is recovering from COVID-19.

Shirley Jackson and her family upon the death of her husband, Art, on 5/31 following a battle with kidney cancer.

Leslie Robinson (friend of Bruce & Vasha Ferguson) is out of quarantine. Her mother has been moved to assisted living. Both are doing well. Their church (Tabernade of Praise Ministries) is thriving and adjusting following the loss of their pastor/Leslie's husband. In August they will install Leslie as their pastor. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Lynn Rarick continues to deal with hip issues. Pray that a solution can be figured out.

Crystal Jennings (sister of Tracy Marshall's brother-in-law, Louie) is receiving chemo for stage 4 breast cancer.

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

opportunities this week

sunday

10:30 AM Worship (Sanctuary)

monday

Afternoon Worship Video/Audio Available
(at www.southhavenfbc.com for viewing at your convenience)

wednesday

9:30 AM Berean Bible Study: *Adorned: Living out the Beauty of the Gospel Together* (Led by Tina Wilburn)

8:00 PM Worship Team Practice (Sanctuary)

thursday

6:30 PM Women's Craft Group (Library)

children's sunday school

monday evening men's group

tuesday evening women's bible study

• These groups are on summer break and will resume this fall.

wednesday bible study

- Currently studying the book of *Adorned: Living out the Beauty of the Gospel Together*.
- Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:00 AM. This group meets via Zoom, but will also resume meeting in person soon.
- To find out where they are meeting or if you're interested in joining, please call/text Tina Wilburn at 269-767-4685 or email 2fifty7@gmail.com.

thursday evening craft group

- Meets from 6:30-9:00 PM in the Library.
- Masks are required.
- 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

ministry leaders

Pastor Jerry Koller _____	269-767-2188	Allie Wilson, Sr. Events Coord. ___	269-639-8001
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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 website at www.southhavenfbc.com for all the latest events and news.

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