

Sunday, December 16, 2018

Welcome to First Baptist Church!

If you are visiting with us today, we are glad you came, and we trust the music and message will be a source of blessing and spiritual encouragement to you. Here at FBC, the things that are meaningful to God are the things that are meaningful to us—and that includes the opportunity to know you and help you know the Lord better and more deeply.

If you are from the area and do not attend a Bible preaching church, we would like to invite you to study the Word of God with us regularly.

We care about you!

Today At First Baptist Church

Breakfast Café 9:00 am—9:30am

Sunday School 9:45am—10:45am

- East Overflow (101)—(Adult Class) - led by Bob Nickerson
The Gospel Project (Genesis)
- West Overflow (102)—(Adult Class) - led by Pastor Nate Archer
Can I be Sure I'm Saved by RC Sproul
- Fireside room (111)—(Young Families) **The Gospel Project (Genesis)**
led by David Williamson and Eric Manrose
- Conference room (118)—(Ladies class) - led by Pam Jacobson
Pilgrims Progress
- College & Career class (122)—led by Ross Sprague

Morning Service— 11:00 AM

Pastor Nate Archer

A Wide Offer and a Narrow Door

Luke 13:18-35

Evening— 6:00 PM

Pastor Nate Archer

Weakness and Warning

2 Corinthians 13:1-4

Our Mission

To Magnify the Glory of God by Multiplying and Maturing Followers of Christ

If you are new here, we would like to extend a warm welcome and invite you to become part of our church family.

FBC Children And Teen Ministries

Nurseries: are offered during all of our worship services and Sunday School.

Sunday School: for all ages with comprehensive, Bible-centered curriculum designed to ground children and teens in the Word and faith.

Kingdom Kids: is for our 2-3 & 4-5 year old's. Bible time, play time and snack time takes place in their classrooms and playroom in the Breakfast Café area.

Kidz Blast: is designed for K-3rd graders. "Kidz" are dismissed from the morning service, after praise and worship, look for the kidz blast flag and the adult who will lead the kids downstairs for their own time of learning about God's Word.

Word of Life: is an exciting program on Wednesday nights from 6:30pm-8:00pm for pre-K through 5th grade that provides children with training in the Scriptures and personal devotions. Kids interact with each other in fun group games and learn together through a Christ-centered Bible lesson.

Youth Group: High School & Middle School students meet Wednesday nights from 6:30pm-8:00pm in the Willis Recreation Center. Come early for open gym at 6:00pm!

Opportunities This Week @ FBC

Monday, December 17th:

9:00am Co-ed pickleball | 50 years old and up | Willis Center
7:00pm Open Adult Basketball— Willis Center

Wednesday, December 19th:

6:30pm—8:00pm Gophers & Word of Life (pre-K—5th grade)
6:30pm—8:00pm HS & MS Youth Group Christmas Party—Willis Center
6:30pm—8:00pm Women's PM Bible study—Fireside room (111)
6:30pm—8:00pm Men's Bible Study—East overflow (101)

Thursday, December 20th:

7:00pm Open Adult Basketball— Willis Center

Christmas Cards

Save money and time! Bring your Christmas cards for FBC church family to the Welcome Center mailbox before December 23rd.

Gideon Fundraiser

Use the Gideon envelopes provided in last weeks bulletin and return them to the Welcome Center or place in the offering plate by Dec 30th. Thank you for your generosity!

Fellowship Dinners

Fellowship Dinners will be on **January 20th** from 5pm-7pm.

Get to know others at an in home dinner.

Sign up using the forms at the Welcome Center or on our website. Be a host, a guest or let us know if you are unable to attend. Return your forms to the Welcome Center box by **Dec. 30th**.

Contact the office with any questions.



Tithing / Giving for 2018

Your new 2019 envelopes are here.

Please pick them up at the Welcome Center.

Be advised that you will be getting a new envelope number.

Please discard any unused envelopes from 2018.

Please help us end the year well by having all of your 2018 giving/offerings made by December 31st.

All members will be receiving a confidential e-mail within the next week with their year to date 2018 giving.

Thank you for your faithful generosity.

Public Service Announcement

Office will be closed Dec 21st, 24th, 25th, 31st and Jan. 1st
December 21st-January 4th there will be a helper filling in for Nina.

Please direct all your questions or ministry updates by phone (269)795-7926 or email to office@fbcmiddleville.net

Capital Improvement Push!

The amount still needed to complete phase 2a is now \$6,160.62.

Thank you for your support!

Youth Group

Lake Effect (MS Only) - January 25th-26th—Cost is \$70
drop off at 4:00pm, pick up at 10:00pm

This retreat is at Lincoln Lake Camp, with chapel sessions, small group time, The Birdsongs leading worship and many fun activities.

Deep End (HS Only) - March 1st—March 3rd

Early Registration \$65. Early registration ends January 28th.
The focus of this years retreat will be How to Study the Bible!

Save the Date | December 19th—Youth Christmas Party

Women's Ministry

Join us! Women's PM Study potluck, Wednesday at 6:30pm, Dec 19th

Women's Bible Study will be starting a new series on January 9th.

AM study—Refresh by Shona & David Murray

PM study—Sweeter than Chocolate

Young Families Event

Save the Date—January 12th

Men's Grand Rapids Griffins outing

More details to come.



Winter Calendar

Dec. 19th—Youth Christmas Party 6:30pm

Dec. 23rd—Christmas Breakfast 9am-10am

Dec. 23rd—Service starts at 10:30am

Dec. 23rd—No Sunday School or PM Service

Dec. 26th—No Wednesday Programs

Dec. 30th—Breakfast Café 9am, Sunday School 9:45am,

AM Service 11am, PM Service 6pm

Jan. 2nd—No Wednesday Programs

Jan. 9th—All Wednesday Programs resume

Jan. 12th—Young Families Men's Grand Rapids Griffins outing

Jan. 20th—Fellowship Dinners

Cancellation Policy

In the event we need to cancel, we will post it on our Facebook pages and you can look on Wood TV 8. If Thornapple Kellogg School district cancels then we automatically cancel our programs for the day.

| FBC Nursery & Pre-K Schedule | December 16th | December 23rd |
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| Coordinator | Teresa Petersen | Christine Harned |
| Sunday School Infants / Walkers | T Petersen K & M Boonstra | N & K Huss S Wallach |
| Morning Worship Infants Walkers | T & S Patterson G Steiner | C Harned A Boonstra |
| Evening Worship Room 105 | J Zahl & M Nicholson | No PM Service |

| Date | Breakfast Café Workers | Breakfast Coffee Maker | Prayer Partners |
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| December 16th | Russ & Gaye | Russ | P Bender / B Nickerson |
| December 23rd | No Café | No Café | J Junge / R Henderson |



Office Hours
Monday: Closed
Tuesday – Friday: 9:00-3:30



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