



Communion Service & Congregational Meeting | Tonight, July 5 | 6:00 PM

Join us tonight for the PM service. We will worship, celebrate communion, have a brief congregational meeting, and hear from Joshua and Jessica Thaler about their ministry in Guam. Agenda:

- Worship & Communion
- Church Covenant; Acceptance of Agenda
- Reading of the Minutes – Ross Sprague
- Financial Report – Beth Berkimer
- Membership Roll Updates
- Select Members for the Nominating Committee
- Missionary Report from Guam – Josh & Jessica Thaler
- Adjournment; Closing Prayer – Pastor Zach

VBS Volunteer’s Meeting | July 8 | 7-8:30pm

For everyone helping with VBS this year, please meet in the Café area on July 8 for a mandatory VBS meeting (this is different than CPP training). If you are unable to make this meeting, please contact Pastor Zach at zachs@fbcmiddleville.net.

Waterlogged Youth Event | July 10 | 6-9pm

All outgoing seniors to incoming 6th graders are invited to join us at the Willis Center for an evening of water fun! There will be a variety of fun water games including a water balloon fight, dodgeball, slip-and-slide kickball, and much more. Please wear modest swimwear or clothes that can get wet. Pizza is provided, no cost. Invite friends!

VBS Decorating | Saturday, July 11 | 9am-noon & 5-8pm

It’s time to decorate for VBS! Come help us wrap up making any final décor projects and putting it all up around the church for VBS week! We will meet on Saturday, July 11 from 9am-noon and again from 5-8pm.

VBS | July 13-17, 9am-noon | registration is open

Vacation Bible School will be July 13-17 with VBS picnic on Sun, July 19. Registration is now open at fbcmiddleville.net/vbs

Upcoming Dates

- July 5 | PM Communion & Congregational Meeting
- July 8 | VBS Volunteer Meeting in the Cafe | 7-8:30pm
- July 10 | Waterlogged Youth Event | 6-9pm
- July 11 | No Men’s Breakfast (Cancelled)
- July 11 | VBS Decorating | 9am-noon & 5-8pm
- July 13-17 | Vacation Bible School | 9am-noon
- July 19 | VBS Picnic, No Sunday School
- July 29 | Youth Bonfire @ the Schmid’s | 6-8pm
- Aug 2 | AM Communion Service
- Aug 2 | PM Service (Youth Missions Update) | 6pm
- Aug 9 | Church Picnic at Murphy’s Point | 2-7pm

AM SCHEDULE

- 9:00-9:30: Coffee in the Large Foyer
- 9:20-9:30: Drop off window for elementary age Sunday School kids
- 9:30-10:15: Adult Sunday School (6-12 grade classes starts at 9:30 also)
- 10:30-11:45: AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Adult Sunday School Classes

Sundays 9:30-10:15 AM

East Overflow Class - Open to all adults, co-ed - East Overflow (room 101)
The Letters of John - Led by John Schmid

West Overflow Class - Open to all adults, co-ed - West Overflow (room 102)
Works of Faith: Where Belief Transforms Behavior - Led by David Williamson

Family Class - For parents with kids in the house or young couples - Fireside Room (111)
When Sinners Say “I Do,” by Dave Harvey led by Brian & Melanie Newhouse

Women’s Class - Conference Room (room 118)
Seven Reasons Why You Can Trust the Bible, by Erwin Lutzer - Led by Susan Montroy

Young Adult Class - For graduates through early twenties (room 122)
The Book of James- Led by Jake Herrera

Sunday Children’s Programs

See AM Schedule Above for Times

Nursery: For kids under age 2, during Sunday School & during the AM service.

Pre-School Ministry: 2 & 3 year olds will meet in room 125 for Sunday School & room 127 for the AM service. 4 & 5 year olds will meet in room 125 for Sunday School & the AM service.

Elementary Sunday School: K-5 grade (Downstairs) – See AM Schedule Above

Youth Sunday School: Middle School (Willis Center) – High School (Willis Center)

Kidz Blast: K-3 grade (Downstairs) – Kidz Blast kids will stay with their parents in the service during singing and then are dismissed for Kidz Blast before the sermon

Wednesday Programs

Wednesdays | 6:30-8:00PM

Regular Wednesday programing will resume September 9.

Giving Is an Act of Worship

Thank you for supporting the ministries of FBC with your faithful giving! You can place your tithes and offerings in the box in the small foyer. Contact the office if you would like giving envelopes. You can set up online or reoccurring giving at fbcmiddleville.net/giving. Tip: Minimize service fees by using you bank routing number rather than using a credit card. Also, many banks offer automatic check services.

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WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL

First Baptist Church • Pastor Nate Archer
7/5/26 • 10:30 AM

1. Religious liberty and the _____ are foundational rights for all Americans.

2. The separation of Church and State is means to _____ from the State.

From “*The Baptist Distinctives*”

Individual Soul Liberty - Every individual, whether a believer or an unbeliever, has the liberty to choose what he believes is right in the religious realm. No one should be forced to assent to any belief against his will. Baptists have always opposed religious persecution. However, this liberty does not exempt one from responsibility to the Word of God or from accountability to God Himself.

Romans 14:5, 12; 2 Corinthians 4:2; Titus 1:9

Separation of Church and State - God established both the church and the civil government, and He gave each its own distinct sphere of operation. The government’s purposes are outlined in Romans 13:1–7 and the church’s purposes in Matthew 28:19 and 20. Neither should control the other, nor should there be an alliance between the two. Christians in a free society can properly influence government toward righteousness, which is not the same as a denomination or group of churches controlling the government.

Matthew 22:15–22; Acts 5:17–29

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The First Amendment to the United States Constitution

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

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President Thomas Jefferson’s letter to the Danbury Baptist Association

January 1, 1802

Gentlemen, – The affectionate sentiment of esteem and approbation which you are so good as to express towards me, on behalf of the Danbury Baptist Association, give me the highest satisfaction. My duties dictate a faithful and zealous pursuit of the interests of my constituents, and in proportion as they are persuaded of my fidelity to those duties, the discharge of them becomes more and more pleasing.

Believing with you that religion is a matter which lies solely between man and his God, that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship, that the legislative powers of government reach actions only, and not opinions, I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature would "make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," thus building a wall of separation between Church and State. Adhering to this expression of the supreme will of the nation in behalf of the rights of conscience, I shall see with sincere satisfaction the progress of those sentiments which tend to restore to man all his natural rights, convinced he has no natural right in opposition to his social duties.

I reciprocate your kind prayers for the protection and blessing of the common Father and Creator of man, and tender you for yourselves and your religious association, assurances of my high respect and esteem.

FBC Giving Update

July 5, 2026

Year to Date Budget: \$358,527.00

Year to Date Giving: \$416,367.56

Year to Date Surplus: \$57,840.56

For the General Fund as of June 30 (26 weeks)

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$13,789.50

20% of the FBC budget goes to Missions and Evangelism.

2026 Capital Improvement Raised: \$9,053.79

You can give ONLINE or set up REOCCURRING giving at
FBCMiddleville.net/GIVING

Note: Reoccurring giving from your checking or saving account
(not credit card or debit) is the most beneficial to the church.



Guest Wi-Fi Password: GodisGood

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