

PM Service & Communion | Sunday, Sept 14 | 6pm

At this PM service we will worship and celebrate the Lord's Supper. Also Pastor Nate will unveil the Board's recommendations to amend the constitution to transition to an Elder-Deacon model of leadership.

FBC Small Groups – *The Fruitful Life* | Sign Up Today!

Today we are launching new small groups to meet in homes on Sundays. These groups are for all adults who attend FBC including newcomers. Groups will start meeting on Sept. 28 either at 3:00 PM or 6:00 PM. They will meet 11 times, every other week but only once a month in Nov. & Dec. Dates: Sept. 28, Oct. 12 & 26, Nov. 9, Dec. 7, Jan. 11 & 25, Feb. 8 & 22, and March 8 & 22. Grab a bookmark at the signup table for the schedule. Parents will need to make their own arrangements for child-care. You may want to pick a group that is close to your home. Pay attention to the meeting time. Group size is limited so sign up soon!

Small groups are designed to meet for about 1 hour 15 minutes starting with a time of fellowship and prayer. Groups this year will read and discuss the book *The Fruitful Life* by Jerry Bridges. This book is about spiritual growth and the fruits of the Spirit. Books are available for purchase at the Welcome Center for \$10. Please pay before you take a book. Online payment is available.

We would like to see as many people as possible will be a part of one of these small groups! We trust they will again be a excellent time of fellowship and spiritual nourishment. If you are newer to the church and would like help finding a good group please contact the office.

Women's Day Retreat | Saturday, Sept 20 | 8:30am-6pm | Registration Sept 17

We are excited to be hosting a Women's Day Retreat here on September 20, titled *A Word Fitly Spoken*. The cost is \$25, which includes a craft. Breakfast, drinks, and afternoon snacks will be provided, but we ask you to bring a sack lunch. When signing up at the Welcome Center. Please choose 3 out of the 5 workshops that you want to attend. Sign up before Sept 17. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Wednesday Programs | Wednesday nights | 6:30-8:00pm

Get the whole family involved! All programs are from 6:30-8:00pm with the exception of the Women's AM Bible study from 9:15-11:15am. PM nurse is available.

- Men's Bible Study—Ephesians (East Overflow)
- Women's Bible Study—*Philippians, Living for Christ*, by Lydia Brownback, books cost \$10 (am: Fireside room, pm: West Overflow)
- Youth Group—6th-12th grade (Willis Center)
- Adventure Club—1st-5th grade (Downstairs)
- Gophers—4 years to K (Room 126)

Youth Group Bonfire at the Williamson | Friday, Sept 19 | 6pm-8pm

Join us for a bonfire, games, and fellowship! There will be snacks and drinks provided. Drop off and pick up your students at the Williamson's house, 2492 Campground Rd. Hastings. Invite friends! Grades 6-12 welcome.

Upcoming Dates

Sept 14 | PM Service & Communion
Sept 19 | Youth Bonfire at the Williamson's | 6:30-8pm
Sept 20 | Women's Day Retreat at FBC | 8:15am-6pm
Sept 27 | Women's Bootcamp Workout in the Willis Center | 8-9:30am
Sept 28 | Small Groups kicks off
Oct 4 | Youth Group Fall Frenzy at Daniel Ramey's | 5-8pm
Oct 5 | AM Communion

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)

Good and Angry, by David Powlison - Led by David Williamson

Family Class - For parents with kids in the house or young couples - Fireside Room (111)

Systematic Theology: Sin, Gender, Marriage, and Sexuality - Led by Pastor Nate Archer

Women's Class - Conference Room (room 118)

Loving God with all your Mind - by Elizabeth George - Led by Pam Jacobson

Young Adult Class - For graduates through early twenties (room 122)

1st Peter - 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

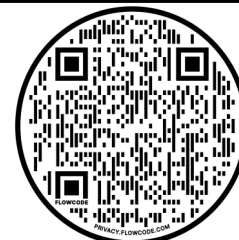
Wednesdays | 6:30-8:00PM

- **Men's Bible Study**—Ephesians (East Overflow)
- **Women's AM Bible Study**—9:15-11:15 AM (Fireside Room) Philippians, book cost \$10
- **Women's PM Bible Study**—6:30-8:00 PM (Fireside Room) Philippians, book cost \$10 (Nursery available for the PM study)
- **Youth Group**—6 to 12 grade (Willis Center)
- **Adventure Club**—1 to 5 grade (Downstairs)
- **Gophers**—4 years to K (Room 125)
- **Nursery**—3 & under, for parents attending a study or helping in ministry

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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WHY MARRIAGE?

First Baptist Church • Pastor Nate Archer

9/14/25 • 10:30 AM

A DEFINITION: Marriage is designed by God as a sacred institution that publicly binds one man and one woman together in a lifelong, exclusive, sexual, and comprehensive union of lives, creating a new family unit, with mutual dedication & commitment to each other and to any children born from their sexual union.

Biblical Purposes for Marriage:

1. To _____ God

1 Cor. 10:31 - ³¹ So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

1 Cor. 6:20 - ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

2. _____

Genesis 1:28 - ²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it...”

3. For the _____ of children to love and obey the Lord

Deut. 6:6-7 - ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

Ephesians 6:4 - ⁴ Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Psalms 78:4-8; Prov. 22:6; Malachi 2:15; Hebrews 12:5-11

4. God-pleasing _____—without the sin of fornication

Genesis 2:24-25 - ²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

1 Cor. 7:2 - ² But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband.

1 Cor. 7:9 - ⁹ But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

Hebrews 13:4 - ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.

Proverbs 5:18-19; Song of Solomon

5. _____ between a man and a woman—cohabitation without scandal

Genesis 2:18 - ¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone...”

Malachi 2:14 - ¹⁴ ... she is your companion and your wife by covenant.

6. _____

Genesis 2:18 - ¹⁸ ...I will make him a helper fit for him.”

7. _____

Ephesians 5:25-27 - ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

8. To _____ the relationship between Christ and the Church

Eph. 5:22-33 - ²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her [...] ³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³ However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Our Mission

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

9/14/2025



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