

FBC Small Groups – *The Fruitful Life* | Sign Up 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.

Fall Frenzy Youth Group Event | October 4 | 5-8pm

Come join us for Fall Frenzy at Daniel Ramey's house. There will be fun games, pumpkin carving, a bonfire, and food provided! Parents, please drop off and pick up your students at Daniel's house, 794 N Bassett Lake Rd., Middleville. Check the Facebook page the day of the event. Depending on the weather, we have a backup plan.

Town Hall Meeting | Sunday, October 5 | 6pm

You are invited to a "Town Hall meeting" on Oct. 5 to discuss the proposed constitutional changes as we shift to a model of church leadership with Elders and Deacons. FBC members will have the opportunity to give feedback and ask questions. Non-members are welcomed to attend and observe. See the Welcome Center or the office for the proposed changes. The vote on these changes will take place at the Congregational Meeting on Nov. 2 at 6pm.

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 nursey is available.

- Men's Bible Study—Ephesians (East Overflow)
- Women's Bible Study—*Philippians, Living for Christ*, by Lydia Brownback, (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)

40 Days for Life | September 26

On Sept. 26, join other Christians for "40 Days for Life." You're invited to peacefully pray and fast outside of Planned Parenthood at 425 Cherry St SE in Grand Rapids. Sign up at the Welcome Center for a specific time to pray. Prayer is powerful! Please see Pastor Zach if you would like more information.

Upcoming Dates

Sept 26 | 40 Days for Life
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
Oct 5 | PM Town Hall Meeting

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

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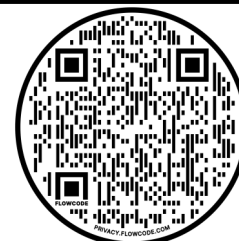
Wednesdays | 6:30-8:00PM

- **Men's Bible Study**—Ephesians (East Overflow)
- **Women's AM Bible Study**—9:15-11:15 AM (Fireside Room) Philippians
- **Women's PM Bible Study**—6:30-8:00 PM (Fireside Room) Philippians (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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WHAT GOD HAS JOINED TOGETHER

First Baptist Church • Pastor Nate Archer

9/21/25 • 10:30 AM

Matthew 19:1-12

1. Jesus _____ marriage based on creation in Genesis. (1-5)
2. It is _____ who unites the man and the woman in marriage. (6)
3. Marriage is meant to be a _____ covenant. (6-9)
4. Marriage is very good but _____ for everyone. (10-12)

In marriage or in singleness the most important thing we are called to have is _____.

Matthew 19:1-12

¹ Now when Jesus had finished these sayings, he went away from Galilee and entered the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. ² And large crowds followed him, and he healed them there.

³ And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful to divorce one’s wife for any cause?” ⁴ He answered, “Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, ⁵ and said, ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? ⁶ So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” ⁷ They said to him, “Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?” ⁸ He said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. ⁹ And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery.”

¹⁰ The disciples said to him, “If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry.” ¹¹ But he said to them, “Not everyone can receive this saying, but only those to whom it is given. ¹² For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let the one who is able to receive this receive it.”

Romans 7:1-3

¹ Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? ² For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. ³ Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

1 Corinthians 7:10-16

¹⁰ To the married I give this charge (not I, but the Lord): the wife should not separate from her husband ¹¹ (but if she does, she should remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband), and the husband should not divorce his wife.

¹² To the rest I say (I, not the Lord) that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he should not divorce her. ¹³ If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, she should not divorce him. ¹⁴ For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy because of her husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy. ¹⁵ But if the unbelieving partner separates, let it be so. In such cases the brother or sister is not enslaved. God has called you to peace. ¹⁶ For how do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?

Our Mission

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

9/21/2025



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