#### Newcomer Tour of FBC | Today

If you are newer or curious and would like a tour of the church, please meet at the Welcome Center after today's sermon.

#### **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 an 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 | Saturday, 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 & Deacons. FBC members will have the opportunity to give feedback & ask questions. Non-members are welcomed to attend & 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.

## Prime Timers Event (55+) | October 9

The Prime Timers are having a hymn sing and fellowship gathering here at the church on Thursday, October 9 from 1-4pm. Cider and doughnuts will be served. To be sure we have enough doughnuts, please sign up at the Welcome Center by October 5.

## Giving | fbcmiddleville.net/giving

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#### **Upcoming Dates**

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

Oct 9 | Prime Timers Event | 1-4pm

Oct 11 | Men's Breakfast in the Café | 8-10am

Oct 5 | Small Groups

Oct 18 | Youth Group bonfire at the Garbow house | 6-8pm

Oct 20 | CPP Training in the Fireside room | Monday, at 6:45pm

#### **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**

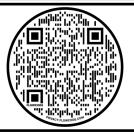
Wednesdays | 6:30-8:00PM

- Men's Bible Study—Ephesians (East Overflow)
- Women's AM Bible Study—9:15-11:15 AM (Fireside Room) Philippians
- 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

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# The Ultimate Marriage CHRIST AND THE CHURCH

First Baptist Church • Pastor Nate Archer 9/28/25 • 10:30 AM

Ephesians 5:22-33

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#### Ephesians 5:22-33

<sup>22</sup> Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup> that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup> 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. <sup>28</sup> In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup> For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup> because we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup> "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." <sup>32</sup> This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

#### Revelation 19:6-9

<sup>6</sup> Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

"Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God

the Almighty reigns.

<sup>7</sup> Let us rejoice and exult

and give him the glory,

for the marriage of the Lamb has come,

and his Bride has made herself ready;

<sup>8</sup> it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"—

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

<sup>9</sup> And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God."

#### Romans 8:38-39

<sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Our Mission

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

## 9/28/2025



**Guest Wi-Fi Password: GodisGood** 

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