

Sunday Morning Prayer Time

On Sunday morning, Pastor Flippin has been asking the congregation if they have any prayer request that he does not know about. Our congregation has been very receptive to this and have shouted out their requests. Unfortunately, if a person is sitting in the back of the sanctuary or if you are using the hearing devises, you can't always hear the requests. So to help eliminate this problem, the sound tech operators will be providing two (2) mics for the ushers to use on Sunday mornings. So if you have a request, raise your hand and wait for the usher to get to you so you can give your prayer request. Thank you, Brian Manchester.

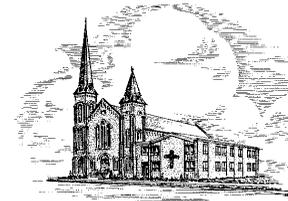
DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that you can listen to Pastor Dallas' sermons and follow First Baptist Church online?

You can go to our church's website: fbcofjackson.org to hear the sermons and learn what is going on in our church.

We also can be followed on Facebook at [facebook.com/firstbaptistjxn](https://www.facebook.com/firstbaptistjxn).

If anyone has any questions, comments, concerns or further information, please contact the church office.



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Greetings from the pastor:

Churches across the country face new challenges in today's world. Society used to pressure people into attending church. That helped our attendance numbers, but it didn't necessarily mean that everyone bought into the church's mission to bring about transformed lives through God's reign of love.

Today, many people no longer feel required to attend church, which means we can't assume people will just show up uninvited. People today need to be excited about our mission and identity *before* they enter the doors; they need to have experienced what value we have for our community.

We have to be honest: do we want people to show up because it makes us feel nice to have more people? Or do we want more people to join us to experience God and serve alongside us with God's mission in the world? Outsiders can tell the difference in our motivations. The mission of God must be front and center. Hosting the Jackson Personal Care Ministry (JPCM) has been a positive step forward for us. It's infinitely better for our neighborhood to know who our church is based on our contributions to the JPCM instead of just recognizing our building's architecture.

On October 13, I facilitated a leadership workshop on our church's goals. The participants identified two things they felt our church should emphasize: relevance and community. We want our messages, songs, digital presence, and spaces to make...

unchurched families, particularly young families, inspired and excited to be a part of God's community. We also want our church to be about more than just Sunday worship. Churches focus a lot on Sundays, but I hope that our church prepares people for Mondays. The everyday life of our members matters and our church needs to offer more opportunities to connect and grow together in friendship and discipleship.

I'm excited about the opportunities that First Baptist Church has to serve God in Jackson. I hope that you are excited about our mission together too.

Blessings,
Pastor Dallas

The Jackson Christmas Parade will be held Friday, November 16 at 6 pm. Everyone knows that means First Baptist Church will be handing out their delicious hot chocolate. Please plan on meeting at the church at 4:30 pm so we can get everything set up. We hope to see everyone here for this fun night for the family.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We are collecting items for the Operation Christmas Child Boxes. Items that are needed include pencils, pens, crayons, notebooks (small), combs and small toys. The Youth are filling the boxes on November 4th and they will be dedicated on November 11. Items can be left in the church office.

REMINDER: Annual meeting and potluck will be held on Sunday, November 11 following morning service. There will be no Sunday School. An Executive Board Meeting will follow. Please remember to bring a passing dish. There will be copies of the report to preview on Sunday November 4. Any questions or concerns, please contact the office.



COMFORT QUILTS

About a year ago, Shirley Sayles suggested a quilt ministry as an avenue of friendship while we comfort others. Through her guidance, over forty quilts have been gifted; some to a hospice house in honor of a friend, some to the veterans hospital and many to individuals. This mission has been made possible through donations of fabric and funds from individuals.

The quilts are available in the narthex. We encourage people to take one and share it with someone who could use a little comfort. It is a great "ice-breaker" when you go for a visit. The quilts are available for anyone to give to anyone...no ties to this church is needed. The only thing asked is that you tell Shirley who you are sharing the quilt with. If it is a friend of the church, they may already have received one. It is also fun to see where they go.

ALTAR FLOWERS: An agreement has been made with Brown Floral Company to provide altar flowers for FBC when desired. The cost will be \$38 which includes a delivery fee. If you wish to order altar flowers, please contact Sue who will make arrangements with Brown's and will take note of any message you may want to have placed in the Sunday Bulletin.

Checks for the flowers should be written to FBC. Of course, you may also purchase flowers from any other florist of your choice being certain that your provider is aware that deliveries must be made when the church office is open (Mon-Fri 9 am to 1 pm). As always, if you prefer to design your own floral arrangement or bring in a bouquet from your garden, those are also options.

There are still some openings for Sunday during the rest of 2018 and Sue can help you with any Sundays in 2019.

If you have any questions, please contact either Sherry Dodge or Sue.

Meet and Support Small Community Businesses!!

Where: Westminster Expo 2301 Ridgeway Road (off Horton Rd)

When: Saturday Nov 3rd 10 am-2 pm

What can you expect: Chair massages, skin care, wood working, chocolates, jewelry, leggings and legging accessories, handmade bags, cupcakes and more.

Other information: It is completely free and door prizes will be awarded.

OBTAINING ORDERS OR REIMBURSEMENTS

Since the first of this year, we have been using a business service to prepare checks and payroll. In a further effort to streamline the process, a new process was developed to handle your requests. A form was developed to be used for all financial transactions and is available at the church office or in a box next to the Christian Education Office.

Please help Mary White maintain what little sanity she has left.

- If you purchased something and need reimbursement, use the form.
- If you purchased something on the church credit card, use the form.
- If you purchased something and want in-kind credit, use the form.
- If you plan to order something, use the form.
- If you want the church secretary to order something, use the form.

The form needs to be completed and the receipt attached. *And please remember that all purchases in excess of \$100 must be approved by the team chair before purchasing or placing order.* . .it's on the form. There is only one form: the same form is used for all transactions. If you have questions, please see Mary White or call the church office.

Please do not drive down the alley behind the church. There are falling bricks and it is unsafe. You are still able to park in the bank parking lot and enter through the back door. We just want to make sure everyone and their property remains safe. Thank you.

Thank You

Letha and I wish to thank all of our church family for your thoughts, visits, support and prayers. Especially the prayers. I truly believe without these prayers, I would not have survived. After reading the medical reports, three doctors said as much. So thank you again for your prayers and support.

Ken Elliott

BETH'S KIDS

Last month we adopted Beth's kids. Individuals chose a child for daily prayer and we were able to provide a book to each child. Beth selected three books and the children were able to choose one of the three selected. While some of the children picked chapter books, Knowing David, a book about a very impish and mischievous boy was a favorite. David causes all kinds of excitement, including running across the street with no clothes on-what 2nd grader wouldn't find that escapade hilarious?

Getting ready for Halloween, Beth requested some broken crayons for an art project and the response was generous. Most of the crayons donated were new so they will replace broken ones in the classroom. Pieces of crayons will be glued on canvases and pumpkins, then heated with a hair dryer and melted to "run" down. Remember the old candles in the bottles we did ages ago?

The children are aware that they have "friends" who provided their books and Beth has promised some photos and anecdotes. In the meantime, we will again provide a book for each child this month.

One child is expecting a baby brother, his first sibling. Two additional students have joined her classroom and one has only rudimentary command of our English, but Beth is up to the challenge. All of the children are working on developing perseverance and not giving up. Please lift them up in prayer.

November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH <i>of Jackson</i> 201 South Jackson St. Jackson, Michigan 49201 Telephone (517) 784-3151				1 FBC Annual Meeting Reports Due 5 JPCM Don Freese	2 10 Women's Book Study	3 
4 Daylight Savings Ends & Operation Christmas Child Items Due Open Scott Dodge PA Logan Dodge 4 Fellowship 4:30 Connection Service 5:30 Youth Group	5	6 Election Day	7 5:15 Choir Rehearsal	8 5 JPCM Steve Claar	9 10 Women's Book Study	10 8:30 Men's Breakfast at Steve's Ranch
11 Operation Christmas Child Items Dedicated Open Jim Stratton PA Kenyon Wood Annual Mtg/Potluck, No SS Executive Board Mtg Follows 4 Fellowship 4:30 Connection Service 5:30 Youth Group	12	13	14 5:15 Choir Rehearsal	15 Food Delivery for Christmas Food Baskets 5 JPCM Dick Dodge	16 10 Women's Book Study 6 Downtown Christmas Parade/Hot Chocolate Giveaway & JPCM Bling Sale	17
18 Open Dan Cabage PA Mary White 4 Fellowship 4:30 Connection Service 5:30 Youth Group	19 Steeple Breezes Article Submission Deadline	20 7 Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at St. John United Church of Christ 801 S. Mechanic St	21 No Events in Evening	22 Thanksgiving Day Church Office Closed No JPCM in Evening	23 10 Women's Book Study	24
25 Open Don Freese PA Russ Cummings 4 Fellowship 4:30 Connection Service 5:30 Youth Group	26	27	28 5:15 Choir Rehearsal	29 5 JPCM Godlewski's	30	



- 2 Debbie Baeske
- 4 Trevor Topa
- 7 Nancy Wagner
Mary Woodruff
- 15 Don Freese
Emalee Johnson
- 16 Shirley Sayles
- 24 Sue Anderson
- 25 Richard Dodge
Mary White
- 30 Sally Rubert Burden

