



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

DO JUSTICE. LOVE KINDNESS. WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD.
—MICAH 6:8



SUMMER SUNDAYS As we head into the summer months, we have decided to keep our worship services in the Sanctuary. While we love trying new things, last summer's move to the Fellowship Hall brought a few technical challenges. Staying in the Sanctuary means everyone—whether sitting in the pews or tuning in online—will get the best possible sound and livestream quality.

Because the Sanctuary can get a little warm, we are shortening our services to about 50 minutes. We invite you to dress comfortably and grab a cup of ice

water and a paper fan on your way in! Families, please note that after Time as Children, the kids will head upstairs to our air-conditioned play space for Summer Children's Ministry. Afterward, we will all head outside for Lemonade on the Lawn.

A Service of Sending.

At the invitation of First Baptist Indianapolis, Bill and Beth Foster, Scott and I attended their Service of Sending for Pastor Laura. We were warmly welcomed despite their sorrow at her departure. With lovely words and actions, the church released Laura from her call there and commissioned her to come to us. Bill and I shared greetings from Ann Arbor, our excitement over Laura and her family's arrival, and our prayer that they prosper in God's work through their own transition.





Online Photo Directory. As a way to welcome our new pastor, Rev. Laura Harris-Adam, and to allow us all to put faces with names and feel more at home in our congregation, we are encouraging everyone to update our online photo directory! We use Servant Keeper for our online directory, as we use this software already for our giving statements. [Register/login](#) to your account to update your information and add a photo to your profile. Reach out to [Christina Alaniz](#) if you need any help!

[Update your profile here!](#)

Upcoming Preachers



June 7: Brian Burton

Brian Burton is a native of Little Rock where he serves as CEO of the Arkansas Foodbank. He is an ordained Baptist minister with a Master of Divinity from Southern Seminary and an MBA from LSU. He has had 30 years of experience in the nonprofit sector and formerly was a minister to adults at Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas. Currently, he shares his home with Lucy, a Jack Russell terrier mix who often attends church with Brian.

June 14: DJ Reed

D.J. and his wife Heather have lived in Michigan since 2010. He has been a member at FBCA2 since 2022 and is currently involved in the Livestream Team, the Recruitment Team, the Mission Action Board and the Pastoral Search Committee. Prior to FBCA2, D.J. served as Senior Pastor at Chilson Hills Church in Howell, Michigan for 11 years. DJ. is currently employed as a chaplain for Abigail Hospice and has been a chaplain at Trinity Health hospitals for 2 years. He has over 25 years of church ministry experience. D.J. and Heather have two sons, Lincoln (Jr. at Pinckney High School) and Dani (2nd year at Michigan Tech) who really enjoy being involved at FBCA2. D.J. is a native of Chicagoland, but has been a resident in Pennsylvania, California and Michigan as well. He enjoys writing, sketching and photography.





Dear church family,

As our regular Christian Ed programming has ended for the school year, I will be transitioning out of my role as Associate for Youth Ministry and my duties will end in June. I have cherished my time with everyone in Youth Group and it has been incredibly nurturing for my soul to walk with these special young people on this part of their faith journey. My veterinary work schedule and my single parent duties have become increasingly more demanding and I need to center my focus on these commitments at this time. As a lifelong member of FBCA2, I know how important the Youth Group is to our congregation. I will remain active as a volunteer Youth Group mentor and am always available to any Youth Group member if you want to reach out for support, encouragement, laughs, and love.

- Jillian

It is with immense gratitude that we say good bye to Jillian as Associate for Youth Ministry. Jillian stepped in to lead our youth with energy, skill and love;

our teens have been blessed by her leadership, as have we all. As she takes on more responsibility and hours in her work as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine we wish her all the best, grateful that she will continue to be a member of our Youth Ministry Team. As Pastor Laura joins us, she and the Personnel Committee and Board of Christian Education will lead the effort to fill Jillian's rather sizable shoes! Thank you, dear Jillian!

-Robbie Stapleton for Board of Christian Education



Thank you, Janice Stumpf!

Janice has just wrapped up her time as a weekly volunteer. We are grateful for the 3 years of time, love, energy, and partnership she gave us during that time. We appreciate you, Janice!

Thank you, Elli Barron and Allen Burton!

We're grateful for Elli's work in the front garden beds by the portico and for Allen's work in getting the Huron Street planters planted. Thank you!





For the summer months, Fellowship Time will be Lemonade on the Lawn! Hosts will simply wheel an already stocked cart to the portico on the Washington Street side of the building. We'll serve lemonade, water, and cookies. When we're done, the host will wheel the cart back to the kitchen and ta-da, you're done! Please [sign up](#) as you are able.



Habitat for Humanity FBC Workdays. Our FBC Saturday workday is June 27th, and our Friday workday is Aug 21st. The FBC volunteers will work with another Good News group congregation to provide labor and perhaps lunches on work days. If you have the time and wish to volunteer during the week go to the [Good News house website](#) and check out their [volunteer page](#) for signing waivers.

As in past years, our congregation has also committed financial support to the project. We are asking you to contribute as you have in the past to aid this effort to provide affordable housing in our community. We have committed to raising \$2500 in 2026. Checks can be written to FBC, with H4H in the memo line. Reach out to [Scott Diels](#) if you have any questions.

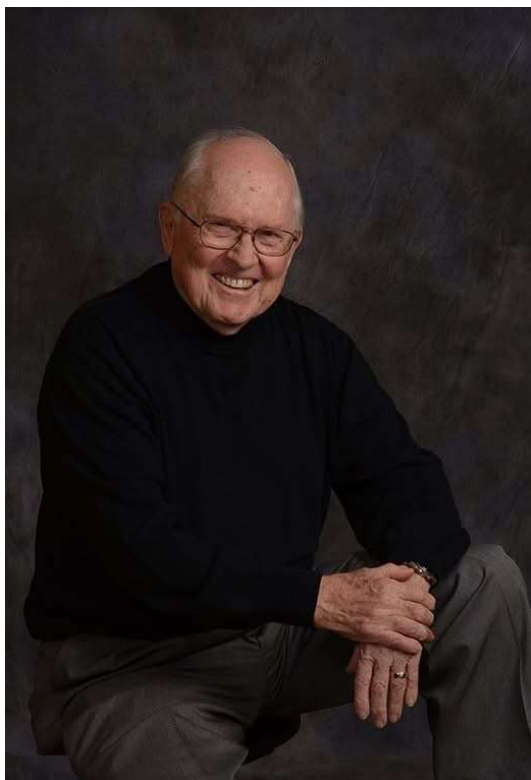
ADULT FORMATION

Adult Formation and Wednesday Bible Study will resume in the fall!

Sunday Young-Ish Adult Gathering. If you consider yourself to be a young-ish adult (roughly 20s - 40s), there's a small group for you! While the group is

not officially meeting regularly over the summer, there will be occasional gatherings planned as folks are available. If you'd like to join our email list to get notified of our gatherings, contact [Meg Suell](#), [Valerie Francia](#), or [Jamie Mills](#).

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES



Celebration of Life for H. Robert Reynolds

Saturday, June 6th, 2026 - 4:00pm

All Are Welcome!

Rackham Auditorium

915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor, MI

Reception to follow at First Baptist Church, Ann Arbor



Class of 2026

Alexandra and Caterina DaSilva are graduating high school and inviting their FBC family to attend their graduation party, on June 7 from 4-8pm! For more information, [check out the evite](#).



Dear FBC,

Thank you so much for the very generous scholarship. I am so blessed to have a church family who believes in me and in my career. Thank you for your trust in me and your support in helping me build the future I have always dreamed of. I so deeply appreciate it.

With love and gratitude,

Rayna

Dear Church family,

Huge thanks to everyone at First Baptist for supporting us as we've grown up in the church! We are so grateful for the church scholarships we received this year.

Here is what we are up to next: Piper and Asher are both heading to Camp Christian this summer to serve as Counselors-in-Training (CIT) and Piper is

attending as a camper, too. This fall, Emmanuel will be using his scholarship to continue his studies at the University of Michigan (Go Blue!). Thank you for always cheering us on!

With gratitude for all the ways our church family supports us,

Piper, Asher, and Emmanuel

Amor per Christum, pax per Deum, et vita per Spiritu sancto.

Dearest Church Family,

You have been a part of my life for, well, my whole life, and I cannot overstate the impact which your teaching, love, and compassion has had on me. I am extremely grateful for the generous scholarship which has been extended to me to help on this new path of my education in Cambridge. For this, and everything, I thank you.

Yours in Christ,

Isaac

“And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:7

FBC Men's Book Club. The men's book club will next meet on June 22nd to discuss *The Prophetic Imagination* by Walter Brueggeman. We will meet at 7 PM at the home of Clay Scott, 436 3rd St. Reach out to [Clay Scott](#) if you have any questions.

PRAYER REQUESTS. Praying together is a core element of our life together. Each Sunday during worship (10:00a on our [Facebook page](#), [YouTube channel](#), and in person), we pray for those we know to pray for by name during the Prayers of the People. You are invited to share prayer requests/praises using [this form](#).

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE AND DEADLINE. The next newsletter will be Thursday, June 18. Deadline for submissions is Tuesday, June 16.

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