

First BAPTIST CHURCH

LIVES BEING TRANSFORMED THROUGH THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Welcome

Whether you are new to our church or have been attending all your life, we're glad you have joined us today. Our desire is to worship and celebrate God in a way that is fresh, relevant and easily applicable through message, music and media. Our prayer is that you would experience God in a personal way and be challenged to grow closer to Him.

If you need a Bible, we would like to provide one to you as a gift. They can be found under the seat of the chair in front of you.

Childcare is available just off of the Welcome Center.

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child area coordinator Barb Schmidt will be here today to share with us and answer any questions you may have about the ministry.

It's "Operation Christmas Shoebox Time!"

Our goal is 100 boxes to fill and with your help, we can and we will.

Fill a shoebox with useful things, think of the joy to some kid it brings.

It'll bring happiness to those you've never known, by this, "Christ's love," can be shown.

November 12-19, 2012 is the delivery date, let's hurry, we don't want to be late.

Thank you,
Women's Sunday School Class



Be sure to pick up your shoebox or place your donations in the box in the Welcome Center. We are well on our way to making our goal but we need your help!



Student Ministries

Youth group will meet tonight at 6:00 p.m., beginning with dinner in the kitchen. After we eat, we will have our study and play games. All youth, grades 6-12 are invited! There will be no youth group next Sunday due to the High School Retreat.

Breakaway High School Retreat is next weekend! Meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. Remember to bring your completed medical release form as well as your \$75 payment if you have not already done so. We will plan on being back at the church between 1 and 1:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Middle School Only Event! Come for a night of fall games and fun from 7:00-9:00 p.m. this Saturday, October 27th. There is no cost for this event and registration is not necessary. Invite all your friends!

Register online for all fundraiser opportunities! Right now, we have a few openings for the Herbergers fundraiser as well as the Sertoma Winter Wonderland Live Nativity in Brainerd on December 2nd. Remember to keep selling those Herberger coupon booklets, money is due into Pastor Paul by the end of the month.

General

The **Pillager Ministerial is sponsoring a youth event** featuring guest speaker Reggie Dabbs at the school this Wednesday. Our church has been asked to provide dessert. Please sign up in the Welcome Center if you are able to provide a pan of bars.

If you are interested in being a delegate from our church at the **2012 MIBC annual meeting**, please see Tim Horn or Gary Fredman today! The meeting is next Friday and Saturday at Grace Fellowship in Brooklyn Park. More information is available in the Welcome Center.

Calling all crafters! Come this Saturday, from 9-3, as a group gathers here at the church to work on their various craft projects. Everyone is welcome! Bring your crafting supplies and a lunch. Come and go as you are able. Enjoy some time of fellowship and perhaps even complete a project! Please use the north entrance to the church.

We are hosting **IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network) in November!** Please consider volunteering to make a meal, spend the night or drive a vanload of children to school. See Margaret Knebel if you are willing to help.

A **new Bible Study** is being offered! Beginning on November 11th, we are offering an exciting, in-depth study of Hebrews on Sunday mornings from 8-10 a.m. This study will look at what God has to say about Jesus, angels and our great salvation. Register online or talk to Pastor Paul if you are interested.

We are looking for additional cooks to help prepare the **Wednesday Night Suppers**. If you enjoy cooking and would like to be a part of a wonderful ministry to children and their families on Wednesday evenings, please talk to Dave Gielow.

JOIN US WEDNESDAY NIGHT!

6:15-8 P.M.

AGES 2-5TH GRADE

Awana
Because Kids Matter to God

This Week at First

Today

6:00 pm Youth Group
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study

Monday

6:30 pm Executive Board Mtg

Tuesday

11:00 am Prayer Meeting

Wednesday

1:15-3 pm MS/HS Release Time
5:00 pm CE board meeting
6:00 pm Family Meal
6:15 pm Awana

Friday

6:00 pm Depart for HS Retreat

Saturday

9-3 pm Craft 'N Chat
7:00 pm Middle School
ONLY event

Next Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Gathering
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study

Women's Ministries

The women's Bible Study group is collecting items to send in care packages to the college students. If you would like to donate items such as hot chocolate, granola bars, microwave popcorn, etc. please bring them by next Sunday. Next Sunday, we will have cards for the students in the Welcome Center that you will be able to sign.

Thank You

Janice and I wish to thank all of you for the privilege of serving alongside you in the mission God has laid before us here at First. We also wish to thank you for your kind words and generous gift you shared with us this past Sunday evening. We thank God for bringing us here and placing each of you in our lives. ~Pastor Paul

Financial Update

Weekly Need: \$2,904.38 Last Week's Giving: \$3,139.00
Budget Year to Date: \$69,705.12 Giving Year to Date: \$58,580.96
Percent of Giving to Budget: 84%



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Thanks for coming today!

We believe that it is God's desire for all people to be in relationship with Him. However, because of the sin that exists in our lives, we are separated from Him. This separation, left unreconciled, will ultimately lead to an eternal separation in Hell. But God, out of His immense grace and unconditional love, has provided a means of reconciliation to us through the death of His Son, Jesus Christ. To those who will acknowledge their own sinfulness, and accept the sacrifice of Christ made on their behalf, God promises the gift of eternal life.

If you have yet to discover the freedom available to you through Jesus Christ, we would love to share this message of life and hope with you. Please contact any member of the leadership team, seated at the front of the Worship Center at the end of the service, and let's discover new life together.



Mission

We are committed to worshipping God,
to proclaiming the life-transforming
message of Jesus Christ,
to strengthening believers
and equipping them for service.

