# FELLOWSHIP means communion, sharing, contribution, partnership.

# **OUR SERVICES**

All regular services of Fellowship Bible Church meet in our facilities at 2775 Bedford Road, Ann Arbor. The Parsonage and study of the Pastor are located at 3290 Charing Cross Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48108.

Church Phone: 734-971-2837 Pastor Postiff's Phone: 734-975-8949

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Wed. Prayer 6:30 p.m. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Saturday Men's Prayer 8:00 a.m. Sunday Evening, Truth Trackers 6:00 p.m.

# **OUR BELIEFS**

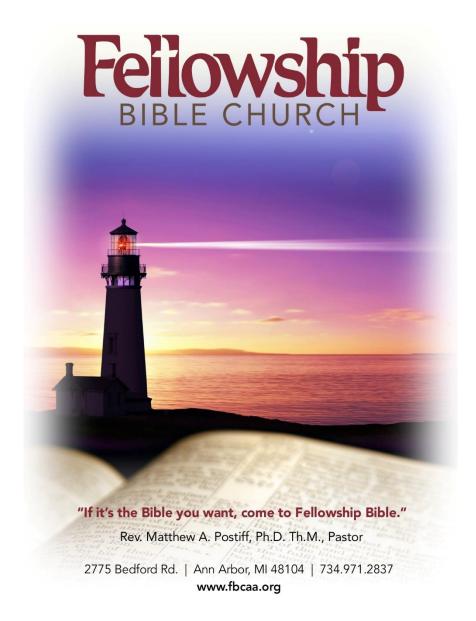
- 1. We believe the 66-book Bible is verbally inspired and inerrant in the original writings. We believe that the Bible must be interpreted literally, according to context, history, and grammar. We believe the dispensational approach to the Bible.
- 2. We believe there is one only living and true God, eternally existing in three persons Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- 3. We believe that man was created in the image of God, but he sinned, and thereby all human beings are born with a sin nature which is at enmity with God. Man therefore needs to be reconciled to God, released from slavery to sin, and delivered from God's wrath against sin and the guilt of sin.
- 4. We believe in Christ's virgin birth, physical bodily resurrection, ascension, and present intercession for us.
- 5. We believe that Jesus Christ died in our place at Calvary and that His sacrifice is the only ground for forgiveness of sin.
- 6. We believe that salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, and that all who so believe are eternally saved, transformed, and being sanctified.
- 7. We believe in the imminent, pretribulational rapture of the church. We believe in the personal, premillennial return of the Lord Jesus to the earth to set up His Kingdom.

# **OUR STAFF**

Ben Carnes and Jon Snoeberger are the deacons of Fellowship Bible Church. Jansen Lorch is assistant pastor.

# **OUR INVITATION**

We invite you to receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior, join the church membership, grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord, and consider how you can serve to promote the gospel to the ends of the earth. Please see Pastor Postiff or one of the deacons if you have spiritual needs or questions. We are happy to serve you in whatever way we can.



"That which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son, Jesus Christ." 1 John 1:3 Lord's Day December 17, 2023

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:45 a.m. Lord's Table

"For He who is mighty has done great things for me, And holy is His name. And His mercy is on those who fear Him From generation to generation." – Luke 1:49-50

# MORNING WORSHIP - 10:45 a.m.

Prelude

Announcements, Opening Prayer

Hymn \* # 206

Hvmn \* # 205

Scripture Reading: Esther 7

Pastoral Prayer

Offering & Musical Ministry "Coventry Carol"

Musical Ministry "Sing We the Song of Emmanuel"

Hymn \* # 219

Teaching of the Word (Luke 6)

Hymn \*# 218

Benediction Postlude "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"
"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"
Asst. Pastor Jansen Lorch

Macy Collins

Children

"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem" Pastor Postiff

"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

\* Congregation Standing

# WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY – 6:00 p.m.

Hymn Sing Selections
Scripture Reading: Psalms 25-26 Drew Nelson
Teaching of the Word Asst. Pastor Jansen Lorch

# **DEVOTIONAL READING** - Christ's Incarnation, The Marvel of Mortals

If the angels were so astonished at Christ's birth, it is not surprising that man should be filled with holy wonder at the great mystery. That God should have such consideration for His fallen creatures that, instead of sweeping them away with the [broom] of destruction, He should devise a wonderful scheme for their redemption, and that He should Himself undertake to be their Redeemer, and to pay their ransom price, is, indeed, marvelous.

Probably, it will seem most marvelous to you in its relation to yourself, that you should be redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus, that God should forsake the thrones and royalties above to suffer ignominiously below for you. If you truly know yourself, you can never see any adequate motive or reason in your own self for such a wonderful deed as this. "Why should God display such love to me?" you may well ask.

If David, when the Lord revealed to him the honors in store for him and for his family, could only say, "Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my house, that Thou hast brought me hitherto? And is this the manner of man, O Lord God?" what should you and I say? Had we been the most meritorious of individuals, and had we unceasingly kept the Lord's commands, we could not have deserved such a priceless boon as Christ's Incarnation; but as we are sinners, offenders, rebels, who have revolted, and continually gone further and further away from God, what shall we say of this incarnate God dying for us, but "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins"?

This wonder will also produce in you godly watchfulness; you will be afraid to sin against such love as this. Feeling the presence of the mighty God in the gift of His dear Son, you will put off your shoes from off your feet, because the place whereon you stand is holy ground.

You will be moved, at the same time, to a glorious hope. If Jesus has given Himself to you, if He has done this marvelous thing on your behalf, you will feel that Heaven itself is not too great for your expectation, and that the rivers of pleasure at God's right hand are not too sweet or too deep for you to drink thereof. Who can be astonished at anything when he has once learned the mystery of the manger and the cross? – C.H. Spurgeon (1834-1892)

NURSERY MINISTRY		
Toda	ny	Next Sunday
SS	Karen, Selah	SS Jael
AM	Becky, Melissa	AM Karen, Theda
PM	Open	PM Family Service

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME.** We are grateful for your presence here! May we worship in Spirit and truth today, in the beauty of holiness.

**A NOTE OF GRATITUDE AND PRAISE**. We want to express praise to God and gratitude for the concert last week, for the many who served in various capacities. Your labor of love allowed many to be reached by Word of God in song and preaching. Praise the Lord!

**EVENING SERVICE.** We plan to meet again for evening service at 6 tonight, Truth Trackers will also to meet. Note that this it the last Truth Trackers meeting of the year—next Sunday we have Christmas Eve service at 6pm, and the following Sunday evening on Dec 31 we meet at Hiawatha Bible Church.

**MEAL TRAIN**. An email was sent last week with a link to sign-up for a meal train for Jon and Janette, please take a look and sign up if you are able. See Kalee Lorch with any questions or to have her sign you up. Thanks so much for considering that opportunity to serve.

**WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES.** Wednesday dinner starts at 5:45 p.m. This is followed by Prayer Meeting and Bible Study starting at 6:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY MORNING, 8 AM**. Our men are studying the Word and praying together. Please consider joining us for this edifying and valuable time.

# OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday, December 22 is a Youth Group event, parents received details via email.
- Sunday, December 24, Sunday School at 9:45, Morning worship at 10:45, and Christmas Eve service is at 6:00pm. There are no services planned for December 25.
- Sunday, December 31, Sunday School at 9:45, Morning worship at 10:45, We will join with Hiawatha Bible Church for a Singspiration at <u>5:00 pm</u>. Please RSVP to the Postiffs so we can let HBC know how many are coming, and please plan to bring a dessert. Note that the meal starts at 5pm, followed by singing, followed by a short Bible message by Pastor Postiff, and then the Lord's Table. The plan is to be done by 8:30pm or so.

# FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

Most Christians would be better pleased —if the Lord did not inquire into their personal affairs too closely. They want Him to save them, keep them happy and take them to Heaven at last—but not to be too inquisitive about their desires or daily conduct.

But He has searched us and known us; He knows our down sitting and our uprising and understands our thoughts afar off. There is no place to hide from those eyes that are as a flame of fire—and there is no way to escape from the Judgment of those feet that are like fine brass. It is the part of wisdom to live with these things in mind!! – A, W. Tozer <a href="https://www.gracegems.org/29/treasures from tozer.htm">https://www.gracegems.org/29/treasures from tozer.htm</a>