**COMMUNION**. Our next Communion service here is planned for January 7, 2024 at 6pm. There is no potluck that day.

#### FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

- The Bible is a supernatural book and can be understood only with supernatural aid.
- Let us start reading our Bibles with the thought that God means exactly what He says!
- Looking back--Praise Him! Looking ahead--Trust Him! Looking around--Serve Him! Looking up--Expect Him! Tozer

# 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.

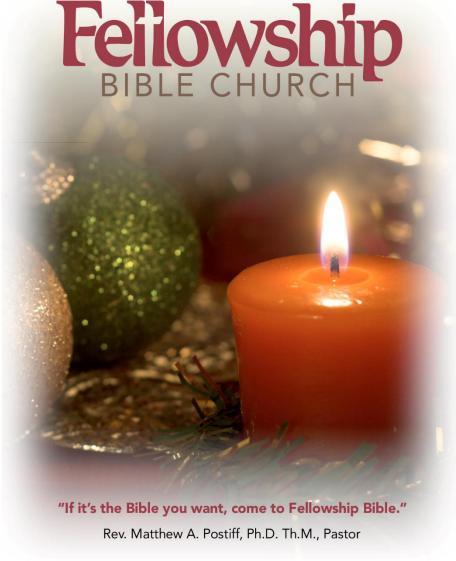
Church Phone: 734-971-2837 Pastor Postiff's Phone: 734-975-8949

Email: pastor@fbcaa.org

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.



"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 31, 2023** 

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

"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age." – Titus 2:11-12

## MORNING WORSHIP - 10:45 a.m.

Prelude

Announcements, Opening Prayer

Hymn \* # 194 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

Hymn \* # 236 (verses 1 and 3) "What Child is This?" Jansen Lorch

Scripture Reading: Esther 8

Membership Addition

Pastoral Prayer Offering & Musical Ministry "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Jael Carnes Musical Ministry Naomi Postiff

Hymn \* # 221

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

Teaching of the Word Hvmn \*# 23

Pastor Postiff "Worthy of Worship"

Pastor Postiff

Benediction, Postlude

\* Congregation Standing

#### SINGSPIRATION AT HIAWATHA BIBLE CHURCH - 5:00pm

## Hiawatha Bible Church 6415 Buck Shore Dr. Hamburg, MI 48139, 810-231-1044

Dinner at 5:00pm, followed by Singspiration. Please bring a dessert.

### **DEVOTIONAL READING**

The last day of the year! "Jesus said unto him: Follow Me!" John 21:19

We have come now to the last day of the year! For a whole year in these daily readings, we have been walking with Christ. Is there any better word with which to close this book and close the year, than this last invitation of Jesus, "Follow Me!" This is the true outcome of all learning of Christ. Mere knowledge, though it be of spiritual things, avails nothing — except as it leads us to follow Christ.

We have seen Jesus in all the different phases of His life. We have heard many of His words. Now it remains only for us to follow Him. The outcome of seeing and knowing Jesus should be holy living and doing. The last day of the year suggests also the same duty.

Who is satisfied with his life as it appears in retrospect? The past, however blotted, must go as it is; we cannot change it, and we need not waste time in regretting. But the new year is before us, and if we would make that better than the stained past, it must be by following Christ more closely.

To follow Christ is to go where He leads — without questioning or murmuring. It may be to a life of trial, suffering, or sacrifice — but it does not matter; we have nothing whatever to do with the kind of life to which our Lord calls us. Our only simple duty is to obey and follow. We know that Jesus will lead us only in right paths, and that the way He takes slopes upward and ends at the feet of God!

The new year on which we are about to enter is unopened, and we know not what shall befall us; but if we follow Christ we need have no fear. So let us leave the old year with gratitude to God for its mercies, and with penitence for its failures and sins; and let us enter the new year

with earnest resolve in Christ's name to make it the holiest and most beautiful year we have ever lived. ~ "Daily Bible Readings in the Life of Christ" J.R. Miller, December 31, 1890

#### NURSERY MINISTRY **Next Sunday Today** SS Jael SS Melissa AM Naomi, Debbie AM Karen, Jael PM Singspiration PM

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME**. We are thankful for your participation in worship on this New Year's Eve morning. We have so much for which to praise God, Who has faithfully kept us through this year and crowned the year with His goodness (Psalm 65:11). May Christ our Lord be exalted.

SINGSPIRATION AND COMMUNION TONIGHT. There is no evening service at our building tonight, but you are invited to join as we head up to Hiawatha Bible Church. We'll enjoy dinner at 5pm, followed by a Singspiration. If you are coming, please bring a dessert.

BRIEF PRACTICE FOR SINGSPIRATION. For those who plan to attend tonight and sing "Only God" (requested by Pastor Wichert at last Singspiration!), let's please meet right after service to run the song before tonight!

**CHURCH DIRECTORY**. Several hard copies are available at the back of the auditorium. If we run out please let Pastor know, we can get more printed. We sent it via computer too.

PRAYER MEETING WEDNESDAY. Wednesday dinner starts at 5:45 p.m. This is followed by Prayer Meeting and Bible Study starting at 6:30 p.m. Please join us!

**APOLOGETICS CONFERENCE:** This is for college/career group, and is January 6, 2024 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM at First Baptist Church in Troy. FBC will pay registration fee because we want to send anyone interested. See fliers or Jansen for more information.

SATURDAY MORNING, 8 AM. We also have men's prayer meeting! Please consider joining us for this edifying and valuable time.

**YEAR END GIVING.** Offerings received by today will count toward your giving for 2023. We are very thankful for how the Lord has blessed and provided for this ministry.

BUSINESS MEETING. The annual business meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2024 at 6:30pm. Dinner will precede at 5:45, please let Pastor or Naomi know if you plan to come,

#### WORDS OF APPRECIATION

I just received the thoughtful Christmas card from the church and found it very encouraging. Would you please pass along my appreciation. – from Darius D.

We want to give thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ for yet another year of God's provision through the sacrificial giving of His church. In addition to the recent Christmas gift, we want to acknowledge your abundant care for our family demonstrated in a variety of ways this last year. In return, we pray for you, trusting God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. – from the Lorch family

Dear FBC Family, we are again so blessed by the care and generosity of our church family. We want to express how thankful we are for the Christmas gift we received, and all God's provisions for us this entire year. May God bless you in the coming New Year with His grace, peace, and love. – from the Postiff family (continued on the back)