

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.

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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. Pastor Jansen Lorch is assistant pastor and missionary appointee to Chile.

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.

Fellowship

BIBLE CHURCH



"If it's the Bible you want, come to Fellowship Bible."

Rev. Matthew A. Postiff, Ph.D. Th.M., Pastor

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**"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**

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:45 a.m.

“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.” – Romans 8:1-2

Ministry Trip Report

Pastor & Naomi Postiff

MORNING WORSHIP – 10:45 a.m.

Prelude, Announcements, Opening Prayer

Hymn * # 697

“God of Our Fathers”

Hymn * # 379

“Faith of Our Fathers”

Scripture Reading: Mark 9

Drew Nelson

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Postiff

Offering & Piano Ministry “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Jael Carnes

Musical Ministry “Ancient of Days”

Ensemble

Hymn * # 86

“God of the Ages”

Teaching of the Word

Pastor Postiff

Hymn * # 636

“Revive Us Again”

Benediction, Postlude

* Congregation Standing

WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY – 6:00 p.m.

Hymn Sing

Selections

Scripture Reading: Nahum 3

Drew Nelson

Teaching of the Word and Table of the Lord

Pastor Postiff

DEVOTIONAL READING – OUR NATIONAL MOTTO

Long before “In God We Trust” became the official motto of the United States, the Christian faith played a central role in the lives of the country’s early settlers. Many groups fled Europe seeking religious freedom. For them, faith was a guiding principle for public life and governance.

God-centered rhetoric suffused the founding documents, speeches, and even the architecture of the new nation. Phrases like “Providence” and references to a higher power appear in the Declaration of Independence and other foundational texts, reflecting a widespread belief in divine guidance and protection.

A variation of the phrase “In God We Trust” appears in a poem by Francis Scott Key in 1814. This hymn became our national anthem but the last verse is not well known:

O thus be it ever when freemen shall stand
Between their lov'd home and the war's desolation!
Blest with vict'ry and peace may the heav'n rescued land
Praise the power that hath made and preserv'd us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "**In God is our trust,**"
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

The phrase “In God We Trust” first gained national prominence during one of the darkest chapters in American history: the Civil War. Amid the bloodshed and uncertainty, many Americans turned to faith for comfort and meaning. In 1861, a Pennsylvania clergyman named Mark R. Watkinson wrote a letter to Secretary of the Treasury Salmon P. Chase. Watkinson urged that the United States recognize “the Almighty God in some form in our coins,” believing it would serve as a moral reminder and a symbol of national unity. Secretary Chase, moved by this appeal, instructed the Director of the Mint to prepare a motto reflecting this sentiment.

After some deliberation, the phrase “In God We Trust” was chosen and first appeared on the two-cent coin in 1864. Over the next decades, “In God We Trust” gradually appeared on more coins. While “In God We Trust” became an accepted part of American coinage in the late 19th

century, it wasn’t until the 20th century that the phrase achieved its iconic status. The onset of the Cold War, with its ideological battle between the United States and the officially atheistic Soviet Union, gave new urgency to expressions of national faith.

In 1956 Congress passed a joint resolution declaring “In God We Trust” the official motto of the United States. President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the bill into law, and soon after, the phrase began appearing on all paper currency as well as coins. The move was widely seen as a way to distinguish the United States from its Communist adversaries and to reaffirm the nation’s spiritual foundations. ~ George Zeller, <https://www.middletownbiblechurch.org.ed>. Matt Postiff

NURSERY MINISTRY**TODAY.** SS Melissa AM Karen, Jael PM Naomi**NEXT SUNDAY.** SS Karen AM Kalee, Janette, PM Naomi**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

WELCOME. Welcome on this holiday weekend. As we celebrate 250 years of God’s grace in our land, we remember our utter dependence upon our God who gives us life, freedom from slavery to sin, and all things. May the motto “In God We Trust” increase in many hearts throughout this land, and may many learn the virtue of gratitude for what God has provided for them.

POTLUCK AFTER MORNING WORSHIP. Everyone is invited to participate in a potluck lunch following the morning worship. Please use the opportunity to be a blessing to one another!

MINISTRIES AT AMERICAN HOUSE. We appreciate your prayers as the Postiffs minister at the 3:30 service today at American House. We also have Bible study there tomorrow at 1pm.

COMMUNION DURING EVENING SERVICE. During our 6pm service we’ll have a time to think about our Lord’s sacrifice and partake in communion together.

CAMP STARTS TOMORROW. We’re sending a few of our youngsters to camp COBEAC. Let’s keep them in prayer along with all our youth here at FBC!

HOSTING UPCOMING YOUTH GATHERING HERE AT FBC. We are now hosting the youth event on July 26 from 7:30 – 9:30pm here at FBC, welcoming teens and folks in their 20s from a couple of different churches. Though it will be a very busy time for us with VBS starting the next day, we’re hoping that many of our young people will be involved with this activity! Bring a friend or three! We are going to try to have volleyball, food, and a message.

VBS CRAFT/DECORATION SUPPLIES. Please see the bulletin board in the hallway for items needed. Please bring donations to the church at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

PRAYER MEETINGS THIS WEEK. We meet for prayer at 6:30pm on Wednesday here at FBC (or join via conference call) followed by Bible study at 7:30. Men also meet for prayer and Bible study Saturday at 8am here at the church.

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

- July 12 we look forward to a visit from Missionaries Hector and Paola Garcia.
- Ann Arbor **Art Fair outreach** July 16-18. Please see Ben or Jael Carnes to help.
- Jul 27-31 – 9:30am-Noon **Vacation Bible School** for ages 5 through 12/6th grade. Please invite friends and register if you haven’t already!
- August 9 from 7pm~9pm is another gathering for our teens and young folks at Faithway Baptist Church in Ypsilanti.

JULY VERSE OF THE MONTH. We’ll start learning John 14:1-6! For this month: “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.” – John 14:1