

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.

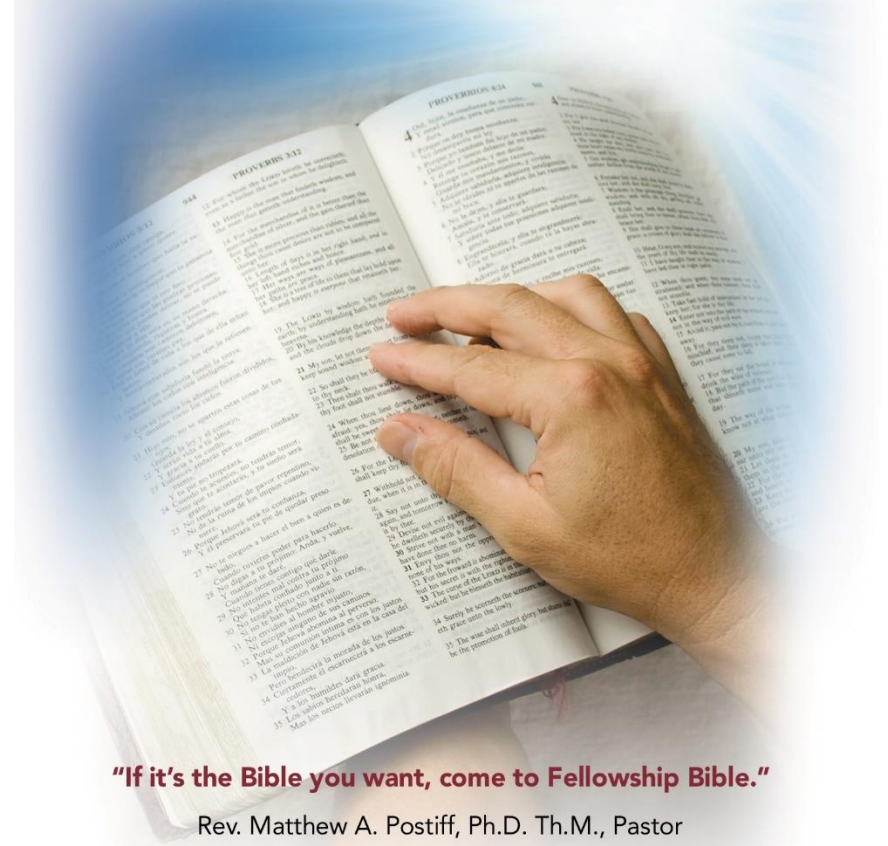
OUR STAFF

Ben Carnes and Jon Snoeberger are the deacons of Fellowship Bible Church. Jansen Lorch ministers as pastoral intern.

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.

“And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.” – Philippians 1:9-11

MORNING WORSHIP – 10:45 a.m.

Prelude, Announcements	
Opening Prayer	
Hymn * # 30	“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”
Hymn * # 11	“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”
Scripture Reading	Ezekiel 9
Offertory and Musical Ministry “Grace Is Flowing” (Hymn # 123)	Kristy Collins
Pastoral Prayer	
Musical Ministry “Search Me, O God” (Hymn # 497)	Ladies’ Ensemble
Hymn * # 253	“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”
Teaching of the Word	Pastor Postiff
Hymn * # 483	“Lord, I’m Coming Home”
Benediction	
Postlude	* Congregation Standing

BIBLE STUDY – 6:00 p.m.

Hymn Sing	Selections
Testimonies	
Scripture Reading	1 Chronicles 9
Teaching of the Word	Pastor Postiff

DEVOTIONAL READING

If there is any Christian who exemplified experiencing joy in difficult circumstances, it was the apostle Paul. Any of us who are familiar with the New Testament know that Paul experienced great suffering and that he both practiced and taught living with the joy of the Lord in the midst of it.

But what we don’t always readily connect to Paul’s joy is his fervency to declare the gospel. It was because Paul’s own spirit was filled with joy and with a focus on the Lord that he had the strength to preach the gospel to others when he was suffering.

Experiencing joy in our lives is important for many reasons. But one of these reasons is that our joy—or lack of it—impacts our witness—or lack of it. If you and I do not have the joy of the Lord, we will not faithfully declare the gospel to others.

How did Paul, how have other Christians through the ages found victory and stayed on point for Jesus? How have they remained faithful in their witness even while enduring suffering for the sake of the gospel? They knew the joy of the Lord. Joy isn’t the absence of suffering. It isn’t even the absence of tears or sorrow (2 Corinthians 6:10). It is the strength of the Lord that enables us to focus on Christ in the midst of these things (Nehemiah 8:10).

So how do we experience this joy?

1. Choose to trust God. We must make a conscious choice to trust God with our specific burdens. This choice is clearer to us when we remember the trustworthy character and promises of God. “Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.” (Isaiah 12:2) “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28)

2. Choose to wait on the Lord. The problems of life don’t usually resolve in a month or a semester. Some things just take time. But when you are in that waiting time, don’t run from God—run to God. Seek Him, and He will renew your strength. “But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.” (Isaiah 40:31)

3. Choose to depend on His grace. God makes His all-sufficient grace available to us. Receive it, and rely on His power in your weakness. “And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.” (2 Corinthians 12:9)

4. Choose joy. James told suffering believers to “count it all joy” when they would experience trials. “My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;” (James 1:2). That phrase count it means “to consider, to account.” It tells us to intentionally decide for joy. Why? Because we know that God is going to bring spiritual maturity in our lives through joy.

5. Choose growth. Don’t allow these times to be seasons when you stagnate in your Christian life. Ask the Lord to grow you through this time. As Him to bring about spiritual maturity as you trust in and wait upon Him. “Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.” (James 1:3-4)

All five of these choices require God’s grace. But none of them happen automatically. We must, enabled by the grace of God, choose to respond by trusting in God, waiting on Him, depending on His grace, counting our trials joy, and growing in the Lord.

<https://paulchappell.com/2021/08/09/5-choices-that-bring-joy-in-difficult-circumstances/>

NURSERY MINISTRY**Today**

SS Karen
AM Hillary, Sin Mei
PM Kim

Next Sunday

SS Karen
AM Becky, Janette
PM Emily

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME We are thankful to meet together today, and hope to be a blessing to you as we worship and study the Word of the living God. Today Pastor will teach from Titus 3:12-15.

CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING. We are asking members to stay for a meeting at the conclusion of the service this morning.

EVENING SERVICE/TRUTH TRACKERS. Please join us at 6:00 p.m. tonight as Pastor teaches from Matthew 8:5-22. Truth Trackers Club will also meet tonight!

PRAYER MEETINGS THIS WEEK. We were so thankful for the week of prayer this past week! Let us dedicate ourselves to prayer, and meet (in person or call in) Wednesday at 6:30pm. Men also meet for fellowship, prayer and Bible study Saturday mornings at 8:00 a.m.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS.

- September 20 – 1:30pm, Bible study starts up again at American House! Please pray with us as this will be our first group ministry there in 18 months, and there are many new residents there.
- September 25 - Hackathon 11, continuing our work in volunteering with Bibles International.