

BOOMER LIFE

First Church of God Baby Boomer Ministry, 2627 Niles Ave., St. Joseph, MI 49085 - myfirstchurch.com/boomer-life - 269.983.1524



A community of **BOOMERS** experiencing God's purpose of abundant life by connecting our lives through spiritual growth, service, and fun.

For all adults 45-65+ years

Jeff Allen Comedy Show Comes to First Church

Adults of all ages are invited to enjoy a night of comedy with Jeff Allen, one of the funniest, most inspirational, Christian comedians working today! Jeff Allen's story has



been shared on *Focus on the Family*, National Prayer Breakfasts and the US Armed Forces. At times both gut-wrenching and hilarious, this one-man show tells the personal story of a life and marriage that hung by a thread for 18 years

He performs *live* at the St. Joseph campus of First Church on Saturday, February 25.

The evening begins at 7:15pm with hors d'oeuvres. Jeff will perform at 8:00. Want to check out his comedy? Visit jeffallencomedy.com or, if you have a smart phone, click on the QR box below. We know you'll love him!

Register online at myfirstchurch.com/boomer-life or get your tickets after services at the St. Joseph campus the weekends of February 4/5 & 11/12. You can also purchase tickets at the church office Mon-Thurs, 8-4:30.

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Saturday, February 25

St. Joseph Campus Life Center

Doors open at 7:15pm with hors d'oeuvres. Jeff Allen performs at 8:00pm



Hear him here!

Tickets: \$20 (deadline: Feb 16)

Register online.

Tickets available at SJ campus after services on Feb 4/5 & 11/12

EDUCATIONAL/SPIRITUAL

growing in Grace

Saturday, March 24

First Church is partnering with Well of GRACE Ministries and SW Christian Counseling to hold a “*Growing In Grace*” conference at its St. Joseph campus on Saturday, March 24. Guest speaker is Dr. Linda Mintel, speaking on “*Worry / Stress*”

Several seminars/workshops will be available to choose from. A few are “*Dealing with Difficult People,*” “*Anger,*” “*Depression,*” “*Loss/Grief,*” etc.

Total cost for the day is only \$25(includes lunch). Watch for more information, coming soon. Register by calling the First Church office: 269.983.1524

SCHEDULE

8:30am	Registration
9:00am	General Session: <i>Dr. Linda Mintel</i>
10 :15am	Break
10:30am	AM Workshops
12-1:15	Luncheon with Dr. Linda Mintel Fellowship Hall Soup and Sandwiches
1:30 pm	PM Workshops
2:45 pm	Break
3:00 pm	General Session: <i>Dr. Linda Mintel</i>
4:15 pm	Conference Ends

*Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
To him be glory both now and forever! II Peter 3:18*



Learn our Heritage

Learn the truth about America’s past so you can shape its future. Discover our nation’s founding in this weekly DVD series that presents the moral foundation of our country.

Led by Patty Needles, this class begins Sunday, January 22, 11:00am, in Room 5. Sign-up online at:

myfirstchurch.com

Laugh About It!

Comments Made in 1957...

“I’ll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it’s going to be impossible to buy a week’s groceries for \$20.”

“If they raise the minimum wage to \$1, nobody will be able to hire outside help.”

“I read the other day where some scientists think it’s possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas.”

“Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$75,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn’t surprise me if someday they’ll be making more than the president.”

“I never thought I’d see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric . . . they are even making electric typewriters now.”

“It won’t be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work.”

“I’m just afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business.”

“The drive-in restaurant is convenient in nice weather, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on.”

“No one can afford to be sick any more; \$35 a day in the hospital is too rich for my blood.”

“If they think I’ll pay 50 cents for a haircut, forget it.”

OUTREACH

Let's Play in the Snow Together

Attention all outdoor enthusiasts!

If you enjoy playing in the snow, we're looking for you! Anyone interested in cross country skiing, nature trail hiking, winter kayaking (must be experienced), winter tubing, etc., please contact Jody at boomerlife.firstchurch@gmail.com or call the church office (269.983.1524) to add your name to our call list for group activities.

Suggestions for any additional winter activities are more than welcome!

Obviously, these activities are dependent on the weather, so it will be a last-minute call for you to join in the fun!



Come & Catch the Puck



Join us on Friday night, March 23, as we go to Kalamazoo and watch K-Wings vs. Chicago Express hockey. Seats will be in the "Red Zone," meaning we will be close to the action.

We will leave the church at 5:00pm on the church bus and stop to eat dinner (on your own) on the way to the stadium for game time of 7:30pm."

Cost is only \$18/person for ticket and transportation--a good price for an evening of fun and good hockey seats!

Reserve your place and make your payment by Sunday, March 11. Stop by the First Church office or call 269.983.1524 to place your reservation and mail in your check.

Dinners for 6+++

Sixty (60) people are now sharing good times in "Dinners for 6+++ for Jan.—May.

If you didn't get to join in a group this time, watch for information on our next season of dinners!

5 Ways to Register for Events:

- 1) **Register online.** Some events offer online registration. Visit our website at myfirstchurch.com/boomer-life Payment can be mailed to the church office or stop by during regular business hours.
- 2) **Use the silver "Registrations" mailbox** located in the Gathering Area of First Church of God. Envelopes located next to the box make this option quick and easy.
- 3) **Register at the front desk.** Come by the church office, Monday-Thursday, 8:00am-4:30pm.
- 4) **Mail your registration.** Our address is, "First Church of God, BoomerLife, 2627 Niles Avenue, St. Joseph, MI 49085." Add a note about which event you are registering for or (even quicker) tear out the article and add to the envelope. Make sure you allow enough time for the mail to reach the church before the deadline.
- 5) **Call the church office at 269.983.1524.** When you come in and pay before the event, mention that you called first.

FELLOWSHIP & FUN

Our Hearts Are On Fire... for the Oakridge Boys

Attention all Baby Boomers!! Come and join us May 11 at the Tulip Festival in Holland for an enjoyable evening with the Oakridge Boys in the Central Wesleyan Auditorium.

The church bus will leave at 5:00pm, stopping for a quick bite in South Haven (*dinner is on your own*) before arriving in Holland by 7:30pm for the 8:00pm concert.

Cost for transportation and concert is \$38/person. Seating is limited, so make your reservations early by calling and paying at the church office by March 1.



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Build a Church in Paraguay

First Church would like to invite you to join with us on our next Work Camp Trip to Paraguay in Jan.-Feb., 2013.

We will build a new fully-completed church building at Maria Auxiliadora (aka Trinfo 43), where Pastor Victor Zarate is currently planting a new COG congregation. This is a new congregation that is being sponsored by Pastor Alcirio Hobus and the congregation at St. Rita.

As of September 2011, Pastor Victor had been at the congregation at Trinfo 43 for about one year and the congregation continues to grow. They are currently renting space and there is a real need for a new church building. The Church of God leaders in Paraguay are very supportive of this site. Pastor Victor is very excited about our desire to partner with them in 2013 to help build this new, completed church building.



At this time, these are our projected dates:

GROUP A of 5 persons leaving on Jan. 26 and arriving in Paraguay on Sunday, Jan. 27.... Leaving Paraguay on Thursday, Feb. 14 and arriving back in Chicago on Feb. 15. Total of 21 days

GROUP B of 15 persons leaving on Jan. 30 and arriving in Paraguay on Thurs., Jan. 31.... Leaving Paraguay on Thurs., Feb. 14 and arriving back in Chicago on Feb. 15. Total of 17 days

GROUP C of 15 persons leaving on Jan. 30 and arriving in Paraguay on Thurs., Jan. 31... Leaving Paraguay on Thurs., Feb. 7 and arriving back in Chicago on Feb. 8. Total of 10 days

GROUP D of 15 persons leaving on Feb. 6 and arriving in Paraguay on Thurs., Feb. 7....Leaving Paraguay on Thurs., Feb. 14 and arriving back in Chicago on Feb. 15. Total of 10 days

We will have a good idea of the costs for a person to go by March after work with the airlines flight costs. It is difficult to determine at this point what the estimated per-person cost will be, because of inflation and increased costs in Paraguay and the changes in the value of the US dollar. However a broad estimate could be around **GROUP A** = \$3400. **GROUP B** = \$3200. **GROUP C** and **D** = \$2900. Or about 20% more than our 2011 trip.

The total cost for construction and materials will be approximately \$80,000, with the Church of God in Paraguay giving about \$15,000 and First Church in St. Joseph giving the remainder.

If you would like more information on this work camp or would like to be placed on a "Reserved List" for a specific group/date, contact Pastor Bob Confer: bob.c@myfirstchurch.com / 269.983.1524 (x14). A number of persons have already registered to hold their place in a specific group.