



First Church of God Mature Adult Ministry, 2627 Niles Ave., St. Joseph, MI 49085 - myfirstchurch.com/prime-timers - 269.983.1524

Celebrate Christmas with Friends

Christmas is a time to celebrate, and the “*Heritage 3 Singers*” from Berrien Center Bible Church will help us do just that.

On **Tuesday, December 6, 6:00pm**, bring a friend to enjoy a delicious Christmas dinner and seasonal entertainment.

We have many reasons to celebrate the season; and will be able to enjoy singing some of our favorite carols. So, bring a friend to our Christmas dinner!

Cost is just \$11/person.

Register no later than Monday, November 28.

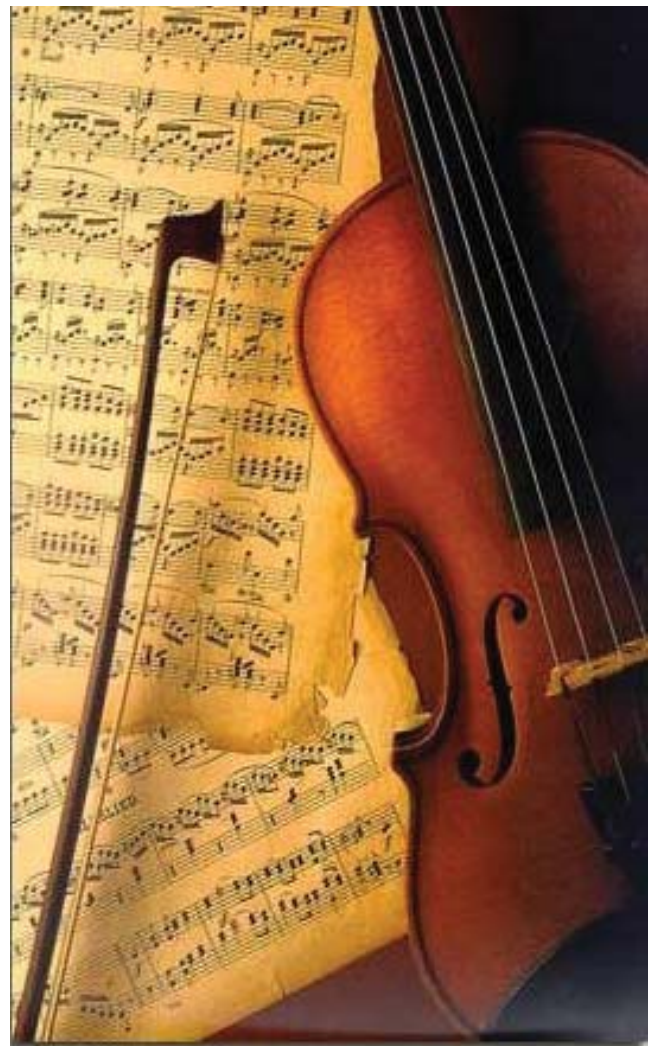


Southshore Band Christmas Concert

On **Sunday, December 11**, the church bus will leave the St. Joseph campus of First Church at 1:30pm to hear the Southshore Band Christmas concert at the Mendel Center. The Southshore Concert Band is a community band that is in residence at Lake Michigan College.

Following the concert, we will go to **Super Buffet in Benton Harbor for dinner. Dinner is on your own (approximate cost is \$8/person).**

Register no later than Thursday, December 8. Cost is \$2 for transportation (plus your meal). This promises to be a fun and enjoyable Christmas outing.



January 20: Soup's On!



Where else can you find warm food, fellowship and history for \$7 besides our annual “*Soup's On!*” event?

On Friday, January 20, 12:00pm, after a luncheon of delicious homemade soups, baskets of fresh breads at each table--and delicious desserts to top it all of!

Tracy Gierada, Director of Education for North Berrien Historical Museum, will do a Powerpoint presentation on Paw Paw Lakes. Hear about popular resorts, steamships, electric train, and what attracted tourists to the area.

Join us for “*Soup's On!*” **Cost is just \$7/person. Register no later than Monday, January 16.**

Answers in Genesis

For some of the most pressuring issues facing Christianity today, join Trinity Lutheran on January 29 & 30 for the “*Answers in Genesis*” conference. The conference is free; childcare provided.

Guest speaker Dr. Tommy Mitchell from the Creation Museum will speak on the following:

Sunday, January 29

6:30pm: “A God of Suffering?”

7:30pm: “Modern Medicine & Ancient Authority”

Monday, January 30

6:30pm: “Jurassic Prank: A Dinosaur Tale”

7:30pm: “Worshipping a Creator God”

Visit Concord Ridge Equestrian Center & Krasl

On **Monday, January 30, the First Church bus will leave at 9:15am to visit the Concord Ridge Equestrian Center** on South M-139 towards Berrien Springs. We will see many breeds of horses ranging in size from huge draft horses to miniatures, from Arabians to thoroughbreds.

Dress warmly! Besides viewing the horses, we will see them worked in the arena and learn all about the Center as we enjoy coffee and danishes in the lounge.

We will also be giving them a small donation for their work with Lory's Place.

After dessert, we will **go to Expressions Cafe in Benton Harbor for lunch (payment is on your own)**



of many choices of soup, sandwiches, and salads.

After lunch, we'll visit **Krasl Art Center** in St. Joseph to see the new Members Exhibition of many fine sculptures and art work, with a visit to the Gallery Shop as well.

Cost for this fun day is \$7/person (plus your lunch).

Register no later than Wednesday, January 25.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINICS



SJ Campus:

Sunday, Dec 4

10:30-11am

Fellowship Hall

BH Campus:

Sunday, Dec 4

12-12:30pm

Fellowship Hall

This is a free service offered by our Parish Nurse Beth Fiakars and our dedicated healthcare volunteers.



Wind Symphony Concert at Andrews U

Enjoy an Andrews University Wind Symphony Pops Concert with us at Andrews University on **Saturday, February 11. We'll leave the First Church parking lot in St. Joe at 5:15pm.**

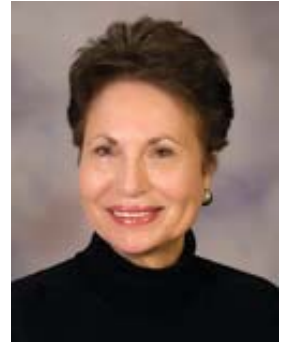
We'll start with dinner at **Cracker Barrel**---cost is on **your own**--then head to the concert.

Cost for this event is \$6.00 plus your dinner. Deadline to register is February 8.

We Love Glenda Head

Bring your sweetheart or friend to a catered Valentine meal on **Friday, February 17, 12:00pm.** Popular pastor's wife and beloved **MailMax columnist Glenda Head will be our guest speaker.** If you read her column, you won't want to miss her.

Menu is Meatloaf/Mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, tossed salad, and Black Forest cake for dessert. **Cost: \$10 Register by February 13.**



Please Register & Pay in Advance for Events

In order to allow us to plan seating, etc., it is *essential* that everyone registers and pays before each event. Thank you for doing this!

We offer four ways to make it easier:

- 1) **Use the silver "Registrations" mailbox** located in the Gathering Area of First Church.
- 2) **Register at the front desk.** Come by the church office, Monday-Thursday, 8:00am-4:30pm.
- 3) **Mail your registration.** Our address is, "Prime Time Ministry, 2627 Niles Avenue, St. Joseph, MI 49085." Make sure you allow enough time for the mail to reach the church before the deadline, and be sure to tell us which event you are paying for.
- 4) **Call the church office at 269.983.1524.** When you come in and pay before the event, mention that you called first. (One check per event, if possible)

Help for those dealing with grief during the holidays



SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

No matter how long it's been since your loved one died, grief can make the holidays a painful time. But there's hope. Join us in the Fellowship Hall of First Church for an encouraging seminar that will help you to discover new reasons to enjoy the holidays again.



Sunday, December 4

2:00 - 4:00pm

REGISTER BY CALLING: 269.983.1524

Festival of Praise

A hymn-sing will be held on Sunday, March 11, 6:00pm, at Washington Avenue Church of God (4051 Washington Avenue, St. Joseph).

This will be a great time to sing the hymns of the church and enjoy special music. Refreshments and fellowship follow the hymn-sing.



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The Final Word

Hear Ernie Haase & Signature Sound

On Saturday, March 10, the First Church bus will leave our St. Joseph campus at 5:30pm for dinner at Texas Corral (payment is on your own).

After dinner, we will travel to the Howard Performing Arts Center in Berrien Springs to hear Ernie Haase & Signature Sound.

This Grammy-nominated, Dove Award-winning gospel music quartet blends 21st century ideas with the timeless quality of great quartets from the 1950s to take an unconventional approach to joyfully communicating God's word. You can count on a concert experience of rich music that is both meaningful and thoroughly entertaining.

Cost is \$25 (plus your dinner). Register no later than February 13 for this inspiring event.



Ernie Haase & Signature Sound



Driving Ahead. . . to More Adventures!

Thursday, May 17: Enjoy a trip to Middlebury, Indiana, for lunch at Essenhaus and enjoy a male quartet from Anderson. Cost is \$28/person. Registration deadline: May 7. This is sponsored by Church of God in Michigan.