



OUR STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Carol McCleary
 Director of Music: John Rickert
 Organist: Jeremy Reis
 Office Manager: Holly Sanchez
 Caretaker: Al Ferrell
 Nursery Attendant: Sarah Egerer
 Sound Technician: Jim Garn

OUR CHURCH OFFICERS

Moderator: Nancy Lewis
 Vice-Moderator: Cheryl Zinz
 Clerk: Denice Papesh
 Treasurer: J. David Garn
 Missions Treasurer
 Sherrell McCafferty
 Financial Secretary: Laure Smith



Church Office is
 currently Closed

In Person
 Worship Services are
 suspended until May
 30, 2020

CHURCH TEAM LEADERS

Christian Ed & Youth Ministry
 Cheryl Ellsworth
 Facilities/Maintenance:
 Jody James
 Historian: J. David Garn
 Assistant: Cheryl Ellsworth
 Finance: Jim Garn
 Missions, Outreach/Evangelism:
 Co-Leader: Nikki Anjakos-Seno
 Co-Leader: Opportunity to serve
 Hospitality: Connie Ellsworth
 Music & Worship: Jan Wheeler
 Pastoral Relations: Cheryl Zinz
 Visitation: Gloria Hernandez
 Nominating: Appointed as needed

MICHIGAN AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
 203 S. Michigan Ave - Saginaw, Michigan 48602
 Church office: (989) 793-8555
 Email: MichiganAveBaptist@sbcglobal.net
 Website: MABCSaginaw.org

OUR CHURCH VISION

Drawing upon its rich history of service to God in an urban setting, Michigan Avenue Baptist Church serves as a beacon of Christ-centered ministry to the community through witness, worship, and fellowship in a culturally diverse population.





Dear Members and Friends of Michigan Avenue Baptist Church:

Greetings as we enter our second month of worshipping together via an online format. Church council met (via Zoom videoconference) on Thursday, April 23 and voted to suspend in-person worship services and church activities through May 30. Church council will meet again (via Zoom videoconference) on May 14 to consider activities beyond May 30 and to begin putting a plan in place for when we are able to resume our in-person gatherings. It is likely that we will need to adjust a number of aspects of our worship service (like the passing of the peace, the children's message, and how we do communion), to help ensure people's health and safety.

As eager as we are to see one another and gather together to worship God, it is crucial that we resume our gatherings in a safe and responsible way. I am committed to moving forward in a way that is guided by the Spirit of God, authentic to who we are as a community of faith, and aligned with the recommendations of health officials and denominational leaders.

I want to applaud our Church Council for their wise leadership throughout this pandemic. I am grateful for the extra time they have invested and the ways they have mastered new technology to ensure that the mission and ministry of the church continues even while we are apart. I am also grateful for your continued involvement in and support of the church during these uncertain times.

Through all these changes our God remains the same. God is faithful. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. We can count on God to carry us through the uncertainty surrounding Covid-19. And we can trust God as we move into the future.

God has not changed, and our mission as a church has not changed. We are still called to love God, and to love people and introduce them to Jesus. Here are a few ways that we are continuing to reach out.

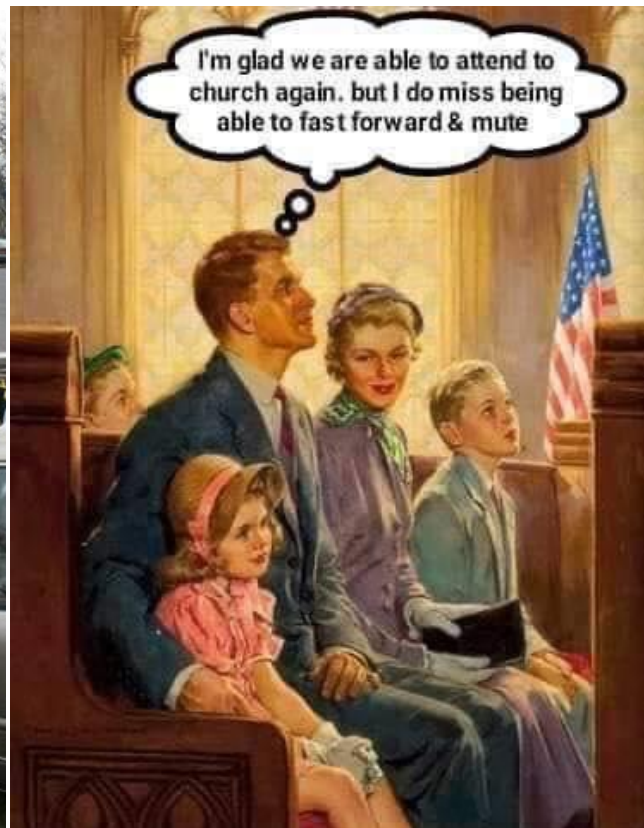
- Our online worship services are continuing. Each week we are e-mailing a link to a pre-recorded worship service (music, prayers, children's message, etc.) and a sermon, along with a bulletin and a list of prayer requests. If you would like to have your name added to the e-mail list, please contact me at MichiganAveBaptist@sbcglobal.net. or (989)793-8555. If the service or sermon is a blessing to you, please forward the e-mail(s) to friends and family members.

- Regular phone calls are being made to help keep members connected. If you had your picture included in the new church directory, you should receive a copy of the directory in the mail sometime this week. Please use the directory to stay in touch via phone or mail.
- The Benevolence team continues to assist those with financial needs. If you are struggling with rent or utility payments or if you are in need of food assistance, please contact me.
- The Women's Bible study is continuing to meet (via phone and videoconference) for prayer and Scripture sharing. If you would like to join in, please contact the church at (989)793-8555
- Extra activity packets with Bible lessons, crafts and games are being mailed to preschool and elementary-aged children.

If you have additional ideas for ways we can stay connected and/or share the love of Jesus with our community, please let me know.

I'm going to close with a Bible verse that has been especially meaningful to me these past few days. "The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you, he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Deuteronomy 31:8

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor





** The Church Council has voted to suspend in-person services through May 30.

** The next Zoom council meeting will be on May 14 at 7:00p.m.

** The Quarterly Business meeting has been cancelled. All of the regular reports will be emailed in lieu of the meeting.



Tithes and Offerings may be mailed to

Michigan Avenue Baptist Church
203 S. Michigan Avenue
Saginaw, Mi 48602

**Thank you for your generous giving
throughout these challenging times**



May Mission

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope.

Habitat for Humanity in Michigan is one of the largest state networks in the nation, with an affiliate serving almost every county. We support these affiliates by recruiting volunteers, raising funds, and advocating for safe and affordable housing. Meanwhile, our affiliates are on the ground making a difference in their local communities. Please give as you are able.

Sincerely, MABC Mission Team



Keep in Touch with Pastor

Blessings as you navigate these uncertain times. If you need a listening ear, would like to pray, or have another need, please don't hesitate to contact me. I can be reached by calling the church at 989-793-8555 or by e-mail at carol.mccleary@gmail.com. I'm also on Facebook and would welcome your friend request. I regularly post positive, uplifting items to encourage and brighten our days. I've made these posts public, so that anyone who is on Facebook can see them. Just search for my name and they should pop up. I also have a

fledgling YouTube channel where I am posting my Sunday sermons. If you go to www.youtube.com and type my name in the search box, you should see my smiling face.

Prayer Ministry



During the Coronavirus crisis, we are preparing a weekly prayer sheet to mail to members in lieu of sharing joys and concerns in church. If you have a joy or concern that you would like added to the list, please contact Cyndi James. Cyndi can be reached by e-mail the church at MichiganAveBaptist@sbcglobal.net or by calling or texting 989-793-8555. Please submit your joys and concerns by Friday of each week.

If you have an urgent prayer need, please



Another message from Pastor....

These are stressful times for many of us. For most, our routines have been radically altered, and there's no clear path to getting back to "normal." No matter how strong we are, situations like this can put a strain on our coping skills. So don't be afraid or ashamed to reach out and get help.

If you could use a listening ear and someone to pray with you, I'm happy to do that.

If you would like to speak to a professional counselor, I can make referrals.

If suicide crosses your mind, please call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 or text 741741. They can help you develop a plan to keep yourself safe.

Again, if you are struggling right now, you are not alone. Please reach out.

"May the God of peace sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 5:23



**"The LORD is
my shepherd,
I shall not want."**

Psalms 23:1, NRSV

God who leads us,

As we follow you on paths unknown to us you are teaching us to distinguish between our wants and our needs.

- **We want security but you lead us to simplicity**
- **We want productivity but you lead us to well-being**
- **We want the noise of information but you lead us to the quiet of transformation.**
- **You lead us away from our selfish wants because you want us to see the world you see.**
- **You want us to long for justice: to be a voice for the under-resourced, the overlooked, the left behind.**
- **You lead us away from seeking our own paths of pleasure to paths of mercy and justice and righteousness for others.**

Your leading does not allow us to avoid the dark valleys where pain and suffering and death prevail. Yet in those dark valleys you teach us to rely on your provision rather than relying on our own ingenuity and stockpile of resources.

And when we are nourished at your table, we find a new kind of abundance.

- **Abundant love for our enemies**
- **Abundant delight in your creation**
- **Abundant peace in our relationships**

So rich is the provision at your table that our cups overflow with abundant life.

So abundant is your relentless love that it overflows from freedom to live life to the fullest in this world to eager anticipation for the completeness of New Creation in the world that is to come.

You are the good shepherd who laid down your life for us. We are the people of your pasture, the flock under your care.

Lead us and we will follow. AMEN

This beautiful prayer was written by my clergy colleague Marlene Webster of Owosso City Church of the Nazarene. Reprinted with permission.

Happy Birthday



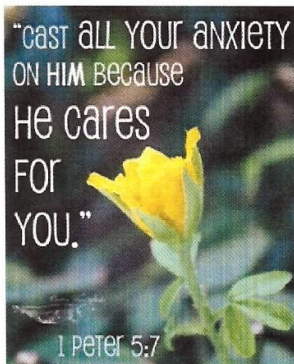
Dorothy Croucher	06
Jim Garn	06
Dakota Casey	11
Mike Casey	14
Sharlene Hamilton	20
Jackie Anjakos	26
Bill Hamilton	30
Jan Wheeler	30

If your birthday has not been listed, please contact the church office at (989) 793-8555 with your birth date. We'd like to wish everybody a Happy Birthday during their birthday month. Please contact the church office should you have a change of address. We want to keep our records current. Thank you.

Encouraging Verses from God's Word

When you are afraid:

So we say with confidence, "The LORD is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?" **Hebrews 13:6**

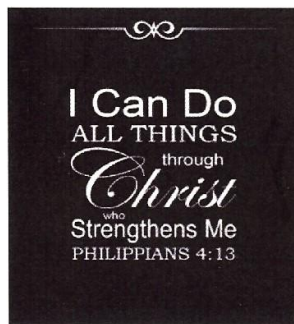


Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. **Joshua 1:9**

When you need strength:

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. **Isaiah 41:10**

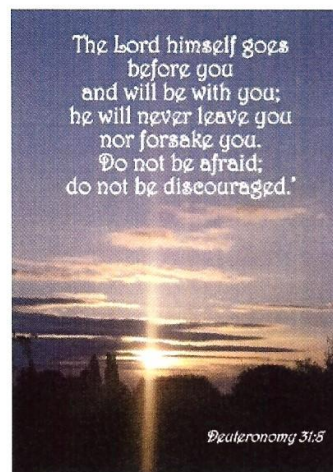
My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my life and my portion forever. **Psalms 73:26**



When you feel lonely:

Jesus says: "Surely I am with you always, even unto the end of the age." **Matthew 28:20**

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. **Psalms 23:4**



When you lack hope:

For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. **Jeremiah 29:11**

When you are weary

Then Jesus said, "Come to me all of you who are weary and carry burdens, and I will give you rest." **Matthew 11:28**



But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength; they will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not be faint. **Isaiah 40:31**

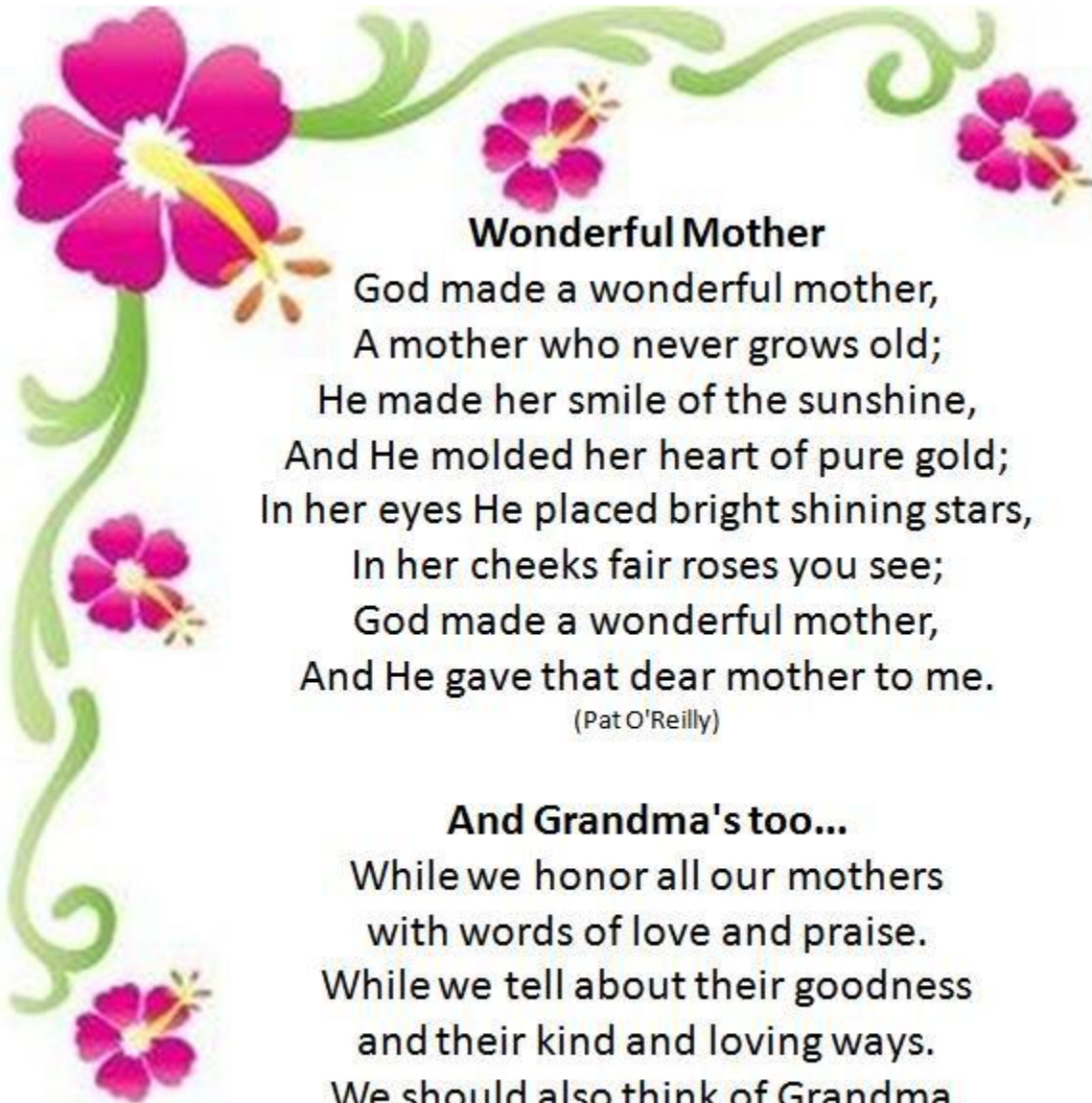
Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. **Galatians 6:9**

When you struggle to forgive:

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. **Ephesians 4:32**

Bear with one another and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. **Colossians 4:13**

Whether you are spending this Mother's day alone or surrounded
by your children praying for some alone time...
We wish you a Happy Mother's Day!
You are loved and cherished beyond measure.



Wonderful Mother

God made a wonderful mother,
A mother who never grows old;
He made her smile of the sunshine,
And He molded her heart of pure gold;
In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,
In her cheeks fair roses you see;
God made a wonderful mother,
And He gave that dear mother to me.

(Pat O'Reilly)

And Grandma's too...

While we honor all our mothers
with words of love and praise.
While we tell about their goodness
and their kind and loving ways.
We should also think of Grandma,
she's a mother too, you see....
For she mothered my dear mother
as my mother mothers me.

Author Unknown

Puzzle!

First, write the opposite of each listed word.
Then transfer letters to the correct numbered
blanks to discover Jesus' messages about love.

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out	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>				
large	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	
quiet	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>		

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Answer: warm, over, in, small, loud, hard, young, before, true; "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind" and "Love your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27, NIV

Resource Pages

For accurate, up-to-date information on the Coronavirus visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) or [Michigan.gov](https://www.michigan.gov).

Covenant Hospital Covid 19 Helpline

989-583-3135 (staffed from 6:00 a.m-10:00 p.m.)

Domestic Abuse

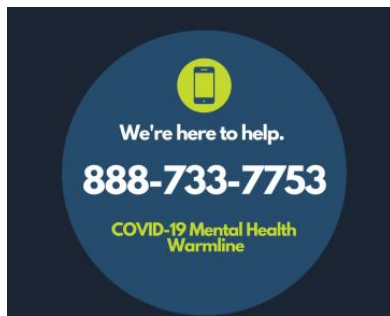
Call the Underground Railroad crisis helpline at 989-755-0411 or text 989-770-8892 or visit undergroundrailroadinc.org.

Alcohol Abuse

Saginaw AA Hotline: 989-776-1241 or visit www.saginawaa.org

Suicide Prevention

If you or someone you love is in crisis, call 1-800-273-8255 or text 741741.



Mental Health Support

Crisis Text Line: Text RESTORE to 741741 to have a confidential text conversation with a crisis counselor.

If you have ongoing mental health concerns and need support, call the **Warmline** before reaching a crisis point.

Financial Assistance

Call 211 and they can direct you to organizations that provide needed aid.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE File Your Claim By Last Name	
ONLINE FILING SCHEDULE:	CALL CENTER FILING SCHEDULE:
michigan.gov/uia	1-866-500-0017
A-L FILE CLAIMS Monday Wednesday Friday	A-L CALL ON Monday & Wednesday
M-Z FILE CLAIMS Sunday Tuesday Thursday	M-Z CALL ON Tuesday & Thursday
Saturday if you missed your days WEBSITE IS 24/7	Friday if you missed your days 8 AM-5 PM MON-FRI
<small>The day or time of day in which a claim is filed will not impact whether you receive benefits or your benefit amount. Additionally, your claim can be backdated to reflect the date you were laid off or let go due to COVID-19.</small>	

If you are looking for ways to help our community, give blood, donate money or supplies visit Michigan.gov/fightcovid19 to learn more.



Commission on Aging

Phone: 989-797-6880 Fax: 989-797-6882

Home meal delivery will continue as normal. • Congregate senior centers are closed until further notice. If you are 60 or older, you can reserve and pick up two hot meals, two frozen meals, and two shelf-stable meals, starting on Wednesday, March 25, 2020. Meals can be picked up on WEDNESDAY'S ONLY between 10 AM and 12 PM at the following locations: Marie Davis Senior Center: Contact James at 989-758-2441, Eleanor Frank Senior Center: Contact Maria at 989-797-6895, Frankenmuth Senior Center:

Contact Joanie at 989-652-3430 ext. 197, Hemlock Senior Center: Contact Shirley at 989-642-2610, Maple Grove Senior Center: Contact Sue at 989-845-7444.

You must call by 11:00 AM on the Tuesday before to reserve your meal pick up at the center of your choice. You will receive additional instructions on pick up when you call. All pick-ups will be curbside only. Meals have a suggested donation of 2.25 per meal.

• Transportation services will be limited to medically necessary trips, which will require confirmation from the participant's medical service provider. • If you know someone that is 60 or older, and in need of assistance, contact the Commission on Aging at 989-797-6880 for a case-by-case evaluation. Saginaw County Clerk's Office Phone: 989-790-5251 Fax:



The Bridge is a low cost food center. We have great prices on food and meat. The Bridge provides an opportunity for community members in the Great Lakes Bay Region to purchase food staples at wholesale costs. Sign up to be a member of The Bridge and you will be have access to purchase such food items as pastas, rice, sauces, canned veggies and more. We are located at 1539 Washington Street Midland, Michigan. No pre-qualifications necessary

Old Town Christian Outreach Center (600 Gratiot Ave. Saginaw)

**To Go Meals
M - W - F
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Grocery and Clothing
Saturdays
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Eastside Soup Kitchen (940 E Genesee Saginaw)

Currently serving 5 meals in 3 days.

**Pick-up/walk-up
M-W-F**

11 a.m. - Noon



Saginaw Public Schools Breakfast & Lunch Distribution

Beginning

Monday, March 16th, Saginaw Public Schools
will be serving students ages 18 and under

- **Monday through Friday:**
 - Breakfast will be distributed at each site from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
 - Hot lunch will be distributed from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at each site
 - *A cold lunch can be picked up during the breakfast hours if this is more convenient than returning to receive the hot lunch*
- **Saturdays & Sundays:**
 - Cold breakfasts & lunches will be distributed at each site from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The distribution sites are as follows:

- Bridgeton Place Townhomes
359 Vestry Dr., 48601
- Birch Park Apartments
3000 Birch Park Pl., 48601
- Arthur Eddy Academy
1000 Cathay St., 48601
- Stone Elementary
1006 State St., 4860
- Herig Elementary
1905 Houghton St., 48602

****NEW LOCATION**STARTS THURS 3/19/20**

- Merrill Park Elementary
1800 Grout St., 48602
- Thompson Middle
3021 Court St., 48602
- Loomis MST Academy
2001 Limerick St., 48601
- Rouse Elementary
435 Randolph St., 48601

To assure that every student has the opportunity to eat, meals will also be taken to area neighborhoods via school buses. The buses will stop at the following sites seven days a week and deliver both a cold breakfast and lunch for each student.

Route 1:

- Longfellow Elem. School- 10:15 a.m.
1314 Brown St., 48601
- Henry Doerr Elem. School- 10:30 a.m.
3270 Perkins St., 48601
- Heavenrich Elem. School- 10:45 a.m.
2435 Perkins St., 48601
- Houghton Elem. School- 11:00 a.m.
1604 Johnson St., 48601
- Zilwaukee Elem. School- 11:20 a.m.
500 W. Johnson St., 48604

Route 2:

- Jerome Elem. School- 10:15 a.m.
1515 Sweet St., 48602
- Coulter Elem. School- 10:30 a.m.
1450 Bridgeton Rd., 48601
- Nelle Haley Elem. School- 10:45 a.m.
3240 Livingston St., 48601
- Longstreet Elem. School- 11:00 a.m.
504 Carroll St., 48601
- Jones Elem. School- 11:15 a.m.
1602 Cherry St., 48601