

First Baptist Church
25 N. Eighth Street – P.O. Box 124
Keokuk, Iowa
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Return Service Requested

APRIL 2024

Baptist Visitor

FIRST
BAPTIST
CHURCH



REV. BOB BRANDHAGEN, PASTOR

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SUNDAYS

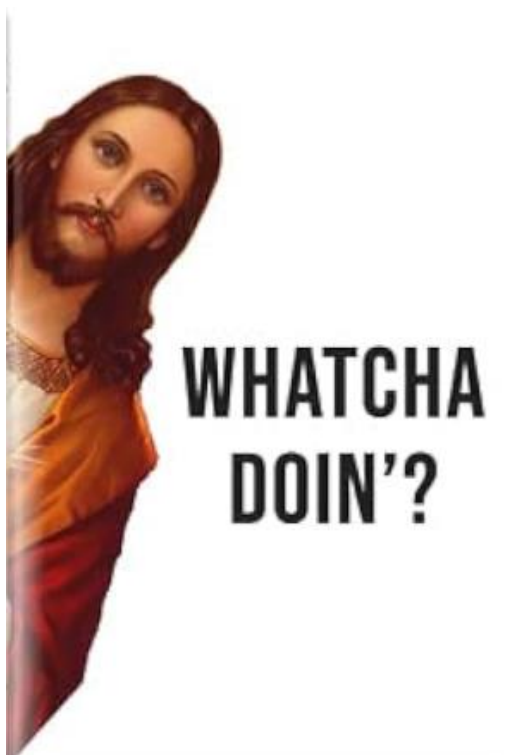
9:00 Sunday School
10:20 Morning Service

WEDNESDAYS

6:00 BEF Groups



Beginning April
2nd, sewing
and crafts will
meet in the
Ed. building



STAFF

Teresa (Tess) Brotherton (secretary@keokukfbc.org)
Julie Ramsey, Organist
Russell Brotherton, Custodian



OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Friday
9 a.m. – 11:30
12:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Stewardship ATTENDANCE

FEB	SUNDAY SCHOOL	PARKING LOT	SANCTUARY
25	41	3	38
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3	35	6	52
10	32	5	37
17	42	5	53



2024 First Quarter Reports due April 10.



Forest Lake Camp 2024 Needs List

- Toilet Paper (no Charmin or 1 ply)
- Paper Towels
- Napkins
- Clorox Wipes
- Hand Soap
- Gallon Size Freezer/Storage Bags
- Air Fresheners
- Lysol Disinfectant Spray
- Floor Cleaner
- Bleach
- 45 Gallon/ 13-gallon trash bags
- Foil
- Paper Plates
- Hand Sanitizer
- Dawn dish soap

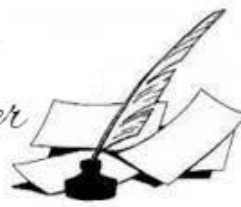


Father / Son BBQ

Sunday June 9th 12:00 Noon

Meat, Icecream and drinks provided.
Bring a covered dish.

More Info to Come!



April, A.D. 2024

Dear Friends,

Jesus is risen indeed! Fresh out of our resurrection celebrations, let's heed the Apostle Paul who said, **"I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead"** (Philippians 3:10-11, NIV).

In many denominations (Catholic, Lutheran...) the tradition of the church calendar is followed. For those who follow it, the period between Easter and Advent is called "Ordinary Time." I want to propose that we at First Baptist Church of Keokuk will call this time not *Ordinary Time*, but rather, *Extraordinary Time*. Never do we want to be merely ordinary. *The Oxford Dictionary* defines *ordinary* as "normal...what is commonplace or standard." Can we not do better than to be ordinary?

What does ordinary time look like in your life and mine? It is status quo. Time passes us by, and we stay the same year after year. And that might be good or bad. If you are living well, then it's good. If you are not living well, then it's bad. But even if I'm living well, I want to do even better. I'm sure you would want the same.

Here's how I look at it: If we are living in ordinary time, we are living for *now*, for the moment, for this life and not living for the next. Living in ordinary time means living for time, but not for eternity. But if we are living in extraordinary time, we are living not just for now, but also for *then*. If we are living life just in ordinary time and not in extraordinary time, then we will waste our time overdoing the most frivolous things, and underdoing the most important things. If we are living in ordinary time, we will not take time to be with the Lord in private prayer and Bible reading. We will not love God and neighbor. If we live in ordinary time, we will tend to think that the ultimate goal is survival instead of service and sacrifice. We are never called by God to survive. But we are called to serve and sacrifice.

An Army veteran in my former church was at Buchenwald Concentration Camp in Germany the week after it was liberated. The victims were so starved that when they finally got food they gorged, and then had severe gastro-intestinal problems. This caused all of the toilets to overflow. No plungers. A young doctor saw the problem. If it wasn't fixed, disease would spread quickly. What did he do? Without any latex or any PPE, he reached into all of the toilets and removed the human waste with his bare hands. He was living his life in extraordinary time. Living in extraordinary time can be difficult, dangerous, and unpleasant. But it is the way of Jesus, and we will be blessed.

As we think on these things, here are some scriptures that have to do with time:

Ephesians 5:15-16 (YLT)—"See, then, how exactly ye walk, not as unwise, but as wise, **redeeming the time**, because the days are evil."

Colossians 4:5 (NASB)—"Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, **making the most of the opportunity.**"

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Bob



March's Prayer Requests

Friends & Family: Unspoken Requests, Ruth Ricker, Michelle Dorethy and Family, Barb Collier, Bev Brotherton (eyes), Don Hale, Mark & Kelly Neuendorf, Fouad & Noura – Pastor Bob's friends in Egypt, Lisa's daughter – Carly, Sherry Dalton, Carol Ryland, Tom & Betty Dickens, Teresa Brotherton, Jeanne Davis, Evonne Case, Rowdy Savage, Elsie Sherwood, Ginger Richardson, Bob Collier, Teresa Jefferson, Lois Mlyniec (healing), Ginger Curfman, Mike Gibson's mom-Tina, Jeanne Taylor, Julie Wixom, Tom Rudd, Rhonda Bloyd – cancer, Monica, Jackie Saxon, Chuck Williams, Angie Logdon of LaGrange, MO – Stroke, Mike Burdette (Julie's brother-in-law), Bill Wixom, Jeff Matlock, Loren Lillard (Dorethy),

Missionaries: Doug & Amy Roeglin, Kristy Engel – Health & Travel, Tim & Erin Nehre (West Nairobi School & Health), Shawn & Teresa Ott (Forest Lake),

Political: Nations of the World

Please pray for Christians kidnapped in Egypt:

Marina Hanna, 13 years old, girl

Marian Mhanna Noshy, Woman, age 27



We are moving into March with really great weather. In like a lamb and hopefully out like one too! The sunshine and warmth remind me of Easter as it will be here soon. I look at God's love for us and you can really see it in His word, the Bible. We are made in His image and put in a perfect garden with the Tree of Life, a chance for eternal life with God. What an opportunity, but unfortunately Adam, Eve and Satan ruined that. The rest of the Old Testament gives us examples of many struggles with trying to please God and falling back into sin. God in His infinite wisdom had a plan in place. His perfect son would come to earth to sacrifice His life for our sin and give us an example of His power of resurrection and ascension to heaven for an eternal life with Him. A perfect garden in heaven with our Lord and Savior and eternal life with Him. Easter is the greatest holiday of them all!

Have a wonderful Easter from
the Deacon's Board at First Baptist Church
Don Davis



Slow Cooker Chicken Breast

★★★★★

This slow cooker chicken breast is simmered in a flavorful garlic and herb gravy until tender. Serve your crock pot chicken breasts over mashed potatoes for a comfort food meal that's sure to earn rave reviews.

Course Main

Cuisine	American
Prep Time	10 minutes
Cook Time	4 hours
Total Time	4 hours 10 minutes
Servings	6
Calories	228kcal
Author	Sara Welch

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil divided use
- 6 boneless skinless chicken breasts
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley

Instructions

1. Heat 1 tablespoon of olive oil in a pan over medium high heat.
2. Season the chicken breasts on all sides with the salt, pepper and Italian seasoning.
3. Sear the chicken for 4-5 minutes per side, or until golden brown.
4. Place the chicken in a slow cooker.
5. In a small bowl, mix together the remaining tablespoon of olive oil, chicken broth, soy sauce, balsamic vinegar, brown sugar and garlic.
6. Pour the sauce over the chicken. Cover the slow cooker and cook on LOW for 4-5 hours, or HIGH for 2-3 hours.
7. Remove the chicken from the slow cooker and place on a plate; cover with foil to keep warm.
8. Pour the liquid from the slow cooker into a pot. Heat the pot over medium heat and bring the sauce to a simmer.
9. Mix the cornstarch with 1/4 cup of cold water. Add the cornstarch to the pot and bring to a boil.
10. Cook for 1 minute, or until sauce has just thickened.
11. Add the butter to the pot and stir until melted. Remove the pot from the heat.
12. Slice or shred your chicken and pour the sauce over the top. Sprinkle with parsley and serve.

Notes

1. If you're short on time, you can skip browning the meat and simply season your chicken and add it straight to the slow cooker.

Nutrition

Calories: 228kcal | Carbohydrates: 9g | Protein: 25g | Fat: 10g | Saturated Fat: 3g | Cholesterol: 77mg | Sodium: 834mg | Potassium: 484mg | Fiber: 1g | Sugar: 5g | Vitamin A: 105IU | Vitamin C: 4.4mg | Calcium: 26mg | Iron: 1mg

Come to



B. E. F. !

6:00 p.m. BEF Groups including Elementary, Middle School & High School

Forest Lake Summer Camp Schedule

SENIOR HIGH CAMP

AGES: Children entering 9th-12th Grades

DATE: July 22-27

COST: BEFORE June 1: \$250 – AFTER June 1: \$275

We understand that teenagers today face unique challenges as they try to navigate a complex world while also growing in their faith. That's why we've designed a program that is both fun and educational, allowing our campers to learn about God, worship, and engage in meaningful discussions. Everything we do at High School Camp is intended to help our teens enjoy God's creation and deepen their faith

JUNIOR HIGH CAMP

AGES: Children entering 6th – 8th Grades

DATE: July 15-20

COST: BEFORE June 1: \$250 – AFTER June 1: \$275

It's a cool place to be with other cool kids. This camp brings fun and adventure where young Christians can express their enthusiasm about life together in a loving forgiving, and accepting environment of God's people.

1st – 3rd GRADE CAMP

AGES: Children entering 1st – 3rd Grades

DATE: July 29-31

COST: \$110 before June 1. After June 1 \$125

A safe camping experience in which children will learn through Bible stories, craft projects, and outdoor activities how deep Christ's love is for them.

4th – 5th GRADE CAMP

AGES: Children entering 4th – 5th Grades

DATE: July 8-13

COST: BEFORE June 1: \$250 – AFTER June 1: \$275

This camp will explore not only people from Bible times who took new paths to discover the riches of God, but we will also explore the camp to see the many places where we can discover God.

**SAVE
FOR
FUTURE
REFERENCE**

FOREST LAKE CAMP
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EMAIL: forestlake@mid-abc.org
WEBSITE: www.forestlakecamp.org

Earning camp points for Forest Lake continues through May, so contact Diana Cook with any questions you might have. Registration forms, health forms and brochures are available in the church office.

FOREST LAKE VENTURE WORK WEEK will be April 15-19. Meals & Lodging provided. There are several projects on the schedule for lumberjacks, carpenters, leaf rakers or cabin cleaners. Let Diana Cook know if you are available for one, two or all days of the work week.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 	2 12 Noon Sewing and Craft 4:00 Prayer	3 6:00 BEF Groups	4	5	6
7 11:30 Church Council meeting 1:00 CE	8	9 12 Noon Sewing and Craft 4:00 Prayer	10 6:00 BEF Groups QTR. REPORTS DUE	11 9:00 Effie 6:30 Trustees	12	13
14 11:30 Mission Soup Lunch	15	16 12 Noon Sewing and Craft 4:00 Prayer	17 6:00 BEF Groups	18 9-2 Food Pantry	19	20
Camp Work Week						
21 6:30 CE 3:30 Lionize @ McDonalds	22 	23 12 Noon Sewing and Craft 4:00 Prayer	24 6:00 BEF Groups	25	26	27
28 11:30 1 ST 1/4 BUSINESS MEETING 11:30 Deaconess 3:30 Deacons	29	30 12 Noon Sewing and Craft 4:00 Prayer				
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| 3 Natalie Rae Cook | 13 Megan Newlon |
| 4 Jeanne Taylor | Nikki Schrader |
| Don Davis III | 14 Charley Dunagan |
| Cassie Powers | 16 Trevor Ryland |
| 5 Charles Williams | Raylan King |
| Megan Glasscock | 17 Jenna Happs |
| Rylee Matlock | 20 Teresa Brotherton |
| Brady Glasscock | 21 Emily Hasson |
| 6 Courtney Kaehler | James Heagy |
| Tim Nehre | 22 Debby Baum |
| 8 Melinda Plowman | 26 Angela Breemeersch |
| 9 Hila Cook | Jeff Dorethy |
| 11 Benjamin Nehre | 27 Alan Herzog |
| 12 Iversen Hotop | Gabe Rose |
| | 28 Rylee Glasscock |
| | 29 Amy Roeglin |



- Bruce & Traci Billings
April 2, 1988*
- Mike & Nikki Schrader
April 11, 2003*
- Doug & Amy Roeglin
April 20*
- Dan & Alyssa Glasscock
April 29, 2009*