

First Baptist Church  
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Return Service Requested

May 2024

Baptist Visitor



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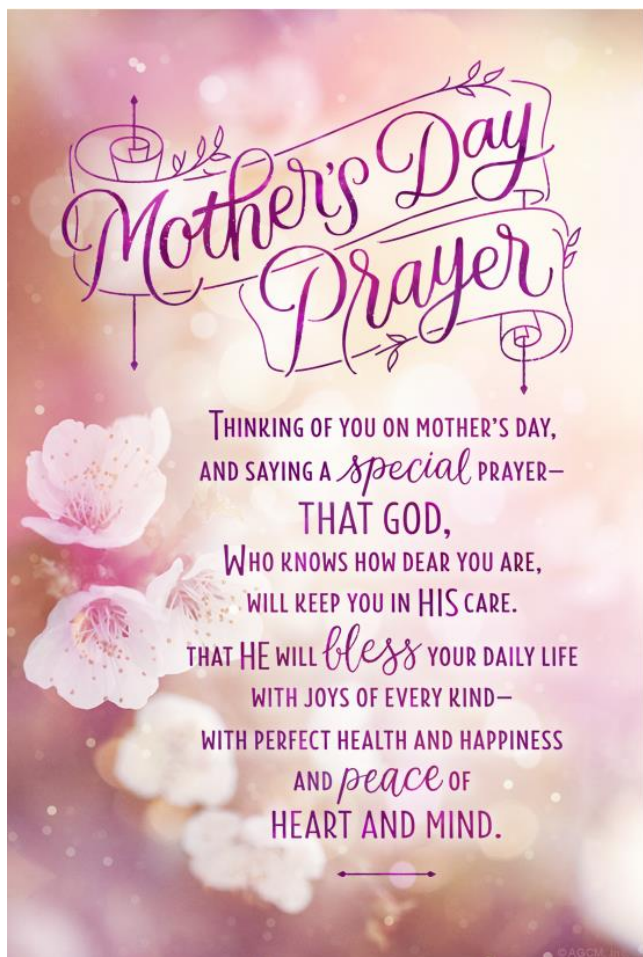
Church Office 319-524-3684  
Website: [www.keokukfbc.org](http://www.keokukfbc.org)

**SUNDAYS**

9:00 Sunday School  
10:20 Morning Service



Little Birdie Blessings



**Christian Cook was part of the Keokuk middle school bowling team this season and they won the State championship.**

Submitted by Chuck Williams



**STAFF**

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



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

# Stewardship ATTENDANCE

MARCH	SUNDAY SCHOOL	PARKING LOT	SANCTUARY
24	38	3	48
31	43	1	61
<b>APRIL</b>			
7	34	6	50
14	36	5	51
21	45	4	48



♥ *...Keep your father's command and do not forsake your mother's teaching. Bind them always on your heart; fasten them around your neck.*  
 ♥ Proverbs 6:20-21

3/28/24 Maundy Thursday – 10  
 3/29/24 Good Friday – 11  
 3/31/24 Sunrise Service - 52



Sewing Group,

Thank you for the 2 blankets for myself and Russell! We Love them!!!

Sincerely,  
 Russell & Teresa



Join us to celebrate Kali's graduation  
 Saturday May 4th, 2024  
 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
 First Baptist Church Educational Building  
 7th and Blondeau Street  
 Keokuk, IA  
 Enter through the courtyard at the back of the building  
 Lunch will be served

## Daniels is Hamilton High Senior of the Month for February

Kali Daniels, daughter of Shawn and Hilary Daniels of Hamilton, was selected by the teaching staff as the February Marine Bank Senior of the Month at Hamilton High School in the area of Mathematics.

Mr. Jay Ready, the transitional math teacher, said "Kali has been an amazing student to work with.

She is punctual and is always respectful to her fellow classmates.

She is a hard worker, a leader in the classroom and is willing to ask questions and assist her fellow students whenever necessary."

Kali is very involved in school, including being

a member of the dance team for all four years in high school. She has been named to the honor roll, as well as receiving recognition for outstanding achievement. Kali is very active in the community, such as working with the food pantry at her church.

Some of her hobbies include dancing, golf, sewing and other crafts. For work, she has worked at a coffee shop. After graduation, she plans to attend Southeastern Community College before transferring to a four-year program for occupational therapy.

As Senior of the Month, she receives a \$25 cash award and is eligible for Senior of the Year.



Marine Bank Vice President Garry Gibbs, HHS Student of the Month Kali Daniels, and HHS Math Teacher Jay Ready. COURTESY PHOTO



## Graduate Recognition

2024

★ Patrick Baum ★

Ozark Christian College  
Biblical Studies  
May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Parents: Steve & Debby Baum

★ Heidi Rose ★

Keokuk High School 2024

Parents: Gabe & Leslie Rose  
Grandparents: Tom & Betty Dickens

★ Zach Glasscock ★

Northwest Iowa Community College  
Degree in Electrical Technology  
December 2023

Parents: Tim and Samantha Glasscock  
Grandparents: Mike and Toni Glasscock

★ Kafi Daniels ★

Hamilton High School 2024

Parents: Shawn & Hilary Daniels

★ Abby Schrader ★

Central Lee High School 2024

Parents: Mike and Nikki Schrader

**For the Graduate.....**

*You're young, you're invincible,  
but never underestimate the power of other  
people's love and prayers. -Tony Snow*

### MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES EDUCATION FUND

**1** In 1956 the will of Miss Gladys Garnett established a fund to assist students to prepare for Christian ministry.

Over the years, dozens of students have been aided. If you are a Keokuk FBC member and entering a full-time Christian ministry program for the 2024-2025 school year, you qualify.

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**2** A second scholarship fund was set up as a memorial to Clauzelle Pfaffe for members or children of members wishing to enter the medical field

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**3** A third scholarship fund was set up through the Maxwell Trust. This is for members or children of members of Keokuk FBC who will be entering a post-high school education program.

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All monies are given in the form of a non-interest-bearing loan. You will be asked to sign a promissory note. If you discontinue your education before the semester of the loan is completed, you will then be expected to begin paying back the loan. If you successfully complete the semester, the loan becomes a gift from Keokuk First Baptist Church.

Application forms for all three scholarships are available in the church office and need to be filled out and returned by June 9, 2024.

If you are aware of students who qualify and may be interested, please pick up an application form for them.

**NOTE:** For those of you who have filled out the applications in the past, there is no need to fill out the "chosen field" or "spiritual walk" paragraphs if you are continuing the same educational path.

**\*Application forms may be picked up in the church office or Tess will mail them to you.**

Please feel free to contact Caleigh Hayhurst at 217-430-3931 if you have any questions.

M & M Education Committee

May, 2024

Dear First Baptist Church Family,

Throughout my ministry over the years, I have encouraged the churches I have served to read, study, and meditate on God's word on a daily basis. It is helpful to have a reading plan. But beyond simply reading our Bibles we must study what a given passage means. Good study Bibles are helpful aids in understanding. Ultimately though, it is the Holy Spirit who will give us understanding of scripture as we meditate on various passages.

### Before You Read and Study God's Word

Step One—Find a quiet place.

Step Two—Confess all known sin and ask the Lord for forgiveness.

Step Three—Pray for wisdom, understanding, and knowledge of God's word.

### As You Study God's Word

Following are some "General Principles of Interpretation" from chapter 2 of Walter A. Henrichsen's book, *A Layman's Guide to Interpreting the Bible*.

Rule One—Work from the assumption that the Bible is authoritative.

Rule Two—The Bible interprets itself; scripture best explains scripture.

Rule Three—Saving faith and the Holy Spirit are necessary for us to understand and properly interpret the scriptures.

Rule Four—Interpret personal experience in the light of scripture and not scripture in light of personal experience.

Rule Five—Biblical examples are authoritative only when supported by a command.

Rule Six—The primary purpose of the Bible is to change our lives, not increase our knowledge.

Rule Seven—Each Christian has the right and responsibility to investigate and interpret the word of God for oneself.

Rule Eight—Church history is important but not decisive in the interpretation of scripture.

Rule Nine—The promises of God throughout the Bible are available to the Holy Spirit for the believers of every generation.

### After You Study God's Word

You may want to write notes to remind yourself of what you learned, and how to apply it. A notebook can be helpful. Or you may want to write important insights and action points in the margin of your Bible. So much more can be said about the topic of studying the Bible, but I hope this helps you in your desire to know the Lord and his word better.

Sincerely Serving,

Pastor Bob



## From the Deacon Bench



I remember as a child growing up in Elvaston, IA that on the first of many our Sunday school class would make up May baskets of flowers for May Day and put them out on the front porches all around the town. Something that isn't really done to much anymore but it was a fun thing to do as a child.

Spring is a time of rebirth and rejuvenation as well as being a reminder to us that we can start anew with Christ simply by saying a simple prayer and asking Jesus into our hearts and reading his word daily and praying daily for his guidance in our lives. So, if you haven't done so, what are you waiting for?

Yours in Christ  
Deacon  
Tom Brown

## Teacher Appreciation & Graduation Recognition Day June 2nd



### May's Prayer Requests

**Friends & Family:** Unspoken Requests, Michelle Dorethy, Jeff Matlock, Jeanne Davis, Ginger Richardson, Bob & Barb Collier, Bev Brotherton (eyes), Mark & Kelly Neuendorf, Jeanne Taylor, Teresa Brotherton,

Fouad & Noura – Pastor Bob's friends in Egypt, Ginger Curfman, Rhonda Bloyd (cancer), Loren Lillard (Dorethy), Joe Collier,

**Missionaries:** Doug & Amy Roeglin, Kristy Engel, Tim & Erin Nehre, Shawn & Teresa Ott (Forest Lake),

**Political:** Nations of the World

**Please pray for Christians kidnapped in Egypt:**

Nada Girgis Hanna Atallah, 17 years old, girl

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
			1	2 	3	4
5 1:00 CE Board	6	7 12 noon Sewing & Crafts Group 4:00 Prayer	8	9 9:00 Effie Linquist Circle 6:30 Trustees	10	11
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19	20 	21 12 noon Sewing & Crafts Group 4:00 Prayer	22	23	24	25
26 11:30 Deaconesses 3:30 Deacons	27 OFFICE CLOSED 	28 12 noon Sewing & Crafts Group 4:00 Prayer	29	30	31 	



- 2 Cathy Derr
- Shaun Huffman
- Shawn Daniels
- 8 Lisa Spees
- 9 Evan Bierwirth
- 10 Andrew Glasscock
- 11 Courtney Brown
- Treyvin Jarrell
- 12 Holly Jarrell
- Natalie Roeglin
- 13 Pat Baum
- 15 Russell Brotherton
- Tyran Jarrell
- 16 Brandon Daniels
- Grace Newlon
- 18 Jeff Matlock
- Danielle Brobston
- Phillip Kaehler
- 19 Alisha Neil
- 20 Linda Thomas
- 24 Amber Helmick
- Robert Strohmaier
- 25 Abigail Taylor
- 26 Lexys Jarrell
- 27 Kayla Dickens
- 28 James Bogener
- Kyndra Ryland
- 31 Kendall Rose



- Austin & Sujata Almon*  
May 29, 2021
- Rob & Chelsey Riffle*  
May 16, 1992
- Tom & Betty Dickens*  
May 3, 1969
- Autumn & Austin Ferguson*  
May 30, 2015
- Clint & Leslie Glasscock*  
May 3, 2013
- Russell & Teresa Brotherton*  
May 17, 1968
- Yates & Tess Brotherton*  
May 3, 2014
- Joe & Merry Powers*  
May 11, 1996

