



# *The Spire* First Baptist Church, Ames, Iowa

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## **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

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Worship Sundays 9:45 am

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*First Baptist Church is an open and caring family of faith where worship is central and faith engages both heart and mind. We are warmly ecumenical, delight in our diversity, and cherish our Baptist heritage of freedom. We are called by Christ to share God's love with the campus, community, and the world.*

*As we seek to follow the way of Jesus, we welcome all people to fully participate in our fellowship: all ages, colors, backgrounds, political affiliations, and physical and mental abilities; male and female, gay and straight, rich and poor, single and married. We are all God's children, and all are welcome here.*

## **Mission, Service, Special Events Every Sunday in October!**



Great Day of Service – Sunday, October 5



Ames CROP Walk – Sunday, October 12



College/ Young Adult Lunch – Sunday, October 19



FBC Fall Festival – Sunday, October 26

Details Inside!

## Great Day of Service

On Sunday, October 5, we will have our annual Great Day of Service. On this Sunday, we will have a brief service in the sanctuary. This day is World Communion Sunday, and our brief service will include communion. We will then spend the morning doing service projects – we will worship through our service.

Our projects will take place both in the building and in the community:

- “Make Campustown Shine” – we will be picking up litter in the neighborhood.
- Infant blanket project – we will be making fleece blankets that will be given to newborns at Primary Health Care, a clinic in Ames for those with little or no health insurance.
- Making Hygiene Kits for Church World Service – we will put together kits that will be distributed around the country and around the world to refugees and victims of natural disasters. These kits are used near and far and are always needed.

We will end the day with a simple meal together at noon. For those on Zoom, we will have a few suggestions of things you can do at home.







Through the month of October, our church will receive the **World Mission Offering**. The WMO supports ministry and mission around the world through our ABC Global Servants and partners in 70 countries.

The Lord says in Isaiah 43:19, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"

In this rhetorical question, the Lord is not questioning whether or not God is doing a new thing. God is questioning whether we perceive or notice it.

In Ukraine, where there is immense need, IM Global Consultant [Kristy Engel](#) has seen new sustainable medical systems created so that care for others continues far into the future. She is seeing hope and rebuilding spring up around her.

IM Global Consultant [Mike Mann's ministry](#) uses coffee, a common commodity, to help hill tribe communities build a

sustainable life. Although he has been serving in northern Thailand for over 30 years, he is still seeing new ways to improve production. This means a better quality of life for those he works alongside. It also allows him to develop new ministry projects based on needs.

It is easy to perceive that IM Global Servants [Eric and Yuree Lembke](#) are involved in a new thing God is doing – they have been serving in western Thailand for less than a year! (Some of our FBC members met Eric and Yuree at the Bacone College Church several years ago while on a mission trip.) Eric and Yuree meet new people every day in their ministry with Karen refugees in camps in Thailand. They are developing new ministry opportunities and classes at the Thoo Mweh Khee Learning Center. The center is helping Karen people create new lives.

God is doing a new thing in the lives of these IM global servants and in the lives of those they serve. Throughout the world, God's work through American Baptist International Ministries is springing up in each unique cross-cultural context. We invite you to take part in and support the new things God is doing as you give to the World Mission Offering. WMO envelopes are available in the pews or you may use the memo "WMO" on your check or online gift.



## Fall Festival October 26!

The Christian Education Committee will sponsor a Fall Festival on Sunday, October 26 following worship. There will be pumpkin carving and painting, cookie decorating, games, fun, and more. As well as lunch! Please join us for a fun time together!

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

*Ames*  
**CROP HUNGER WALK**

OCTOBER 12, 2025

AMES, IOWA

The annual **CROP Hunger Walk** will take place at **Moore Memorial Park** this year on October 12. Our FBC team is walking to fight hunger in Story County and around the world. Registration begins at 1 pm and the walk starts at 1:30. [Click here](#) to register online or make contributions to our FBC team. You can also see our recruiter Julie Johnston to register and pick up a paper sponsor form. Join our FBC team!

# October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10a Virtual Coffee Shop  6p Choir	2	3 	4
5 9:45a Great Day of Service  	6	7 8a Men's Breakfast  7p CE Committee	8 10a Virtual Coffee Shop 5:15p Stewardship Committee 6p Choir	9 	10	11
12 9:45a Worship 10:45a Fellowship 11a Church School 1p CROP Walk	13	14   7p Trustees	15 10a Virtual Coffee Shop 2p PD Singing 6p Choir	16	17	18 
19 9:45a Worship 10:45a Church School 10:45a College/ Young Adult lunch 12p Budget Forum	20 	21 8a Men's Breakfast	22 10a Virtual Coffee Shop 2p PD Singing 6p Choir	23   7p Deacons	24	25
26 9:45a Worship 10:45a Fall Festival  	27	28	29 10a Virtual Coffee Shop 2p PD Singing 6p Choir	30	31 	

## Serving this month



### October 5:

*Worship Leader* Day of Service  
*Ushers:* Aaron Stegemöller, Julie Johnston

### October 12:

*Worship Leader* Randall O'Brien  
*Ushers:* Jere Maddux, Bob Parrish

### October 19:

*Worship Leader* Susan Russell  
*Ushers:* Jerilyn and Tom Logue

### October 26:

*Worship Leader* Rita Parrish  
*Ushers:* Aaron Stegemöller



Jeanne Williams	2
Kenneth Johnson	4
Marian Thompson	9
Fred Borgen	10
Joe Parrish	12
Dorothy Ewing	16
Martha Gleason	26
Greg Goodman	28
Lucas Anderson	29
Kyleigh Murphy	29
John Whitaker	29
Dale Grauman	30

## Happy Anniversary

Gabe and Lyndsey Whitaker	8
Ann and Jim Hinds	8
Kaylinn and TJ Nugent	10
Michelle and Ralph George	11
Michele and Noel Hassler	21



## Budget Forum

Our annual stewardship emphasis begins with our Budget Forum following Church School on October 19. The goal budget for 2026 will be presented with opportunity for questions and discussion about our ministry plans for the coming year. Our stewardship focus in worship will follow, concluding with Pledge Sunday on November 9.



## College Student/Young Adult Lunch October 19

We invite all college students and similarly aged young adults to join us for lunch on Sunday, October 19 following worship. This will be a chance to get to know each other better and enjoy a good meal. Please join us!

## With Sympathy

Our love and prayers are with the family of Harris Seidel, who died on September 19. Harris would have been 103 on November 12. He was our oldest and longest-tenured member and the only member remaining with memory of the old church downtown. More importantly, Harris lived a life of service and truly made the world a better place.

A reception to remember Harris will be held from 3 to 6 pm on Friday, November 7 in the Grand Room at Northcrest Community. The memorial service will be at 11 am on Saturday, November 8 at First Baptist.

Harris' obituary is available on the [Adams Funeral Home website](#).



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**Our Church Staff:**

Rev. Dr. David Russell	Pastor
Mindy Phomvisay	Director of Music
Emma Phomvisay	Music Intern
Elizabeth Stegemöller	Choir Accompanist
Sierra Livengood	Office Manager
Erin Topp	Custodian

**Worship Sunday mornings  
9:45 in person or on ZOOM**

**Details for connecting via  
ZOOM at [fbcomes.org](https://fbcomes.org)**