Baptist Beacon

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DIXON

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Pastor's Page

Who Will Go For Us?

We are volunteers. Americans volunteer more of their time than any other country. We are a land of opportunities for doing good. Historically when there has been a need, people have stood up and said, "Yes, send me." Not only does it help the community but it gives us purpose. When we volunteer we are spending time on others, and taking the focus off our own lives. We are making the best use of our time helping others, while also fulfilling our need to do something with our lives. *Eph. 5:15-16 says, "Be careful how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the most of your time because the days are evil."* We are told to not waste our time because it is easy to do. Evil is all around us trying to distract us from doing good. We can out smart evil by spending our time doing good.

The world needs volunteers. Many wonderful organizations depend on volunteers. In our own community the Leydig Center is run solely by volunteers. It is a resell shop that receives donations of items from the community and resells them. Leydig then turns around and gives the money to the community. The Dixon Emergency Needs fund is mainly funded by the Leydig Center and we have helped many people this year. This would only be possible through the generous donation of time.
Time is a precious resource. It cannot be saved for another opportunity to use it, it must be used today and used well.

The church also functions with volunteers. We need folks to help with the kids, we need people to help keep the place clean, we need people to serve on boards and to handle the finances.

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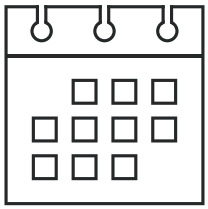
Weekly Meetings

Sunday
Morning
Sunday School
9:15am
Worship
10:30am

Tuesday
Morning Bible
Study
9:00am

Wednesday
Night Meeting
6:00pm

3rd Wednesday
Dorcas
Meeting
1:00pm



Coming Events

October

18th - Youth Group Bonfire

21st - Dorcas 1pm-3pm

29th - Quarterly Business Meeting at 7pm - Scholarship applications are due 10/28

check the Holiday schedule of events attached to the newsletter for Nov./Dec.

Scholarship Applications

Any college student wishing to receive scholarship funds must apply by 10/28. Applications are on the church website.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 4 - Dale & Cindy Beeman
- 4 - Diane Fuentes
- 10 - Jamie & Treasure Bock
- 15 - Lynda Norton
- 17 - Joyce Cruse
- 27 - Steve Spera
- 27 - Joe & Cassie Buhlig

We are working to update birthdays and anniversaries, please let us know if we missed you or a family member!

international ministries

Meet Your Missionaries

Follow this link for a complete list of our International Ministries global partners: https://internationalministries.org/international-ministries-global-servants/

Prayer Requests



New Health Issues

- Marion's brother David is having open heart surgery
- Carlene's friend Joanne had a stroke
- Sandy's niece's foot

Praise

- Thankful for our community
- Correction: Matt & Mandy Sandrock DID have a tree fall on their house, but praise that it missed Denver!

Other Concerns

- Safety for our athletes
- Our service men and women and our nation
- Unspoken requests
- Food Insecurity
- Friends & family members of our church
- Peace around the world and in our country
- Those with depression
- That leaders would rise up in the church
- Those with financial concerns

Condolences

- Deepest sympathies to the families of those involved in car accidents in the area that have taken lives

Continue to Remember

- Bunnie & Darrel Heath
- Bill & Joyce Cruse
- Lance Lopez
- Kaitlyn Marschang
- Pat Soulon
- Jim & Arden Olsen
- Katrina Shirley
- Dale Beeman
- Angie Gomes
- Nina Mardauss
- Pam Vivian
- John Olsen
- Charlotte Taylor

Sunday Morning Statistics

August Giving

	Current Offering	Missions	Total
1st	$2,835.75	$55.00	$3,185.75
2nd.	$870.00	$100.00	$1,715.46
3rd	$882.00	$50.00	$1,224.00
4th	$1,543.00	$55.00	$1,708.00
5th	$1,871.00	$85.00	$2,121.00

*For reference, we need approximately $3,000 a week to stay on track with our annual budget

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Our church community has been volunteering its time since 1842, and we take our place in the long line of faithful people who have said, "Yes Lord." I pray that we will have an influx of people ready and willing to volunteer and bless the church community. In the coming months you might be asked to serve in some capacity, please be in prayer as you consider accepting the role.

There is a shortage of goodness in the world today, but we can be the good we want to see. We can spend our time volunteering. We can make a difference in the world. We can say "Yes" when we are asked to serve. This is a wise way to live, giving your time to something bigger than yourself. You are participating in the grand scheme of the global church. Working for the kingdom of God. Doing all the good you, wherever you can, for as long as you can, to the glory of God. Amen.

Pastor Bunyan



First Baptist Youth Bonfire Night

WHEN: OCTOBER 18, 2026
5PM-7PM
WHERE: PASTOR BUNYAN & RACHEL'S HOUSE



Join Us for a Special

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Bring non-parishable items to help us keep the little free pantry at the library stocked!



November 25th

6:00 PM

First United Methodist Church

202 Peoria Ave, Dixon, IL