

First Baptist Church  
25 N. Eighth Street – P.O. Box 124  
Keokuk, Iowa  
52632-0124

Return Service Requested

APRIL 2026

Baptist Visitor

FIRST  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH



REV. BOB BRANDHAGEN, PASTOR

[rememberjesus@ymail.com](mailto:rememberjesus@ymail.com)

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

SUNDAYS

9:00 Sunday School  
10:20 Morning Service

WEDNESDAYS

6:00 BEF Groups



2026 First Quarter Reports due April 10.

**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
22	46	0	46
22	Annual	Meeting	29
MAR			
1	41	1	49
8	32	7	39
15	48	3	47
22	48	4	43

### Forest Lake Camp 2026 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



April, 2026

Dear First Baptist Church Family,



How Do People Deny the Resurrection?

- I. They Say the Women Strayed to the Wrong Tomb
- II. They Say Jesus Merely Swooned, But Never Died
- III. They Say Jesus' Body Was Stolen
- IV. They Say Jesus' Followers Were Seeing Things

What Difference Does the Resurrection Make

in My Life Today?

Because of the Resurrection of Jesus . . .

- . . . we don't have to get even—Acts 24:15; John 5:29
- . . . we have power—Philippians 3:10
- . . . we have a goal in life—Philippians 3:11
- . . . we have a promise of better things to come—Heb 11:35
- . . . we have a living hope—1 Peter 1:3

What Does the Risen Christ Have to Say  
When He Meets Us On the Way?

*Matthew 28:9-10*

1. The Risen Christ Tells Us, "Rejoice!"
2. The Risen Christ Tells Us, "Do Not Be Afraid"
3. The Risen Christ Tells Us, "Go and Tell"

What Evidences Are There for the Resurrection?

- A. Jesus Claimed to Have Risen From the Dead
- B. The Disciples' Lives Were Changed
- C. Jesus' Body Has Never Been Found
- D. The Church Exists Today
- E. No Evidence Exists That Jesus Did Not Rise
- F. Worship Moved From the Seventh to the First Day of the Week
- G. Fulfilled Prophecy [Ps 16:8-11 is quoted in Acts 2:25-28; Ps 110:1 is quoted in Acts 2:34-35]
- H. Jesus divided time—BC vs. AD

**"And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain" (1Cor 15:14, NASB).**

*Important facts about resurrection:*

- 1) More than ten post-resurrection appearances of Jesus were witnessed.
- 2) Jesus afforded His disciples ample opportunities to test the fact of His resurrection: with them He ate, with them He spoke, and He touched them.
- 3) Jesus' resurrection is evidence that the Father accepted the Son's work in redemption, satisfying divine justice.
- 4) Resurrection of the righteous is simultaneous with that of the wicked.
- 5) Qualities of the resurrection body differ from qualities of the body that was in the grave.
- 6) The identity of the resurrection body is nonetheless preserved: it is the same body.
- 7) The nature of the resurrection body is that it is: spiritual, glorious, incorruptible, powerful, like the glorified body of Jesus (Philippians 3:21), and immortal (Revelation 21:4).
- 8) "Vital union of the Christian with Christ likewise causes the resurrection of the believer to be similar to, as well as consequent upon that of Christ."

"Therefore the Bible is true from Genesis to Revelation. The Kingdom of Darkness has been overthrown, Satan has fallen as lightning from heaven, and the triumph of truth over error, of good over evil, of happiness over misery is forever secured."

[The above information was taken from *Hodge's Outlines of Theology*, as quoted in *Easton's Bible Dictionary*.]

%%%

Acts 24:15 (NIV)—"And I have the same hope in God as these men themselves have, that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked."

John 5:28, 29—"Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice <sup>29</sup> and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned."

Philippians 3:10—"I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death."

Philippians 3:11—" . . . and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead."

Hebrews 11:35—"Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection."

1Peter 1:3—"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

Sincerely,  
Pastor Bob

**FROM THE DEACON BENCH**

**“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another- and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:24-25**



We aren't intended to live life, as a Christian, in isolation, without the fellowship and encouragement of others. I'm reminded of a story that I once read about D.L. Moody. To paraphrase it, a man was once visiting with Moody and was outlining all the reasons that he felt that he didn't need the fellowship of other Christians. Moody responded to this, not by saying anything, but by taking a pair of tongs and removing a piece of coal from the fire they were sitting by and setting it outside of the fire they sat and watched the fire slow die from that piece of coal. I don't have much to add to that. I think that it's a perfect illustration for what can all too often happen to our faith when we try to live it in isolation. When we give up meeting together. I hope that in some way this illustration will remind you that we aren't in this alone, we have a family of fellow believers to lean on for encouragement when we're struggling.

In Christ Love, Patrick Baum

### Easy Lemon Ricotta Pasta with Spring Veggies

This easy lemon ricotta pasta recipe features a creamy lemon ricotta sauce and fresh veggies, making it the perfect dish for any occasion. Quick, flavorful, and sure to become a favorite!



🕒  
TOTAL TIME  
30 mins

---

👤  
COURSE  
dinner

**INGREDIENTS**

✂️  
SERVINGS  
4

- Leeks
- Asparagus
- Garlic
- Peas
- Bowtie pasta
- Part-skim ricotta cheese
- Lemon
- Reserved pasta water
- Grated parmesan cheese

#### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Bring a large pot of water to a boil over high heat while you prep the veggies.
2. Slice off the ends of the asparagus and discard. Slice the stems of the asparagus and reserve, then slice the middle pieces into two 2" pieces.
3. Add kosher salt to the boiling water, then add the asparagus middle pieces. Let them boil for 2-3 minutes until soft. Remove them from the water using a colander and set aside.
4. In the same boiling water, add the peas and cook for 2 minutes. Remove peas and set aside.
5. In the same water, add the pasta and cook according to the package instructions for al dente.
6. Place the boiled asparagus middle pieces into a food processor and pulse until smooth. Transfer to a small bowl, then add ricotta cheese, lemon zest, and lemon juice, along with a pinch of salt. Stir to combine.
7. In a deep-sided skillet, add 1 tbsp of avocado oil. Once hot, add the sliced leeks and cook for 3-4 minutes.
8. Add the asparagus tips and boiled peas to the pan, seasoning with salt and pepper.
9. Once the pasta has cooked, add it to the pan with the veggies, reserving some pasta water.
10. Add the ricotta mixture over the hot pasta and stir to combine. If the sauce is too thick, add reserved pasta water to thin it out.
11. Top with grated parmesan cheese and enjoy!

### *March's Prayer Requests*

**Friends & Family:** Unspoken Requests, Michelle Dorethy, Wes Davis, Teresa Brotherton, Mike Gibson, Tina Gibson, Joe (heart attack) & Carol Ryland, Mike Glasscock, Suzy Glasscock, Jeff Matlock, Ginger Richardson, Lucille Starr, Don Hale, Ginger Curfman, Ken Mlyniec, Mark & Kelly Neuendorf, Bev Brotherton (eyes), John & Jeanne Taylor, Tony King - Heart, Sue Mallory, Evonne's son Eric – cancer is back, Pastor Bob's son and DIL (Aaron & Kim), Kurt Glasscock, June Haun (Grace Glasscock's sister), Julee Wixom, Mark Russell – Heart, Wendy Kelly,

**Missionaries:** Doug & Amy Roeglin, Kristy Traci Hollerud (Linda Wade's Daughter – Brain Bleed)

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

**Come to**



**B. E. F. !**

6:00 p.m. BEF Through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Forest Lake Summer Camp Schedule

### SENIOR HIGH CAMP

**AGES:** Children entering 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades

**DATE:** July 26-31

**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

### 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE CAMP

**AGES:** Children entering 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades

**DATE:** July 1-3

**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.

### JUNIOR HIGH CAMP

**AGES:** Children entering 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grades

**DATE:** July 12-17

**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.

### 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE CAMP

**AGES:** Children entering 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades

**DATE:** July 5-10

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

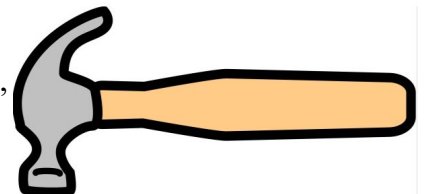
This camp will explore not only people from Bible times who took new paths to discover the riches of God, but we will also explore the camp to see the many places where we can discover God.

**SAVE  
FOR  
FUTURE  
REFERENCE**

FOREST LAKE CAMP  
11733 Copperhead Road  
Bloomfield, IA 52537-8073  
TELEPHONE: 641-684-8908  
EMAIL: [forestlake@mid-abc.org](mailto:forestlake@mid-abc.org)  
WEBSITE: [www.forestlakecamp.org](http://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 20-23. 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 11:15-noon Prayer 6:00 Maundy Thursday	3 Office Closed 	4
5 	6	7 12 Noon Sewing and Craft	8 6:00 BEF Groups	9 9:00 Effie 11:15-noon Prayer 6:30 Trustees	10 <b>QTR. REPORTS DUE</b>	11
12 11:30 Music Committee & CE Board Deaconesses 5:15-7:15 Sunday Collective	13	14 12 Noon Sewing and Craft	15 6:00 BEF Groups	16 9-2 Food Pantry 11:15-noon Prayer	17 	18
19 11:30 1 <sup>ST</sup> ¼ BUSINESS MEETING 3:30 Lionize	20	21 12 Noon Sewing and Craft	22 6:00 BEF Groups	23 11:15-noon Prayer	24	25
	<b>Camp Work Week</b>					
26 3:30 Deacons 5:15-7:15 Sunday Collective	27	28 12 Noon Sewing and Craft	29 6:00 BEF Groups	30 11:15-noon Prayer		
				<h1>2026</h1>		

  
**April Birthdays**  


- 3 Natalie Rae Cook
- 4 Jeanne Taylor  
Don Davis III  
Cassie Powers
- 5 Charles Williams  
Megan Glasscock  
Rylee Matlock  
Brady Glasscock
- 6 Courtney Kaehler  
Tim Nehre
- 8 Melinda Plowman
- 9 Hila Cook
- 11 Benjamin Nehre
- 12 Iversen Hotop
- 13 Megan Newlon  
Nikki Schrader
- 14 Charley Dunagan
- 16 Trevor Ryland  
Raylan King
- 17 Jenna Happs
- 20 Teresa Brotherton
- 21 Emily Hasson  
James Heagy
- 22 Debby Baum
- 26 Angela Breemeersch  
Jeff Dorethy
- 27 Gabe Rose
- 28 Rylee Klesner (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*