

First Baptist Church
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Keokuk, Iowa
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Return Service Requested

August 2023



Baptist Visitor

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SUNDAYS

9:00 Sunday School
10:20 Morning Service

WEDNESDAYS

(After School resumes)

5:30 Meal
6:00 BEF Groups



PRAYER REQUESTS:

Friends & Family: Unspoken Requests, Michelle Dorethy and Family, Ginger Curfman, Barb Collier, Bev Brotherton (eyes), Don Hale, Mark & Kelly Neuendorf, Doris Adkins, Fouad & Noura – Pastor Bob's friends in Egypt, Loza – Fouad's Mother N Law, Sherry Dalton, Carol Ryland, Tom & Betty Dickens, Mike Gibson, Teresa Brotherton, Evonne Case – John, Sylvia, Rowdy Savage, Elsie Sherwood, Minnie Kolditz, Bill Wixom, Teresa Jefferson and her mom Dolly, Family of Simon Bentzinger, Lois Mlyniec (healing), Abby Schrader, Tim Ayers, Jeanne Taylor, Grace Hall, Julie Wixom, Noah, Ginger Richardson, Jeanne Davis, Mike Gibson's mom-Tina, Tom Brown's daughter Courtney, John Wenke – brain bleed, Debby Baum, Autumn Ferguson, Rhonda Bloyd – cancer, Killian King (Tom & Debby Brown's grandson), Mike Gibson's mom-Tina, Tom Rudd,

Missionaries: Doug & Amy Roeglin and Family, Kristy Engel – Health & Travel, Family of Tim Nehre (West Nairobi School & Health),

Political: Nations of the World (Ukraine), Stantons in Hungary,

Please pray for Christians kidnapped in Egypt!

The following 3 females were kidnapped the third week of March 2022:

Mary Gamil Samuel (17), Mariam Ayman Yousset (6), Magda Anwar Mousa (17),

Global Weather

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

JUNE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	SANCTUARY/ NURSERY	PARKING LOT
25	40	47	4
JULY			
2	39	39	5
9	41	52	6
16	39	41	4
23	48	41	6

AUGUST

The Lord replied, ‘My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.’
Exodus 33:14

Dear Lord, May I feel the warmth of your presence today ~ a sweet touch of your love. Thank you for always standing by my side.

THE PEACE OF HEAVEN



Help us pack the food pantry please. People need cleaning supplies, dry goods, personal hygiene items, laundry supplies. We have a few veterans on a fixed income that come to see us every month. We love being able to give them a hand. If someone is in need of food we try to help them.



Faith

From the Deacon Bench

Life is full of Suprises and twists. We do not know what will happen in the next second. But still, we continue to live our lives. One of the tools that help us is faith. Faith is like an inner voice that keeps reminding us about the positive outlook of our life. And it helps us to keep irrespective of the situation in our life.

“Faith is unseen but felt.
Faith is strength when we feel we have none.
Faith is hope when all seems lost.”
Catherine Pulsifer

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Brown
Deacon



Deacon Fellowship Fund

The board of Deacons maintains a fund to provide assistance to members of FBC who experience unanticipated financial need. Baskets are available to receive this offering on the first Sunday of each month. Funds can also be placed in the regular offering plates on any Sunday and designated for the Fellowship Fund. Green envelopes are also available in the pews for your use. Your support for this special fund would be greatly appreciated.

Steve Baum
Deacon Board Treasured



Ingredients:

- ½ cup Frozen strawberries
- ½ cup Watermelon (frozen -yes you can freeze fresh watermelon. Just dice it up and freeze)
- 1 cup Yogurt – (I usually use vanilla yogurt or strawberry)
- ½ cup water – Or you can use any type of juice! Orange juice or apple juice work great.

You can even use almond milk instead of juice.



How to make a Watermelon Smoothie:

1. Place the liquid in your [blender](#) FIRST! This is important!
2. Then toss other ingredients in the [blender](#) and blend.
3. Blend until smooth!
4. Enjoy!

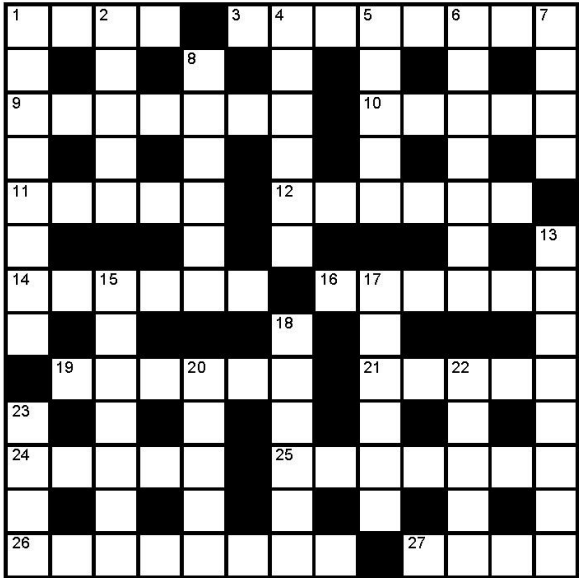
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Calories: 97kcal | Carbohydrates: 11g | Protein: 4g | Fat: 4g | Saturated Fat: 2g | Cholesterol: 15mg | Sodium: 57mg | Potassium: 287mg | Sugar: 9g | Vitamin A: 340IU | Vitamin C: 24.8mg | Calcium: 154mg | Iron: 0.2mg

Matthew

Across

- 1 Fear Him who is able to destroy _____ soul and body in hell. Matt 10:28 (4)
- 3 “By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not _____.” Matt 13:14 (8)
- 9 Jesus calls Peter this after he proclaims Jesus the “Christ, Son of the living God.” It means “Son of Jonah.” Matt 16:17 (7)
- 10 Along with clothing of sackcloth, this was a physical display of repentance. Matt 11:21 (5)
- 11 Means a “flowing of blood” and describes the woman who touched the hem of Jesus' garment. Matt 9:20 (5)
- 12 One sheep may “go _____” and the Shepherd will leave his ninety-nine to find it and rejoice. Matt 18:12 (6)
- 14 The Pharisees sought to do this to Jesus when he healed a man with a withered hand on the Sabbath. Matt 12:10 (6)
- 16 One of the twelve apostles. Matt 10:2-4 (6)
- 19 Synonym for “young woman.” Matt 26:69 (6)
- 21 The Heavenly Father feeds the fowls of the air, although they do not sow, reap or gather into these. Matt 6:26 (5)
- 24 “And ye shall be _____ of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.” Matt 10:22 (5)



- 25 What mingled with fire in Exodus 9:24 during the plagues? (3, 4)
- 26 These were what Christ performed when he went from town to town. (8)
- 27 Jesus opened these when two men answered that they believed that he was able to heal them. Matt 9:29 (4)

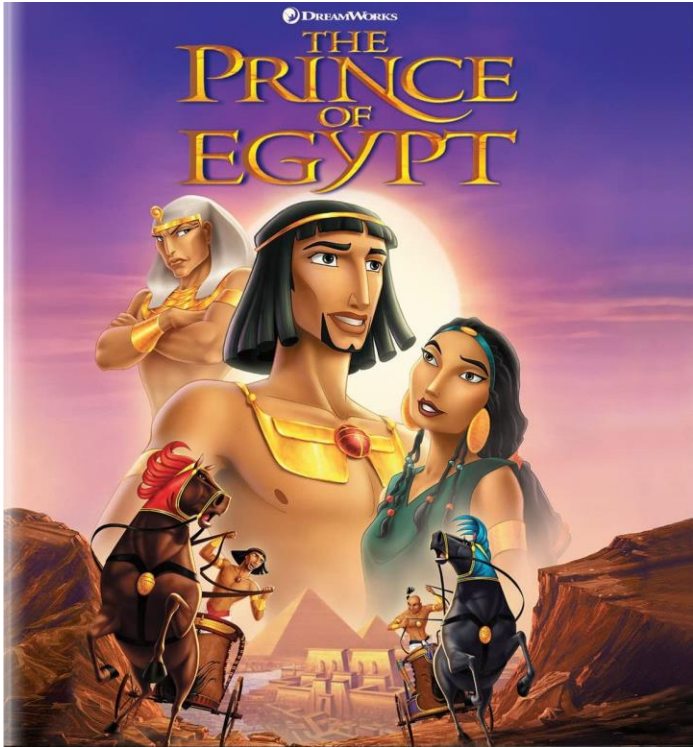
Down

- 1 Adjective form of “Bible.” (8)
- 2 These are sown by an enemy with the good seed. They will grow together until the harvest and then be gathered first and burned. Matt 13:25-32 (5)
- 4 The Old Testament prophet who said “Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” Matt 3:3 (6)
- 5 Jesus left Nazareth and dwelt in Capernaum, which is on the _____ of the Sea of Galilee. Matt 4:13 (5)

- 6 This son of Abraham is not in the genealogy of Christ. Matt 1:2 (7)
- 7 This was where the wise men were from when they came to worship Jesus. Matt 2:1 (4)
- 8 “The sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the _____ of the heavens shall be shaken.” Matt 24:29 (6)
- 13 The Greek definition of this word (apostolos) means “messengers.” Matt 10:2 (8)
- 15 “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” Matthew _____ 6, verse 13. (7)
- 17 Although Matthew was a Jew, he wrote this gospel in Greek. Other New Testament texts were written in Aramaic. What language was the Old Testament written in? (6)
- 18 “Wherefore, if God so _____ the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more _____ you, O ye of little faith?” Matt 6:30 (6)
- 20 Begat by Azor and begat Achim. Matt 1:1-16 (5)
- 22 “Therefore be ye also _____: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.” Matt 24:44 (5)
- 23 “But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless _____ that curse you, do good to _____ that hate you, and pray for _____ which despitefully use you, and persecute you.” Matt 5:44 (4)

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Saturday, August 5th
7:30–9:30 in the Ed.

Starring the Voices Of

Martin Short, Steve Martin, Bill Shapter, Natalie Portman, Danny Glover, Penney Finkelman Cox, Sandra Rabins, Jeff Goldblum, Tony Garnett, Sandra Bullock, Patrick Stewart, Michelle Pfeiffer, Simon Wells, Brenda Chapman, Stephen Hickner, Helen Mirren, Val Kilmer, Ralph Fiennes

Marvelous animated telling of the Book of Exodus story of Moses, chronicling his Nile River journey as a baby, his adoption by Pharaoh, his heroic efforts to free the Israelites, the parting of the Red Sea and the delivery of the Ten Commandments.



August, 2023

Dear Church Family,

Following are meditations from a recent sermon on Revelation 3:7-13. It is a letter from Jesus to the ancient church in Philadelphia, which was located in Asia Minor. The letter was written in the first century. So much could be said from those verses, but my focus in this brief letter is on the love of God for those who do not love him.

In this letter, Jesus expresses love for his suffering church. In the New Testament we find no direct statement that Jesus expresses love for the church's enemies. There is a love, however, that God in Christ does have for all humankind in general. We read of that love in John 3:16, **"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life"** (NASB).

God loves those who believe in his Son. But God also loves the people of the world in a general sense. It is a generic love, but a real love. It is a love for all people, since all people are made in God's image. Humanity being made in God's image does not mean that a given person is a good or godly person. It is a love for all people that expresses itself in God's giving wonderful gifts and benefits even to unbelievers. God gives good gifts even to haters of God and haters of Christ.

God's love for everyone in a generic sense shows itself in the institutions of society—giving even unbelieving, blasphemous members of society such things as hospitals, workplaces, schools, libraries, churches, good governments, theaters, etc. Some call this God's *common grace* (for everyone), which is not the same as God's *saving grace* (for the elect).

God's love for everyone in a generic sense also shows itself in giving even ungodly people provisions and possessions—houses, groceries, nice cars, nice clothing, etc.

God's love for everyone in a generic sense further shows itself in the bliss, the joy, and the best pleasures of life with one's spouse, children, and grandchildren.

This generic-but-real love of God for ungodly people keeps on coming, and has never stopped since creation. It keeps coming, for example, in three square meals every day. This generic-but-real love of God for ungodly people keeps coming, meal-after-meal, day-after-day, year-after-year, even though the ungodly person never *thinks* to offer a prayer of *thanks*.

The bottom line is that God expresses a general love that causes him to give good gifts even to those who hate him. In this way, God does not leave himself without a witness, as we see in Acts 14:16-17—**"In the generations gone by He permitted all the nations to go their own ways; ¹⁷and yet He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness"** (NASB).

We read in 1John 4:8 & 4:16, **"God is love."** Though God has this generic-but-real-love for unbelievers, does God ever hate people? See Psalm 5:5 and 11:5. The answer may surprise you. If God hated anyone it would not be with the kind of sinful hatred that human beings express. Strangely, if God hated anyone, his hatred would be just as pure as his love. If God hates, it does not define him. After all, the Scriptures say, "God is love," not, "God is hate." Perhaps we may say that God's hatred is more judicial than emotional, and never sinful. Think on it!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Bob Brandhagen



AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 4:00 Prayer 5:30 Sewing & Crafts	2 No BEF	3	4	5 7:30-9:30 Movie Ed. Bldg.
6	7	8 4:00 Prayer 5:30 Sewing & Crafts	9 No BEF	10 9:00 Effie 6:30 Trustees	11	12
13 6:30 CE Board	14	15 Hamilton  4:00 Prayer 5:30 Sewing & Crafts	16 No BEF	17 9-2 Food Pantry	18	19
20 3:30 Lionize @ McDs	21 	22 4:00 Prayer 5:30 Sewing & Crafts	23 Keokuk & Central Lee  No BEF	24	25	26
27 11:30 Deaconesses 3:30 Deacons	28	29 4:00 Prayer 5:30 Sewing & Crafts	30 No BEF	31		



- 1 Anna Thomas
- 2 Kasey Kirchner
- 4 Chelsey Riffle
- 5 Julie Ramsey
- 7 Zachary Brobston
- 8 Betty Dickens
- 9 Victor Kerr
- 12 Dottie Pillans
- Tait Matlock
- Jeff Breemeersch
- 13 Joe Baker

- 15 Haley Ashworth
- Emory Rose Dickens
- 16 Zayne Gabriel Brown
- 17 Joe Ryland
- Alicia Pillans
- Kayson Hotop
- 19 Heidi Noelle Rose
- 19 Joseph Shipman
- 20 Teresa Glasscock
- Niky Smith
- 22 Bill Ryland, Jr.
- 23 Ryan Richardson
- Gabriel Young
- 26 Traci Billings
- 27 Debra Carman
- 29 Justin Helmick
- 30 Mark Pfaffe



Ben & Caleigh Hayhurst
August 1, 2020

Don & Ana King
August 5, 1972

Ryan & LeAnn Brotherton
August 29, 1998

Josh & Kasey Kirchner
August 29, 2009

