

First Baptist Church
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Return Service Requested

August 2026



Baptist Visitor

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SUNDAYS

9:00 Sunday School
10:20 Morning Service

WEDNESDAYS

(After School resumes)
6:00 BEF Groups



Benevolence is needed for a farm family in Luray, MO. The farmer lost an arm in a farming accident years ago, and now he has had a severe stroke.

Reach for Christ Ministries
Michael and Nancey Snyder
720-644-7520

Friends & Family: Unspoken Requests, Michelle Dorethy, Wendy Kelly, John & Jeanne Taylor, Teresa Brotherton, Mike Gibson, Tina Gibson, Mike Glasscock, Janet Corrington – husband sick, Joe (heart attack) & Carol Ryland, Lucille Starr, Debra Letcher (grandson 19 with serious heart problem), Clark Adkins, Family of Sue Mallory, Ginger Curfman, Ken Mlyniec, Jeff Matlock, Ginger Richardson, Mark & Kelly Neuendorf, Bev Brotherton (eyes), Family of Ruth Ricker, Mark Russell – Heart, Tony King – Other, Website Prayer request from Irena Manata – son’s job & her health, Evonne’s son Eric – cancer is back, Julee Wixom, Don Hale, June Haun & Linda Fox, Wandy Reeves, Nita Sams (Grace Glasscock’s sisters), Terry Gibson – Sepsis, **Missionaries:** Doug & Amy Roeglin, Kristy Engel, Tim & Erin Nehre, Shawn & Teresa Ott (Forest Lake)

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
28	35	34	4
JULY			
5	23	30	3
12	39	33	4
19	39	42	3



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.



I would like to thank all the people who donated cookies for V.B.S.

Extra special thanks to those who helped each night of bible school:
Steve Baum
Sally Brotherton
Phyllis Nehre
Vickey Swainy
Annette Peevler

Sincerely,
Toni Glasscock

Thank you!



From the Deacon Bench

The Father's love for His children is so wide, long, high, and deep that we can never fully fathom its extent ([Ephesians 3:14-19](#)). God's love is constant, unchanging, and eternal. But sometimes our feelings tell us otherwise.

We frequently correlate our behavior and divine love. When we have been good, we believe that we're loved by God. But when we sin or make mistakes, we sometimes question how much He cares for us. After a series of missteps, we might conclude He disapproves of us far more often than He loves us.

The truth is, there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ (Rom. 8:1). God is our loving Father, who sometimes uses discipline to bring us back into alignment with His will ([Hebrews 12:7](#)). He also allows us to experience the consequences of sin. However, divine condemnation is not one of them.

Everything that separated us from God was dealt with at the cross. Because of Jesus, we are set free and healed from the sickness of sin. He took our place so we could be reconciled to the Father. Because of His great sacrifice, we can know God intimately and experience His presence forever—not as condemned sinners, but as beloved children.

Yours In Christ,
Mark Pfaffe
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 Treasurer

The Ladies Aid Society
of First Baptist Church, Keokuk, IA

Dec. 14, 1899

Society met at the church parlors. The meeting was called to order by the President - Mrs. Rogers.

Election of officers:

Mrs. E. Townsend for President
Mrs. C. Carlson Vice President
Mrs. McCraky for Treasurer
Mrs. Alberson for Secretary

Will meet with Mrs. L. T. Linquist Jan. 5

A few members from 1900

Mrs. E.S. Baker - 519 N. 4ty
Mrs. Charlie Carlson - 807 N 13th
Sophia Duncan - 718 Morgan
S.B. Jones - 512 Exchange
Mrs. L. T. Linquist - 806 Blondeau
Mrs. J. R. Mason - 200 S. 8th

1901 All old officers re-elected

August
TIME SMOOTHIE

A TASTE OF SUMMER IN EVERY SIP!

Cool, fruity
and refreshing...
the perfect
way to enjoy
August!

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup frozen strawberries
- 1/2 cup frozen peaches
- 1/2 cup pineapple chunks
- 1/2 cup Greek yogurt
- 3/4 cup orange juice
- 1 tsp honey (optional)
- 1/2 cup ice
- Fresh mint for garnish (optional)

Makes 1 large smoothie
Serves 1

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Add all ingredients to a blender.
- 2 Blend until smooth and creamy.
- 3 Pour into your favorite glass.
- 4 Garnish with fresh mint and enjoy your August Time Smoothie!

FOOD IN THE BIBLE

F	I	M	S	D	R	I	S	J	L	L	E	N	T	I	L	S	X	I	T
J	R	A	A	A	T	O	S	A	E	M	S	Q	H	W	C	G	W	G	X
R	X	E	G	M	M	N	E	A	B	F	O	K	L	I	S	T	B	P	R
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A	O	A	M	D	V	G	R	M	O	N	F	A	B	W	E	S	I	J	A
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A	B	G	I	B	W	P	L	A	B	J	S	H	F	S	A	F	N	M	K
G	Q	E	A	S	E	G	C	A	P	S	S	G	H	S	U	L	S	D	E
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F	R	O	X	Z	F	E	G	J	N	I	S	B	S	N	A	E	B	R	L
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J	S	E	E	G	S	H	T	R	K	O	S	F	R	M	E	N	Q	B	V

ALMONDS	FIGS	LENTILS	POMEGRANATES
BARLEY	FISH	MANNA	QUAIL
BEANS	GARLIC	MELONS	RAISINS
BREAD	GRAPES	MILK	SALT
BUTTER	HONEY	MUSTARD	VINEGAR
CHEESE	LAMB	OLIVES	WHEAT
DATES	LEeks	ONIONS	WINE



FOOD IN THE BIBLE
SOLUTION

F	I	M	S	D	R	I	S	J	L	L	E	N	T	I	L	S	X	I	T
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O	R	N	M	R	H	L	X	E	R	D	R	B	M	T	M	A	N	N	A
A	O	A	M	D	V	G	R	M	O	N	F	A	B	W	E	S	I	J	A
H	E	R	B	C	I	L	R	A	G	O	A	W	T	M	E	L	O	N	S
A	B	G	I	B	W	P	L	A	B	J	S	H	F	S	A	F	N	M	K
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S	F	M	T	B	N	F	N	G	V	E	B	A	X	D	F	M	G	W	E
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J	G	W	Q	M	E	F	H	L	N	B	J	T	G	L	G	L	F	A	X
M	I	G	K	E	R	W	E	R	V	O	L	A	Y	A	T	M	J	H	F
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From the Desk of Pastor Bob



August Pastor's Corner

Newsletter Article by Pastor Bob Brandhagen First Baptist Church, Keokuk, IA

August, 2026

Hello Church Family,

About a year ago I preached on the letter of 1Peter. That letter was written by the Apostle Peter. That sermon series was given a series title: "Elect Exiles Scattered." In that 20-part series, I hope everyone learned a lot and that the sermons in the series glorified the LORD.

Earlier this week, I started a sermon series on 2Peter, with a view to building it into a full-fledged sermon series. It seems logical: write and preach a mini-series of sermons on the topics that are prominent in 1Peter and 2Peter.

As I begin this series, I will be applying the lessons to myself. And if the sermon is well done, I will take no credit. Only to say, "Glory be to our Heavenly Father!"

The letter of 2Peter has a different vocabulary than 1Peter. Many of Peter's themes and sayings are stunning and awesome, for example:

"By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires. In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises" (1:3; 1:4; 1:5).

Yet more of 1Peter's themes in 2Peter, but with Peter's differing ways of addressing sexual sin: 2Peter 2:10—"He (the Lord) cannot condone those who stray from God's plan for marriage, namely one man, one woman, and not follow into twisted sexual desires."

2Peter 2:14—"They commit adultery with their eyes, and their desire for sin is never satisfied."

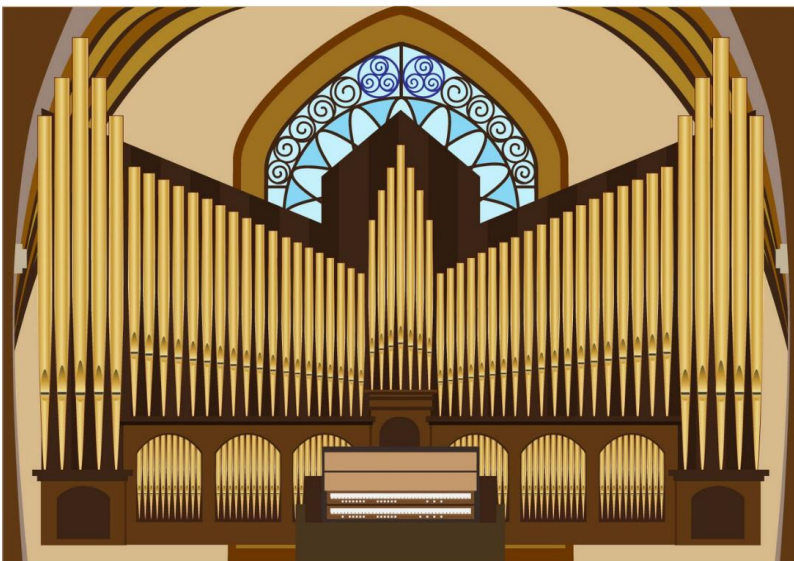
Then, a few verses later, Peter circles back to the sexual perversion theme in the following verse.

2Peter 2:18—"They brag about themselves with empty, foolish boasting. With an appeal to twisted sexual desires, they lure back into sin those who have barely escaped from a lifestyle of deception."

The verses above were written about 2000 years ago. But 2Peter's addressing of those perverted sexual themes could have been written today. There is grievous sexual sin in most American churches... I need not elaborate. At least not at this time.

With Love in Christ,

Pastor Bob



Free Mini Organ Concert

August 15, 2026

2:30 PM

St. John's Episcopal Church

4th and Concert

Keokuk, Iowa

Arlene Lindner Small, Organist

Free Will offering to benefit KHS

Class of 1971 Reunion

2026



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