

First Baptist Church
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Baptist Visitor



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SUNDAYS

9:00 Sunday School
10:20 Morning Service

WEDNESDAYS

5:30 BEF Meal
6:00 BEF Groups



(Place in a convenient place for future reference.)

2023 Offices

MODERATOR: Don Davis

FINANCIAL SECY: Jeanne Davis

CHURCH CLERK: Samantha Glasscock

Assist. Moderator: Marvin Nehre

ASSIST. FINANCIAL SECY: Tess Brotherton

MISSIONARY TREAS: Linda Wade

CHURCH TREASURER: Tess Brotherton

MAINTENANCE TREASURER: David Glasscock

BOARD OF DEACONS 2023: Marvin Nehre, Steve Baum, Tom Brown, Don Davis, Mike Schrader, Patrick Baum, Mark Pfaffe

BOARD OF DEACONESSES 2023: Betty Dickens, Becky McAlexander, Julie Ramsey, Sally Brotherton, Jeanne Davis, Ella Maxwell, Ana King

BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2023: Chairperson Tim Glasscock, Vice-Chairperson Ryan Brotherton, James Buerklin, Mike Glasscock, Tom Ruddell, Yates Brotherton, Don King, Chuck Williams, Carmalitta Baum, Michael Glasscock

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 2023: Diana Cook, Katie Bierwirth, Liz Swanson, Lisa Brandhagen, Caleigh Hayhurst, Tracy Adams, Jeanne Davis

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS 2023: AUDITING, Bobbi Lutzen; MUSIC, Debby Baum; TRANSPORTATION & USHERING, Russell Brotherton; MISSIONARY, Phyllis Nehre; NURSERY, Jeanne Davis; HOSPITALITY, Diana Cook, Dee Ruddell; FLOWERS, Suzy Glasscock

FINANCE COMMITTEE 2022: Tess Brotherton, Debby Baum, Sally Brotherton, Jeanne Davis, Phyllis Nehre, Don King, Liz Swanson, Marvin Nehre (Board of Deacons rep.)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:2022 Chair – Becky McAlexander, Don Davis, Tom Ruddell, Mike Schrader, Caleigh Hayhurst, Katie Davis

CHURCH COUNCIL 2022: Don Davis, Mark Pfaffe, Liz Swanson, Phyllis Nehre, Carol Lynn Williams, Tim Glasscock, Pastor Bob, Trudy Rudd, Jeanne Davis, Tess Brotherton, Julie Ramsey

STAFF

Teresa (Tess) Brotherton (secretary@keokukfbc.org)
 Julie Ramsey, Organist
 Russell Brotherton, Custodian



OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday
 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
 12:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Stewardship ATTENDANCE

Dec	SUNDAY SCHOOL	PARKING LOT	SANCTUARY
24	Candle Light	Service	82
25	N/A	0	35
Jan			
1	29	0	42
8	40	1	42
15	41	3	43
22	40	1	42



M & M Scholarship Committee

Gladys Garnett gift of the early 1950's, the Clauzelle Pfaffe Medical Scholarship fund established in 1985, and the Elizabeth Maxwell Scholarship fund started in 2003 have helped church members including our current full time missionaries Doug Roeglin, Kristy Engel, and Tim Nehre. We have been blessed by the gifts of these three scholarship funds.

M & M Scholarship Committee



****** February 17th**

is the deadline by which to have any corrections, additions or changes on the secretary's desk for the new 2023 Communications Directory. You can email them to me as well at secretary@keokukfbc.org

From the Deacon Bench

Silly Sheep

On a cold day one winter, Joe was sliding on a frozen pond when the ice broke. Luckily he was able to get out of the water and crawl to safety. He went home in his wet clothes almost frozen. His aunt asked him why he was sliding on the ice.

"Because all the other boys did," he answered. She gave him dry clothes and something warm to drink. Then she told him a story.

When I was a little girl, Joe, my father had a great flock of sheep. One day a big ram jumped through a gap in the fence. He was followed by the other sheep.

When the ram tumbled into the bottom of an old well where father used to throw rubbish, the next sheep never stopped to see what had become of him. He jumped in right after the ram, and so did the next one and the next. The sheep kept jumping into the well until it was full. Then father pulled them out as best he could.

The sheep at the bottom of the well were almost smothered to death.

"What silly sheep!" exclaimed Joe. Then suddenly a look of discernment came over his face, and he smiled at his aunt. He had gotten the point of the story.

If we simply follow others without watching where we are going, we may land in trouble. The book of Psalms opens with some timeless wisdom on this subject (Ps. 1:1-3; cf. Prov. 1:15-16; 4:14).

***Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.
They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.***



In Christ,
Mark Pfaffe

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to put an Easter lily on the altar in March or put a flower on the altar anytime throughout the year, please contact Flower Committee Chairperson, Suzy Glasscock at 319-470-9733.



LENTEN
LUNCH

Our 39th Annual Lenten Lunch

Begins February 27th and runs through April 3rd. We look forward to having lunch and praise together again.



B. E. F. !

Wednesday Nights – 5:30 Meal Groups 6:00

Huiskamp Hall – Kids

Fellowship Hall – Adults

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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, Teresa Jefferson and her mom Dolly, Simon Bentzinger, Lois Mlyniec (healing), Diana Cook – (Cheryl, her friend had cancerous growth removed), Jeanne Taylor, Danielle Allsup & Lonnetta Sutterfield – both medical and both family friends to Dutch, Noah (coma), Family of Lucas, Ginger Richardson, Tom Brown’s daughter Courtney, Bill Wixom, Julee Wixom, Autumn Ferguson, Chuck Williams, Grace Hall, Colton & Lexus Blankenship,

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!

Kerolos Shenouda Samir – boy age 12, Mary Milad Girgis – woman age 44 with 4 kids, Mirna Maher Hemly Marzouk – woman age 24 (recent Kidney transplant),

Global Weather

Grace UPON Grace
America for Christ Offering 2023

John 1:16-17 [NRSVue]

From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Sir, my concern is not whether God is on my side; my greatest concern is to be on God’s side, for He is always right.



Lincoln

-Abraham

February 20, 2023



If the freedom of speech is taken away then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter.



-George Washington



February, A.D. 2023

Dear Family of God,

If I could own just three books, then it would be these: 1) The Bible; 2) *Tortured for Christ* by Richard Wurmbrand, and 3) *The Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan. This month I would like to introduce you to *Pilgrim's Progress*, a classic which was written by Bunyan in 1678. It is an allegory. According to *Oxford Dictionary*, an allegory contains a lot of symbolism and hidden meanings. The story Bunyan tells came to him in a dream. We pick up the story where Christian is dealing with the lions and with the devil.

“(Christian) saw two lions in the (path). ‘Now,’ Christian thought, ‘I see the dangers that drove back Mistrust and Fearful.’ The lions were chained, but the Pilgrim did not see the chains, so he was afraid. He considered going back and following Mistrust and Fearful, for he thought nothing but death was before him. But noticing that Christian paused as if he would go back, the Porter (whose name was Watchful) cried out to him, saying, ‘Is your strength so small? Don’t fear the lions, for they’re chained. They’re placed there for the trial of faith, to find out where it is and to reveal who have none. Stay in the middle of the path, and no injury will come to you.’ Then I saw (in my dream) that Christian walked on. He trembled for fear of the lions. He heard their roar, but ...they did not harm him. ...” (and now skipping from page 63 to page 79)

“... ‘And how, oh Apollyon, have I been unfaithful to (God)?’ questioned Christian. Apollyon quickly answered, ‘You fainted at the beginning of your journey.... You sinfully slept and lost your valuable things (and) you were almost persuaded to go back at the sight of the lions. And when you talk about your journey ...you are inwardly boastful in everything you say and do.’ ‘All this is true,’ admitted Christian, ‘and much more that you’ve left out, but the Prince whom I serve and honor is merciful and ready to forgive.’ Then Apollyon broke out into a tremendous rage, saying, ‘I’m an enemy of this prince! I hate his person, his laws, and his people. I’ve come here to oppose you.’”

Apollyon is the devil, and in the story he is accusing Christian. The following Bible verses are about the devil and his prowling and accusing. Like Christian, we who follow Jesus will be accused by our great enemy:

Zechariah 3:1 (NET)—“Next I saw Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, with Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him.”

1Peter 5:8—“Be sober and alert. Your enemy the devil, like a roaring lion, is on the prowl looking for someone to devour.”

Revelation 12:10—“Then I heard a loud voice in heaven saying, ‘The salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the ruling authority of his Christ, have now come, because the accuser of our brothers and sisters, the one who accuses them day and night before our God, has been thrown down.’”

In Christ,

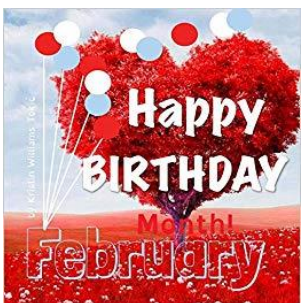
Pastor Bob Brandhagen

Ash Wednesday



Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 5:30 BEF Meal 6:00 BEF Groups	2	3	4
5	6	7 4:00 Prayer Time 5:30 Sewing and Crafts	8 5:30 BEF Meal 6:00 BEF Groups	9 9:00 Effie 6:30 Board of Trustees	10	11
12 6:30 CE Board	13	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i> 4:00 Prayer Time 5:30 Sewing and Crafts	15 5:30 BEF Meal 6:00 BEF Groups	16 9:00-2:00 Food Pantry	17	18
19 11:30 Annual Business Meeting & Lunch 	20 	21 4:00 Prayer Time 5:30 Sewing and Crafts	22 5:30 BEF Meal 6:00 BEF Groups	23	24	25
26 11:30 Deaconess 3:30 Deacons	27 12 noon Lent Lunches begin	28 4:00 Prayer Time 5:30 Sewing and Crafts				



- 2 Ryan Brotherton
- 3 Madison Arrowood
- 4 Jamie Gilbert Wolfe
- 5 Aaron Brotherton
- 6 Becky McAlexander
- 7 Mary Piersee
- 9 Jerold Helmick
- 11 Hilary Daniels
- 12 Evonne Young
- 14 Mildred Rader
- 15 Brent Varner
- 16 Keegan Pfafe
- 17 Schuyler Gross
- 18 Jim Kay
- 19 Alexis Brown
- 21 Dutch Salama
- 22 Peter Roeglin
- 23 Katelyn Brown
- 24 David Jones
- 25 Pam Katsumes
- 26 Ross Jenkins
- 27 Jett David Hotop
- 28 Serenity Anderson
- Mary Jo Bowles
- Sarah Ruddell
- Noah Ruddell
- Caleb Adams
- Seth Swanson
- Tony Cook, Sr.
- Rylon Brotherton
- Mackenzie Sherrill
- Eli Allen Bierwirth
- Tony Arrowood
- Serenity Anderson



For God

So loved the world
that he gave his
only
begotten
son
that whosoever
believes
in him should
not perish but have
everlasting life

John 3:16



- Tom & Debbie Brown
February 14, 1987*
- Jeff & Angela Breemeersch
February 14, 2003*
- Bob & Barbara Collier
February 20, 1970*
- Neil & Kim Newlon
February 28, 1992*