

First Baptist Church
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Baptist Visitor

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SUNDAYS

9:00 Sunday School
10:20 Morning Service

WEDNESDAYS2

6:00 BEF Groups



(Place in a convenient place for future reference.)

2024 Offices

MODERATOR: Don Davis

Assist. Moderator: Marvin Nehre

CHURCH TREASURER: Tess Brotherton

FINANCIAL SECY: Jeanne Davis

ASSIST. FINANCIAL SECY: Tess Brotherton

MAINTENANCE TREASURER: David Glasscock

CHURCH CLERK: Samantha Glasscock

MISSIONARY TREAS: Linda Wade

BOARD OF DEACONS 2024: Marvin Nehre, Steve Baum, Tom Brown, Don Davis, Mike Schrader, Bob Collier, Mark Pfaffe

BOARD OF DEACONESSSES 2024: Betty Dickens, Becky McAlexander, Julie Ramsey, Sally Brotherton, Lois Mlyniec, Ella Maxwell, Suzy Glasscock

BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2024: Chairperson Tim Glasscock, Vice-Chairperson Ryan Brotherton, James Buerklin, Mike Glasscock, Tom Ruddell, Yates Brotherton, Don King, Zach Glasscock, Michael Glasscock, Debra Carman

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 2024: Diana Cook, Katie Bierwirth, Liz Swanson, Lisa Brandhagen, Caleigh Hayhurst, Tracy Adams, Jeanne Davis

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS 2024: AUDITING, Bobbi Lutzen; MUSIC, Debby Baum; TRANSPORTATION & USHERING, Russell Brotherton; MISSIONARY, Diana Cook; NURSERY, Phyllis Nehre; HOSPITALITY, Diana Cook, Dee Ruddell; FLOWERS, Suzy Glasscock

FINANCE COMMITTEE 2024: Tess Brotherton, Debby Baum, Sally Brotherton, Jeanne Davis, Phyllis Nehre, Don King, Liz Swanson, Marvin Nehre (Board of Deacons rep.)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:2024 Chair – Becky McAlexander, Don Davis, Tom Ruddell, Mike Schrader, Caleigh Hayhurst, Katie Davis

CHURCH COUNCIL 2024: Don Davis, Mark Pfaffe, Liz Swanson, Diana Cook, Debby Baum, Tim Glasscock, Pastor Bob, Samantha Glasscock, Jeanne Davis, Tess Brotherton, Julie Ramsey

Please let me know of any corrections.

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	39	?	98
24	Candle Light	Service	111
31	49	2	47
Jan			
7	50	0	45
14	NO CHURCH	DUE TO	WEATHER
21	34	0	43
22	39	3	46



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 2024 Communications Directory. You can email them to me as well at secretary@keokukfbc.org

From the Deacon Bench

It was only a short time ago, during the four Sundays of Advent, that we anticipated the coming of the Christ child as we celebrated his birth on Christmas day. What a joyous and happy way to end the old year and look forward to the coming of a new year with all the promises and hopes of the days ahead.

In less than one month, we will be past Ash Wednesday and fully into the six weeks of Lent. It is an important reminder of Jesus death on the cross and his resurrection on Easter morning. You and I are given the opportunity to claim eternal life through our faith and trust in Christ as our Lord and Savior.

The birth of a baby placed in a peaceful manger is sometimes easier to accept than his cruel death upon the cross. Just as the manger is a symbol of new life in the birth of a perfect baby, the cross can likewise be a symbol of the new life we have in Christ's resurrection. May we be drawn as strongly to the cross as we are drawn to the manger.



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
Jusus Christ from the dead,
and into an inheritance
that can never parish, spoil
or fade.

1 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV)

In Christ,
Steve Baum

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.



Our 40th Annual Lenten Lunch

Begins February 19th and runs through April 25th. We look forward to having lunch and praise together again.

**Come
to**



B. E. F. !

Wednesday Night Groups 6:00

Huiskamp Hall – Kids

Fellowship Hall – Adults

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Friends & Family: Unspoken Requests, Ruth Ricker, Michelle Dorethy and Family, Barb Collier, Bev Brotherton (eyes), Don Hale, Mark & Kelly Neuendorf, Fouad & Noura – Pastor Bob’s friends in Egypt, Loza – Fouad’s Mother N Law, Sherry Dalton, Carol Ryland, Tom & Betty Dickens, Teresa Brotherton, Jeanne Davis, Evonne Case, Rowdy Savage, Elsie Sherwood, Ginger Richardson, Bob Collier, Teresa Jefferson, Lois Mlyniec (healing), Ginger Curfman, Mike Gibson’s mom-Tina, Jeanne Taylor, Julie Wixom, Tom Rudd, Rhonda Bloyd – cancer, Monica, Jackie Saxon, Chuck Williams, Angie Logdon of LaGrange, MO – Stroke, Mike Burdette (Julie’s brother-in-law), Bill Wixom, Jeff Matlock,

Missionaries: Doug & Amy Roeglin, Kristy Engel – Health & Travel, Tim & Erin Nehre (West Nairobi School & Health), Shawn & Teresa Ott (Forest Lake),

Political: Nations of the World

Please pray for Christians kidnapped in Egypt:

Basam Kamal Wahib Saad, 28, male, single



AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2024

GRACE upon GRACE

Because of God’s great love we are not Consumed, for God’s compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

-LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23 (NIV)



February 19, 2024



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

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



-George Washington

Pastor Bob's Corner



February, A.D. 2024

Dear Family of God,

We are eagerly anticipating the Lenten season and along with it, Lenten Lunches at First Baptist Church. It is a blessed and holy time of year. In the Lenten season we remember and meditate on the sufferings of the Suffering Servant, Jesus Christ.

First Baptist Church has been holding Lenten Lunches for over forty years, except for a two-year hiatus due to public health concerns. Thank you to all the volunteers who are helping out again. For six Mondays we will have Lenten Lunches, including a meal and a worship service. The dates are February 19, 26; and March 4, 11, 18, 25. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. for each of the six luncheon dates. Our theme this year is *The Seven Last Sayings of Jesus from the Cross*. This is a very familiar theme if you are familiar with the Bible.

On Sunday mornings in the new year, I have begun a series called "Route 66." There are sixty-six books in the Bible. I will be preaching one- or two-week summaries on each of those sixty-six books. Now that I am over Covid and hoping for no more Sunday morning blizzards, we should be able to make good progress in this new sermon series.

As I preach through Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, etc., I will not interrupt the Route 66 series to preach on Lenten themes. If you attend Lenten Lunches you will hear messages about Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection. On Palm Sunday, the scripture readings will be focused on Jesus' triumphal entry, but not the sermon. Likewise, on Easter/Resurrection Sunday, the scripture reading will be focused on Jesus' resurrection, but not the sermon.

On February 5-9, I will be preaching on KOKX at around 6:00 a.m. Those messages will be about Jesus' sufferings, death, and resurrection.

Oh, and by the way, please don't hesitate to call me during the week. I would be happy to pray over the phone with you. We could also set up a time to meet at the church. I want to get to know you all better. The hours that I am in the office are Mondays through Thursdays, 7:00 - 3:00. After 3:00 you might find me at McDonald's, meeting people in the community, working on my sermon, etc. I take Fridays off. On Saturdays, I usually come to the church with Lisa at 11:00 to sit in on the music team rehearsal. It has become a nice worship time that I use as a preparation of my heart for Sunday worship. If you can't make it to the worship service on Sunday, then come and join me and the music team at the rehearsal. Eleven o'clock Saturday.

Have a great February. Let's stay in God's word, stay out of sin, keep our eyes on Jesus. We serve the Suffering Servant of Isaiah, who is also the Risen Christ!

Sincerely in Christ,





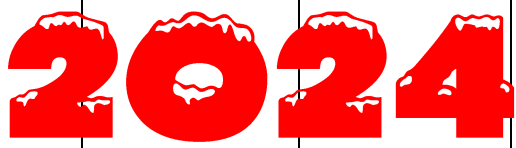
Pastor Bob Brandhagen

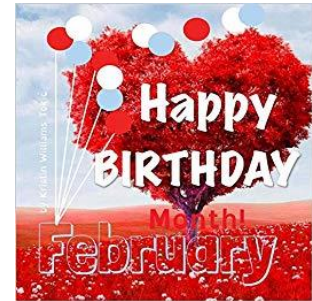
Ash Wednesday



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

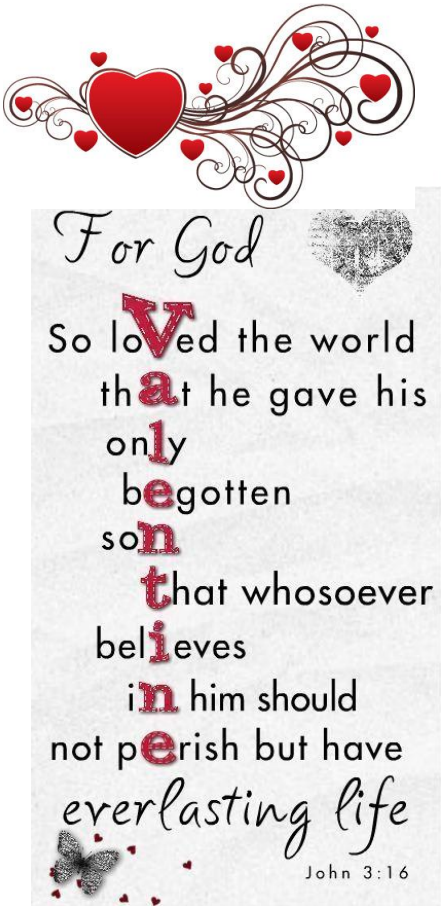
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 11:30 Special business meeting to vote 2:00 CE Board	5	6 4:00 Prayer Time 5:30 Sewing and Crafts	7 6:00 BEF Groups	8 9:00 Effie 6:30 Board of Trustees	9	10
11	12	13 4:00 Prayer Time 5:30 Sewing and Crafts	14  6:00 BEF Groups	15 9:00-2:00 Food Pantry	16	17
18 11:30 Annual Business Meeting & Lunch	19 12 noon Lent Lunches begin 	20 4:00 Prayer Time 5:30 Sewing and Crafts	21  6:00 BEF Groups	22	23	24
25 11:30 Deaconess 3:30 Deacons	26 12 noon Lent Lunch	27 4:00 Prayer Time 5:30 Sewing and Crafts	28 <div>  </div>	29		



- 2 Ryan Brotherton
 3 Madison Arrowood
 4 Jamie Gilbert Wolfe
 Mary Jo Bowles
 5 Aaron Brotherton
 6 Becky McAlexander
 7 Mary Piersee
 Amelia Jenkins
 9 Jerold Helmick
 James Bierwirth
 Mackenzie Sherrill
 11 Hilary Daniels
 12 Evonne Case
 Eli Allen Bierwirth
 14 Mildred Rader
 Tony Arrowood
 15 Brent Varner
 Rylon Brotherton

- 16 Keegan Pfafe
 Josh Cook
 Ethan Brobston
 Aidan Derr
 17 Schuyler Gross
 18 Jim Kay
 Sarah Ruddell
 19 Alexis Brown
 Noah Ruddell
 21 Dutch Salama
 22 Peter Roeglin
 23 Katelyn Brown
 24 David Jones
 Caleb Adams
 25 Pam Katsumes
 26 Ross Jenkins
 Seth Swanson
 Tony Cook, Sr.
 27 Jett David Hotop
 28 Serenity Anderson



- Tom & Debbie Brown
 February 14, 1987

 Jeff & Angela Breemeersch
 February 14, 2003

 Bob & Barbara Collier
 February 20, 1970

 Neil & Kim Newlon
 February 28, 1992