

First Baptist Church
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Baptist Visitor

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SUNDAYS

9:00 Sunday School
10:20 Morning Service

WEDNESDAYS

6:00 BEF Groups



(Place in a convenient place for future reference.)

2026 Offices

MODERATOR: Marvin Nehre **FINANCIAL SECY:** Linda Wade **CHURCH CLERK:** Samantha Glasscock

Assist. Moderator: **ASSIST. FINANCIAL SECY:** Tess Brotherton **MISSIONARY TREAS:** Debra Carman

CHURCH TREASURER: Tess Brotherton **MAINTENANCE TREASURER:** Trudy Rudd

BOARD OF DEACONS 2026: Marvin Nehre, Steve Baum, Tom Brown, Don Davis, Mike Schrader, Mark Pfaffe, Patrick Baum

BOARD OF DEACONESSES 2026: Becky McAlexander, Julie Ramsey, Sally Brotherton, Phyllis Nehre, Ella Maxwell, Lois Mlyniec, Suzy Glasscock

BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2026: Chairperson Don King, Vice-Chairperson Ryan Brotherton, James Buerklin, Mike Glasscock, Tom Ruddell, Yates Brotherton, Zach Glasscock, Debra Carman, Michael Glasscock, Tim Glasscock, Shawn Daniels

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 2026: Bobbi Lutzen, Katie Bierwirth, Liz Swanson, Lisa Brandhagen, Caleigh Hayhurst, Tracy Adams, Diana Cook

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS 2026: AUDITING, Don King; MUSIC, Debby Baum; TRANSPORTATION: SHAWN DANIELS, USHERING, Russell Brotherton; MISSIONARY, Diana Cook; NURSERY,; HOSPITALITY, Diana Cook, Dee Ruddell; FLOWERS, Suzy Glasscock

FINANCE COMMITTEE 2025: Tess Brotherton, Debby Baum, Sally Brotherton, Linda Wade, Don Davis, Phyllis Nehre, Don King, Liz Swanson, Bobbi Lutzen, Mark Pfaffe (Board of Deacons rep.)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:2025 Chair – Becky McAlexander, Tom Ruddell, Mike Schrader, Caleigh Hayhurst

CHURCH COUNCIL 2025: Don Davis, Mark Pfaffe, Liz Swanson, Debra Carman, Tim Glasscock, Pastor Bob, Samantha Glasscock, Linda Wade, Tess Brotherton, Julie Ramsey

STAFF

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



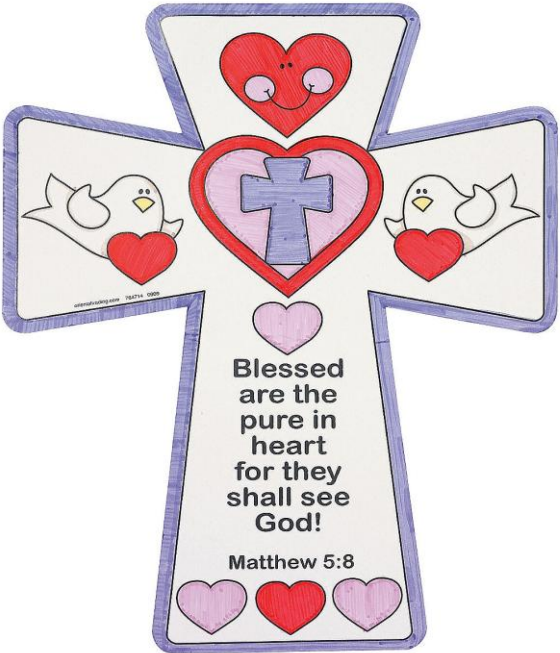
OFFICE HOURS

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

Stewardship

ATTENDANCE

Dec	SUNDAY SCHOOL	PARKING LOT	SANCTUARY
21	46	4	45
24	Candle Light	Service	89
28	36	5	38
Jan			
4	39	7	34
11	44	3	32
18	40	0	42
Mission	Soup	Luncheon	29



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

Valentine Fruit & Marshmallow Kabobs

♥ Easy ♥ No-Bake ♥ Kid-Friendly ♥

INGREDIENTS

- Fresh strawberries (halved if large)
- Mini marshmallows
- Red or pink grapes
- Optional: banana slices, raspberries
- Wooden skewers or paper straws

DIRECTIONS

1. Wash and dry all fruit.
2. Slide fruit and marshmallows
3. Arrange on a platter or wrap
4. Serve immediately or refrigerate until ready to enjoy.

OPTIONAL FUN >

- ♥ Drizzle lightly with white chocolate
- ♥ Use heart-shaped strawberries (slice a small 'V' at the top)
- ♥ Add Valentine tags or ribbon for gifting

KID NOTES

- ♥ No oven, no sharp tools
- ♥ Kids can help assemble
- ♥ Allergy-friendly & customizable



From the Deacon Bench

New day, new month, new year. As we enter this new month, may the Lord provide for your needs according to his riches in glory. May God usher you into your diverse faithfulness and breakthroughs. May this February bring you happiness, love, peace, and an abundance of blessings, satisfaction, and victory. May God bless you, your family, and your loved ones all the days of your life. Amen



Yours in Christ,
Tom Brown
Deacon of the month for January

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to put an Easter lily on the altar in April 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 42nd Annual Lenten Lunch

Begins February 23rd and runs through March 30th. We look forward to having lunch and praise together again.

**Come
to**



B. E. F. !

Wednesday Nights -Groups 6:00
Huiskamp Hall - Kids

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Friends & Family: Unspoken Requests, Michelle Dorethy, Wes Davis, Teresa Brotherton, Mike Gibson, Tina Gibson, Joe (heart attack) & Carol Ryland, Mike 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), June Haun (Grace Glasscock's sister), Julee Wixom,
Missionaries: Doug & Amy Roeglin, Kristy Engel, Tim & Erin Nehre, Shawn & Teresa Ott (Forest Lake),
Political: Nations of the World
Please pray for Christians being persecuted.

AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2026



The Wisdom and
Power of
torytelling

"I WILL OPEN MY MOUTH TO SPEAK IN PARABLES;
I WILL PROCLAIM WHAT HAS BEEN HIDDEN SINCE THE FOUNDATION." MATTHEW 13:34-35 NRSVUE



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.



-Abraham

Lincoln

February 16, 2026



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



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Time Flies. It was Advent and Christmas, and suddenly I'm preparing for Lent and Lenten Lunches! How is your Bible reading going? Prior to the New Year, I urged all who were in the worship services to plan on reading the Bible in the New Year.

Are you discouraged that you have fallen behind and probably won't be able to read through the whole Bible in 2026? If so, don't beat yourself up. Instead of trying to catch up, how about if you commit to reading just the four Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—in 2026. Or read the Proverb of the Day? If the date is the 18th, then read Proverbs 18. It is convenient that there are 31 Proverbs, one for each day of the month.

I would like to invite you to the worship service each week. It is still happening at 10:20 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Some of you do not attend worship because you have to work, or your health is not good, or you are afraid of the icy sidewalks and roads. Those are valid reasons to miss the worship service.

What is not valid in this regard is to never come to church, and plead idle excuses for not attending. For example, some say, "I can worship just as well while I go hunting, fishing, shopping, etc." If this is your attitude, you have missed Jesus. He is waiting and present in the sanctuary of all good churches.

If you go deer hunting, you have to go where the deer are most likely to be found. Don't wait around for a buck to be in a parking lot. Deer are most likely to be found in the woods. Likewise, Jesus is most likely to be found in the Lord's House on the Lord's Day. Are you there with him?

What excuses do you have? We do not pass an offering plate; money is the least of our concerns. Dress casually, but modestly.

For the past five years, on Mondays through Thursdays, I have come into the church at 7:00 a.m. The first thing I do is a prayer walk in the sanctuary. I have prayed for you. The prayer I have prayed the most is just below,

Hebrews 10:25 (NLT)—"**And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.**"

To those of you who are faithful on Sunday mornings, and at other times, keep seeking Jesus there.

2Timothy 4:1-2—(ESV)—"**I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.**"

Until the End,

Pastor Bob Brandhagen

♥ Pink Cupid Spritz
♥ Easy Valentine's Day Drink ♥

INGREDIENTS

- ½ cup pink lemonade (chilled)
- ½ cup sparkling water *or* prosecco
- 1–2 tbsp strawberry syrup or grenadine
- Ice.
- Fresh strawberries (for garnish)



DIRECTIONS

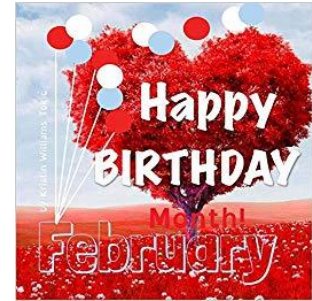
1. Fill a glass halfway with ice.
2. Pour in pink lemonade.
3. Add strawberry syrup for color and sweetness.
4. Top with sparkling water or prosecco.
5. Gently stir and garnish with strawberries.

OPTIONAL

- ♥ Sugar-rim the glass for extra sparkle
- ♥ Use frozen strawberries instead of ice


SERVES 1 | Ready in 5 minutes

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




- 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 Pfaffe
Josh Cook
Ethan Brobston
Aidan Derr
17 Schuyler Gross
18 Jim Kay
Sarah Ruddell
19 Alexis Brown
Noah Ruddell
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



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
- Neil & Kim Newlon
February 28, 1992