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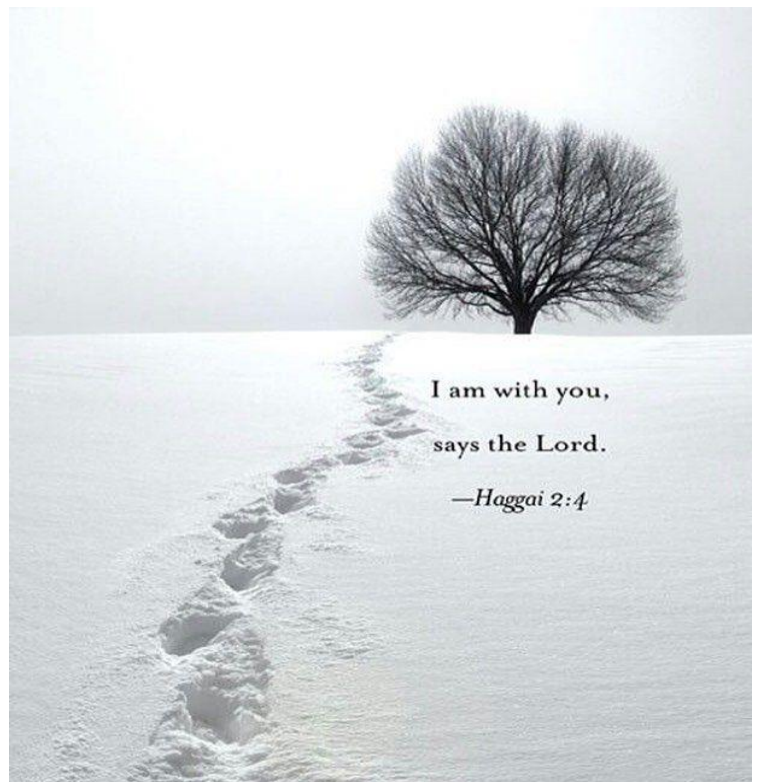
**SUNDAYS**

9:00 Sunday School  
10:00 Morning Service  
~~6:00 Youth Group (12-18)~~ on hold

**WEDNESDAYS**

5:30 BEF Meal (Bring your own)  
6:00 BEF Groups

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**Baptist Visitor**



We are still broadcasting the service over the radio. Park close to the church or in one of our parking lots, tune your FM radio in to 90.1 and you can listen to the service.



STAFF

Teresa (Tess) Brotherton ([secretary@keokukfbc.org](mailto: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

Nov	SUNDAY SCHOOL	PARKING LOT	SANTUARY
22	0	33	33
29	0	17	30
29	Hanging of the Greens		38
Dec			
6	31	23	31
13	41	14	3
13	Sunday school program		54



As of 12/16 cards from are;  
Marvin & Phyllis Nehre, Melvin & Maxine Baum,  
Steve & Debby Baum, Don & Grace Hall, Ron &  
Chris & Julie Ramsey, Tom & Betty Dicken, Chuck  
& Carol Lynn Williams and Family, Mike & Toni  
Glasscock, Suzy Glasscock, Becky McAlexander  
and Sue Mallory, Sally Brotherton

If any more come in I will post a complete list in  
February's newsletter.

### REMINDERS

- **ANNUAL REPORTS and NAMES OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS** due Monday, January 15, 2021.
- **TREASURERS** need to turn in their books to the church office or auditor Bobbi Lutzen as soon as they have completed their annual report.



*In his mind  
a man plans his course,  
but the Lord directs  
his steps*

*Proverbs 16:9*



### From the Deacon Bench

How will you remember 2020? Did you forecast the coming of a world invasion of a virus so small to see, yet able to change the lives of the world's population? There are people who claim to forecast the stock market, World Series, Super Bowl, or even the Presidential Election. Yet, no one predicted COVID 19! God knew! As we read our Bible, we encounter many times when God sent prophets to tell of coming events, often hundreds of years in the future. We have just finished celebrating the greatest event foretold long before it occurred, the birth of Jesus. As we read the Bible, we find all predictions on promises made by God have been fulfilled, except one. God knew about the pandemic and has seen us through it. He will see us through life's challenges if we let him. As the old hymn says, trust and obey, there is no other way. If Jesus returns in 2021 will you be ready?

Marvin Nehre

#### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:**

Unspoken Requests, Michelle Dorethy and Family,  
Doug Roeglin, Ginger Curfman,

Barb Collier, Bev Brotherton (eyes),

Vera Neuendorf, Mark & Kelly Neuendorf, Donna Wear,

Carl Wixom – Serious industrial accident,

Fouad & Noura – Pastor Bob's friends in Egypt,

Tom & Betty Dickens, Steve Schlater,

Tori Kenel family (Rose Marie Depew's granddaughter),

Family of Linda Wade & Kathy Rader, Don Boley (cancer),

Family of Tim Nehre (West Nairobi School & Travels & Health), Joe Baker – Pancreatic attacks – pending MRI

Dee's cousin Elvin Harker for hip surgery,

Sujata Buerklin and twins,

Minnie Kolditz – Cornea transplant,

Sherry Dalton, Junie Weirather,

**“Pray for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all Godliness and dignity” (1 Tim 2:2, NASB).**

## Come

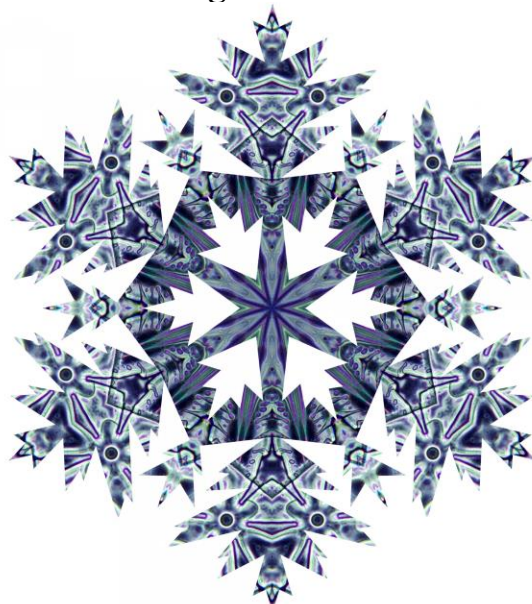
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**B. E. F. ! Bring a friend or 2 or 3 😊**

Wednesday Nights – Huiskamp Hall

5:30 p.m. Meals - Bring Your Own.....6:00 Groups







This is the last bulk mail newsletter we will be sending out. So much change is going on around us and we must adapt and push forward. Technology is nipping at our heels as well so we must also provide an internet format. If you live out of State and need a hard copy please take a moment to fill out the information below and send it back to us at;

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If email is fine you can send me your information via email at; [secretary@keokukfbc.org](mailto:secretary@keokukfbc.org)

You also be able to pick up a copy at the church!

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Cut along this line and return please!

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First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Our website [www.keokukfbc.org](http://www.keokukfbc.org)



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/290235781089217>

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Dearly Beloved Church,

Hey there, Happy New Year! I hope you had a very Merry Christmas, celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you are reading this, that means you survived the Year of Our Lord, 2020! Congratulations and welcome to 2021! Some may say, “Good riddance to 2020.” Others may say worse things. On a trip back to Wisconsin in June, I heard an old man publicly cursing the name of Jesus because of the COVID virus. For my part, when I look back at last year, I praise the name of Jesus. Why thank and praise the Lord for giving us such a tough year, away from family and friends and traditions? *Here’s why:*

1) We are commanded in 1Thessalonians 5:18, “**in everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.**” Do not murmur and grumble (God *hates it* when we do that), do not complain, do not curse, just give thanks. I heard about a man who was mugged and he was thanking God that it happened. When he was asked why he was thankful he said it was because he wasn’t hurt, because although the mugger took all of his money, it wasn’t much, and because he was mugged and not the mugger! That might be a good quality to develop—the ability to find the silver lining in the worst circumstances.

2) Most of us have come out from 2020 unscathed. In fact, many have come out of 2020 as better, stronger human beings. We may have become more patient with others, more kind. Hopefully we all came out of last year more “**conformed to the image of his (God’s) Son**” (Romans 8:29). We survived and most are no worse for the wear. At the same time we are sorry for those who lost loved ones last year.

3) We have seen Psalm 103:10 play out in our very own lives in living color: The Lord “**does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities**” (NIV).

Moving forward this new year, what we need is not a bunch of new year’s resolutions (losing weight, cutting down on caffeine, more patience...). Instead of a resolution, each of our hearts needs a *revolution*. The *Oxford Dictionary* (via Google), says that a revolution is a revolt, an uprising, a mutiny. Let’s *revolt* against our pet sins. Let’s execute an *uprising* against living barely for Jesus and being scarcely recognizable as a Christian. Let’s have a *mutiny* against the sins and unholy spirits that have become the captains and pilots in the ship of our lives. See 1Timothy 1:19 on suffering “**shipwreck with regard to the faith.**”






To help each of us stage and pull off this revolution against the unmentionable sins and unholy spirits in our lives, we need to pray for the help and power of the Holy Spirit. Also, I want to encourage you to read through the whole New Testament in 2021. *It only takes 3 minutes per day to read the New Testament in a year.* Three minutes! You got that kind of time? Or, read through the whole Bible in a year. According to <http://www.euxton.com/bible>, “It takes just 70 hours and 40 minutes to read the Bible through ‘at pulpit rate,’ and aloud. It takes only 52 hours and 20 minutes to read the Old Testament, and just 18 hours and 20 minutes to read the New Testament. The longest book, Psalms, will take just 4 hours and 28 minutes. It takes a mere 2 hours and 43 minutes to read Luke. One could read the Bible through in a year by reading less than 12 minutes a day!” (In my experience it would take an average of more like 20-25 minutes per day to read through the Bible in a year, to do it at least somewhat thoughtfully. The more time you can give it, the better.)

So, no excuses. Pull off the revolution. Stage a *coup d’etat* and overthrow the sins that are governing your life. It takes three things: a heart that believes in Jesus, prayer, and scripture. Do you remember what Jesus did when He had been fasting 40 days and Satan tempted Him in the desert? He answered Satan’s three temptations with three quotes from the word of God: “**It is written.... It is written.... It is written...**” (Matthew 4:4, 7, 10). Give God your best. If you fall, get back up, confess any sin and repent, all the while “**fixing our eyes on Jesus**” (Hebrews 12:2). Do the above and this will be your best year ever. All glory to God!

With Love in Christ,

Pastor Bob Brandhagen



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Office Closed 	2
3	4	5 5:30 Sewing & Crafts	6 6:00 BEF Adult Group	7	8	9
10 6:00 Movie Night	11 6:30 CE Board	12	13 6:00 BEF Adult Group	14 9:00 Effie Linquist  6:30 Trustees	15 	16
17	18	19 5:30 Sewing & Crafts	20 6:00 BEF Adult Group  	21	22	23
24 11:30 Deaconess	25	26	27 6:00 BEF Adult Group	28	29	30
31 3:30 Deacons						



- 1 Barbara Collier
- Sharon Hall
- Gracie Brotherton
- 3 Tracy Adams
- Kali Daniels
- B. J. Billings
- Talmadge Derr
- 4 Theresa Derr
- Trisha Derr
- 5 Amber Glasscock
- Cherith Brotherton
- Clint Glasscock
- 6 Alyssa Glasscock
- Courtney Derr
- 8 Suzy Glasscock
- 10 Tom Ruddell
- 11 Bobbi Jo Page
- Landon Cook
- Scott Kirby

- 12 Mersayds Dickens
- 14 Marilyn Wixom
- 15 Carol Ryland
- 16 Chris Ramsey
- Joshua Nehre
- 16 Trudy Rudd
- 17 Ginger Curfman
- Alicia Riffle
- Travis Fox
- 18 Scott Jones
- 19 John Ross Page
- 20 Sally Brotherton
- Jenny Reed
- Bill Atterberg
- 22 Bill Wixom
- Tanya West
- 24 Gracie Glasscock
- Gabe Brown
- Kathy Rader
- 25 Drew Plowman
- 29 Erin Nehre
- 30 Yates Brotherton



Brandon & Schuyler Gross  
January 3, 2014

Tim & Samantha Glasscock  
January 17, 1998

Joe & Carol Ryland  
January 21, 1961

