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Baptist Visitor

REV. BOB BRANDHAGEN, PASTOR

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SUNDAYS

9:00 Sunday School
10:20 Morning Service
6:00 Youth Group (12-18) on hold

WEDNESDAYS

6:00 BEF Groups
(kids and adults)



Lenten lunches will soon be upon us.
March 7 – April 11. More info to come.

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)
 Julie Ramsey, Organist
 Russell Brotherton, Custodian

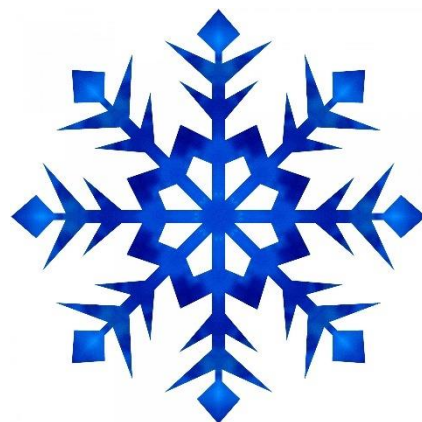


OFFICE HOURS

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

Stewardship Attendance

	SUNDAY SCHOOL	PARKING LOT	SANTUARY
Nov 28	34	5	42
Dec 5	39	3	39
12	37	7	41
19	46	6	52



FINANCE

	General	Missions	Maint.	Total
Needed each week:				
Nov 28	3,747.00	704.00	718.00	5,129.00
28	2,029.49	223.00	290.00	2,542.49
DEC 5	3,747.00	704.00	718.00	5,129.00
(Averages include Maxwell Trust expenditures.)				
5	7,050.26	799.00	518.00	8,367.26
12	3,205.70	620.70	1,975.00	5,801.40
19	3,513.00	678.50	255.00	4,446.50



As of 12/22 cards from are;
 Marvin & Phyllis Nehre, Steve & Debby Baum, Don & Grace Hall, Chris & Julie Ramsey, Tom & Betty Dickens, Chuck & Carol Lynn Williams, Mike & Toni Glasscock, Becky McAlexander and Sue Mallory, Sally Brotherton, Bob & Barb Collier, Don & Jeanne Davis, Mary Jo & Gary & Lynn Bowles, Bobbi Jo Lutzen

Repayment to Mudd Estate from Gen. Fund \$1500.00
 (Included in "Maint".)

FINAL TOTALS FOR NOVEMBER

Deacon Fellowship Fund. \$ 10.00
 Food Pantry. \$20.00

OTHER TOTALS FOR DECEMBER

Deacon Fellowship Fund. \$ 10.00

Thanksgiving & Christmas offerings go to
 FBC Food Pantry \$110.00
 (Included in "Missions" Offering)

OTHER FUNDS TO DATE

Stained Glass Preservation Fund \$21468.36

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 10, 2022.
- 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



Seems like whenever I'm deacon of the month, Tess has to remind me to get it done and turned in. That's good because I seem to forget a lot these days.

Christmas is always one of my favorite times of the year, and Easter. The times of my savior's birth, and resurrection. Always a time to celebrate, parties, candies, and gifts. The really important part is remembering what Christ, and God did for us. For us, kind of a renewing of our faith as these times of the year come around. Not that we don't honor God and Christ the rest of the year, but these two holidays really bring things home for us. The times we reflect on the past and what God has done for us.

I know there are people that don't put much faith in God, but if they come into a bad situation, where death looks eminent, I think people's attitudes change very quick, I know there have been times, when I've been scared to death, and I've prayed to God for the strength to get through, and if I didn't, that he would watch over my wife and boys. I've left to go do a dangerous job, knowing I had the strength of God with me. Not afraid any more, knowing I was renewed in strength.

What I'm saying is during this time of yr., give thanks to God, the only God we worship, not money, or family or a position of any kind, But the one true God who takes care of us.

During this season, remember God, in Christ name for all the wonders he has done.

Thomas Rudd

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Unspoken Requests, Michelle Dorethy and Family, Doug & Amy Roeglin and Family, Ginger Curfman, Barb Collier, Bev Brotherton (eyes), Chris & Valerie, Don Hale, Vera Neuendorf, Mark & Kelly Neuendorf, Carl Wixom – Serious industrial accident, Fouad & Noura – Pastor Bob's friends in Egypt, Loza – Fouad's Mother N Law, Sherry Dalton, Family of Kevin (Tess's cousin – Lymphoma), Family of Tim Nehre (West Nairobi School & Health), Carol Ryland, Kevin & Andrea, Tom & Betty Dickens, Doris Adkins, Teresa Brotherton, Afghanistan, Joe Collier – Covid, Kristy Engel – Health & Travel, Simon Bentzinger (11 yr. old in Warsaw cancer free now), Evonne Young – John, Sylvia, and Family of Patty, Lexia Rau – thyroid and heart age 20, Julie Ramsey, Mike Gibson (his sister and her family), Emma, 3yr old ran over by pick-up, Herman Johnson

Please pray for Christians kidnapped in Egypt!

Hoda Hilal Malak Moussa	21 yr. old girl
Theresa Ezzat Fawzy	15 yr. old girl
Johnny Karam	16 yr. old boy
Mariam Sobhy	26 yr. old woman

**“Do not be afraid.... Still others will write on their hand, ‘the Lord’s’.... Do not tremble, do not be afraid”
(Isaiah 44:2,5,8, NIV).**

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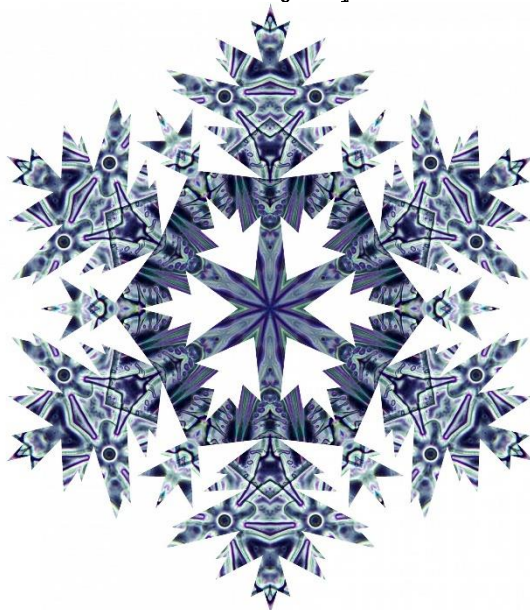


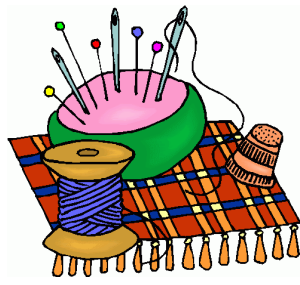
B. E. F.!

 Bring a friend or 2 or 3 😊

Wednesday Nights – Huiskamp Hall

6:00 Groups





The sewing & Craft group will meet in the Prince Room January – April due to winter weather.

Young adults – College and Career age

Sunday January 2nd 4:30 – 6 at Pastor Bob's house. Food, Bible & Prayer and Games.



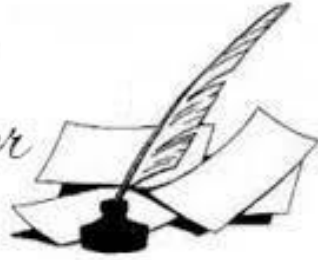


Beginning Sunday January 30 every 5th Sunday there will be a 6pm Sunday night service.



Yes, you read that right.... Every month that has a 5th Sunday there will be a 6pm service of song and scripture.

Pastor Bob's Corner



Dear Church Family,

Welcome to the Year of our Lord 2022! I hope you had the opportunity to enjoy Thanksgiving and Christmas with family and friends. It's a great time of year in our church and nation. The real meaning of Christmas is lost on most people, but I hope you had a very Merry Christmas, celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the new year I feel like I need to come charging out of starting gate. Lenten Lunches are on for this year, and just around the corner! The first one will be on Monday, March 7. Precautions with food, etc., will be in place. The committee for Lenten Lunches is on top of it and will meet on January 6 at 1:00 to plan and implement. Also, a committee for the FBCK 175th anniversary celebration will meet the second week of January. That event will be in the fall. You will be hearing lots more about Lenten Lunches and the 175th anniversary in coming weeks and months.

In the January newsletter from 2020 I reminded you of the command in 1Thessalonians 5:18, **“In everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”** This new year let’s give thanks to the Lord every time we’re tempted to grumble or complain. That’s my revolution. As I mentioned last year, the Lord hates grumbling, and when we do it, there are grave consequences.

So, why did I say, “That’s my revolution,” instead of saying *resolution*? It is because in last January’s newsletter I said that 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*, a mutiny against grumbling and complaining. To help each of us stage and pull off this revolt against grumbling, we need to pray for the help and power of the Holy Spirit.






In last year’s January newsletter I quoted about six Bible verses. This year it’s just the one, printed above in bold, as well as here: **“In everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”** Simple as that, one verse. Do you remember the story I used to illustrate thankfulness last year? It was about the man who was thankful though he had gotten mugged. Why was he thankful? He said he was thankful for three things: 1) that though they took all his money, it wasn’t much; 2) that he wasn’t hurt, and, 3) that he was mugged, and not the mugger. God can bless that kind of thankfulness. But *he can’t* bless grumbling and complaining. And *he won’t*. So *let’s not*.

Pastor Bob Brandhagen

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P.S.—As there is just one Bible verse to remember, the one in bold print **like this**, so there is just one prayer request, underlined above, like this. 😊



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 
2 4:30-6 College & Career age at Pastor's house.	3	4 5:30 Sewing & Crafts	5 6:00 BEF Adult Group	6	7	8
9 6:00 Movie Night	10 6:30 CE Board 	11	12 6:00 BEF Adult Group	13 6:30 Trustees	14	15
16	17	18 5:30 Sewing & Crafts	19 6:00 BEF Adult Group	20 	21	22
23 11:30 Deaconess	24	25	26 6:00 BEF Adult Group	27	28	29
30 3:30 Deacons 6:00 pm Service Song & Scripture	31					



- 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*

