

First Baptist Church  
25 N. Eighth Street – P.O. Box 124  
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Return Service Requested

**JANUARY 2023**

**Baptist Visitor**



**REV. BOB BRANDHAGEN, PASTOR**

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Website: [www.keokukfbc.org](http://www.keokukfbc.org)

**SUNDAYS**

9:00 Sunday School  
10:20 Morning Service

**WEDNESDAYS**

5:30 BEF Meal  
6:00 BEF Groups  
(kids and adults)



Lenten lunches will soon be upon us.  
February 27 – April 3, 2023. 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](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
27	43	5	47
27	Hanging of the Greens		53 Meal 27 Program
Dec			
4	42	2	46
4	Sunday school program		107
18			



Cards to our church family as of Dec. 13:

Yates & Tess Brotherton, Grace & Brenda Hall, Steve & Debby Baum, Chris & Julie Ramsey, Mike & Toni Glasscock, Becky McAlexander & Sue, Tom & Betty Dickens, Bobbi Lutzen, Tom & Dee Ruddell, Marvin & Phyllis Nehre, Bob & Barb Collier



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

*Proverbs 16:9*

### REMINDERS

- **ANNUAL REPORTS and NAMES OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS due Monday, January 10, 2023.**
- **TREASURERS need to turn in their books to the church office or auditor Bobbi Lutzen as soon as they have completed their annual report**



**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 & Lonna 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!**

Christina Nassif - 15 yr. old, Maged Ashraf Naim – 20 yr. old,

**Global Weather**



## From the Deacon Bench

### A Time of New Beginnings (From October 2016)

September is a time of new beginnings, a time when we turn to traditional church activities following a reduced summer schedule. First Baptist continues to offer opportunities to learn, serve and socialize through various programs.

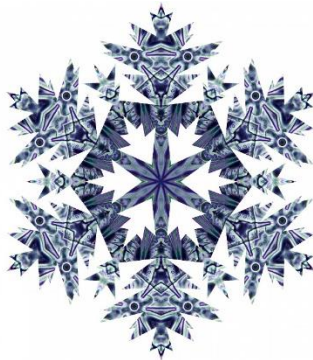
Besides Sunday school, church members may join our Wednesday evening activities with our elementary and middle school students meeting for a meal and educational and social activities. Also, all adults are invited to the 5:30 meal and may stay for an adult Bible study with our pastor or join the women's small group study with Christian-related topics. Adults, besides enjoying the meal, may stay and socialize with a variety of board games. A different Bible study led by our pastor is offered on Sunday evening.

The first, third and fifth Tuesday evenings are a time when the ladies gather for a craft time to do projects for family or to give away. The ladies again gather the second Thursday morning of each for their tradition circle meeting where projects are discussed and funded, devotions are shared and a good social time is enjoyed.

Our church calendar is filling with additional activities. Check the Baptist Visitor and see the list of opportunities to serve.

As always, Sunday is a day to worship our Lord. 10:20 a.m. is the time. Won't you become an active part of your church?

Marvin Nehre



**Come  
to**

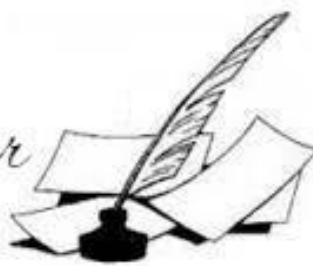


**B. E. F.!** Bring a friend or 2 or 3 😊

Wednesday Nights - Huiskamp Hall  
5:30 Meal & 6:00 Groups

**HAPPY NEW YEAR  
2023!**

## Pastor Bob's Corner



Dear Family,

Happy New Year! Let's get right down to business. I hope and pray that you are planning to read and to meditate on the scriptures every day this year. Do you have a plan to do so? It doesn't have to be elaborate. And you don't have to read through the Bible in a year. It is not, "How much of the Bible did I get through this year," but maybe rather, "How much of the Bible got through me?"

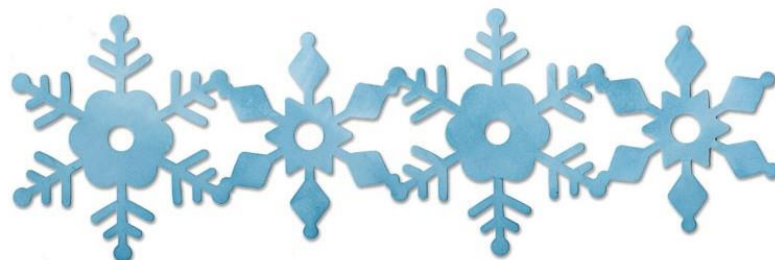
For that to happen you probably *will* need a plan. Maybe that plan is simply to read one chapter of the Old Testament and one chapter of the New Testament each day. That would take about 10 minutes. But, beyond reading, you will need to pause and pray over what you read. Maybe write some things down. A good study Bible will help you to understand what you read. Pray and ask the Lord for understanding. Don't be in a hurry. Just bask in the truth. Enjoy it!

Also, thank the Lord that we live in a country where it is not illegal to carry, read, and even proclaim God's word. Take fullest advantage of that. I won't guilt us with stories of Christians from closed countries who smuggle Bibles, or who preach to Islamic hardliners at the risk of their lives. But, make this your best year ever in God's word. Reading and heeding the Bible will bring great blessings!

**"For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.<sup>13</sup> Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account"** (Hebrews 4:12-13, NIV).

With Love in Christ,

Pastor Bob Brandhagen



## Red Cross Blood Drive Held November 17, 2022

The American Red Cross Blood Drive held November 17, 2022, resulted in 46 units of blood being collected. Most of our donors are familiar faces who offer their dedication and unselfishness in donating the gift of life every time they are eligible.

It takes the efforts of several people and organizations to plan, promote, and staff each drive. These volunteers are vital for the success of the blood drive. We want to thank the following organizations and individuals who assisted with this blood drive:

First Baptist Church for the use of its facilities.

St. Michael's Altar & Rosary Society for working throughout the day and providing bread, cookies, and lunch.

Wyaconda Baptist Church and Anson Community Church for providing the meat and cheese spread for sandwiches.

Assisting with registration were Coleen Watson, Mary Ann Barnes, and Nancy Uhlmeier.

Assisting with loading and unloading the trucks and clean up were Ed Wilson, Johnathan Waterman, Shannon O'Day, and Cali O'Day.

# Thank You

Thanks to Pastor & Pat and everyone that took time to visit me while I was sick. Also thank you for treats from the circle and Russell & Steve for moving my chair.

Ginger Richardson

Thank you for the plant and phone calls & prayers.

The Family of Carol Lynn Williams

Behold

I make  
all things

➤ NEW ➤

*Revelation 21:5*

May God bless you  
this New Year!

# January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 4:00 Prayer Time  5:30 Sewing & Crafts	4  BEF 5:30 Meal 6:00 Groups	5	6	7
8	9 6:30 CE Board	10 4:00 Prayer Time  5:30 Sewing & Crafts	11  BEF 5:30 Meal 6:00 Groups	12  9:00 Effie Liquist  6:30 Trustees	13	14
15	16	17 4:00 Prayer Time  5:30 Sewing & Crafts	18  BEF 5:30 Meal 6:00 Groups	19	20  	21
22  11:30 Deaconesses	23	24 4:00 Prayer Time  5:30 Sewing & Crafts	25  BEF 5:30 Meal 6:00 Groups	26	27	28
29  3:30 Deacons	30	31 4:00 Prayer Time  5:30 Sewing & Crafts				



- 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



**Due the 10th**



*Brandon & Schuyler Gross  
January 3, 2014*

*Tim & Samantha Glasscock  
January 17, 1998*

*Joe & Carol Ryland  
January 21, 1961*