

First Baptist Church
25 N. Eighth Street – P.O. Box 124
Keokuk, Iowa
52632-0124

Return Service Requested

July 2021



REV. BOB BRANDHAGEN, PASTOR

rememberjesus@ymail.com

Church Office 319-524-3684
Educational Building 319-524-3665
Website: www.keokukfbc.org

SUNDAYS

9:00 Sunday School
10:20 Morning Service

WEDNESDAYS

6:00 Adult BEF

Baptist Visitor



Galatians 5:1



ATTENTION

ANY and ALL mail being sent to the church through the United States Postal Service MUST be addressed to;

First Baptist Church
PO Box 124
Keokuk, IA 52632

We do not have a physical mail box at the church. If you have sent the church mail and it was returned, please check how it was addressed.

Thank you 😊

STAFF

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



OFFICE HOURS

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

Stewardship ATTENDANCE

MAY	SUNDAY SCHOOL	SANCTUARY	PARKING LOT
23	39	37	6
30	44	44	5
JUNE			
6	43	48	9
13	43	45	5
20	40	46	8



FINANCES

General Missions Maint. Total
Needed each week:

<u>MAY-</u>	<u>3,105.00</u>	<u>721.00</u>	<u>626.00</u>	<u>4,452.00</u>
23	2,190.02	404.00	410.00	3,004.02
30	1,512.00	171.00	297.00	1,980.00

<u>JUNE-</u>	<u>3,105.00</u>	<u>721.00</u>	<u>626.00</u>	<u>4,452.00</u>
6	3,644.70	835.00	558.00	5,038.40
13	3,440.12	761.00	365.00	4,566.12
20	1,749.00	333.59	265.00	2,347.59

OTHER TOTALS FOR MAY

Deacon Fellowship Fund. \$10.00
 Clauzelle Pfaffe Mem. Med. Schol. . . . \$

OTHER TOTALS FOR JUNE

Deacon Fellowship Fund. \$ 0.00
 Clauzelle Pfaffe Mem. Med. Schol. . . . \$ 0.00
 America For Christ \$ 0.00

OTHER FUNDS TO DATE

Stained Glass Preservation Fund . . \$21,558.60

2nd Quarter Reports due July 8. Thank you.



★★ THE PLEDGES ★★



AMERICAN FLAG
 I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.



CHRISTIAN FLAG
 I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag, and to the Saviour for whose Kingdom it stands, one Saviour, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty for all who believe.



THE BIBLE
 I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word; I will make it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path and will hide its words in my heart that I might not sin against God.

July Prayer Request

Unspoken Requests, Michelle Dorethy and Family, Doug Roeglin, Ginger Curfman, Barb Collier, Bev Brotherton (eyes), Lucy Avery, Don Hale, Vera Neuendorf, Mark & Kelly Neuendorf, Carl Wixom – Serious industrial accident, Fouad & Noura – Pastor Bob’s friends in Egypt, Tom & Betty Dickens, Kevin (Tess’s cousin – Lymphoma), Sherry Dalton, Grace Glasscock – knee surgery Family of Tim Nehre (West Nairobi School & Health), Sarah Ruddell – back, Carol Ryland, Debby Baum, Stephanie (car crash, friend of Dee Ruddle)

Please pray for Christians kidnapped in Egypt!

Marwa Ageeb Fahmy Loundy	a woman
Shenouda and Simon	Marwa’s son & daughter
Simon Eid Fawzy	girl, age 17
Hanan Ishaq Wanees Ghobrial	a woman
Amira Khalaf Thabet	girl, age 17
Stephen Maged Shawky Ayoub	boy, age 12

**“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).**



Deacons Bench

The past is coming to a close, the restrictions of the past fifteen months are being lifted, and we will return to normal. But is the pre COVID days what we should return to?

Yes, the church being open is good. Yes, singing God’s praises with other church members in our sanctuary is a blessing. Seeing our pastor as he shares God’s word is better than just hearing through the car radio. The time to visit with one another before and after service helps us feel like a body of believers who share the same appreciation for God, our church, and its mission.

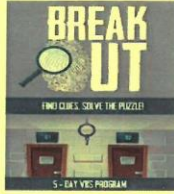
Will we return to doing the same things the same way, or will we accept and try new things? Will we return to Sunday school classes, maybe even start new ones to meet all member’s needs? Will we attend just Sunday school, or just church? Will we become active through our Boards or Committees, or say no when asked to become a more active part of the life of FBC?

Next year marks the 175th anniversary of First Baptist Church in Keokuk. How will you help celebrate? How will you help continue sharing God’s light and work at First Baptist Church? Welcome back, First Baptist!!!

Marvin Nehre



Breakout- Escape from Ordinary to Extraordinary! UVBS 2021



Date: August 1-5 (Sunday-Thursday evening)

Place: First Baptist Church
25 North 8th Street, Keokuk

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Ages: 4 yr. Preschool - 5th Grade
(All classes are based on grade completed)

Cost: *FREE* Monetary donations will be collected for a special project

Bible Stories + Games + Crafts + Object Lesson + Snacks = FUN

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN THE REGISTRATION FORM FOUND ON THE BACK!
OR

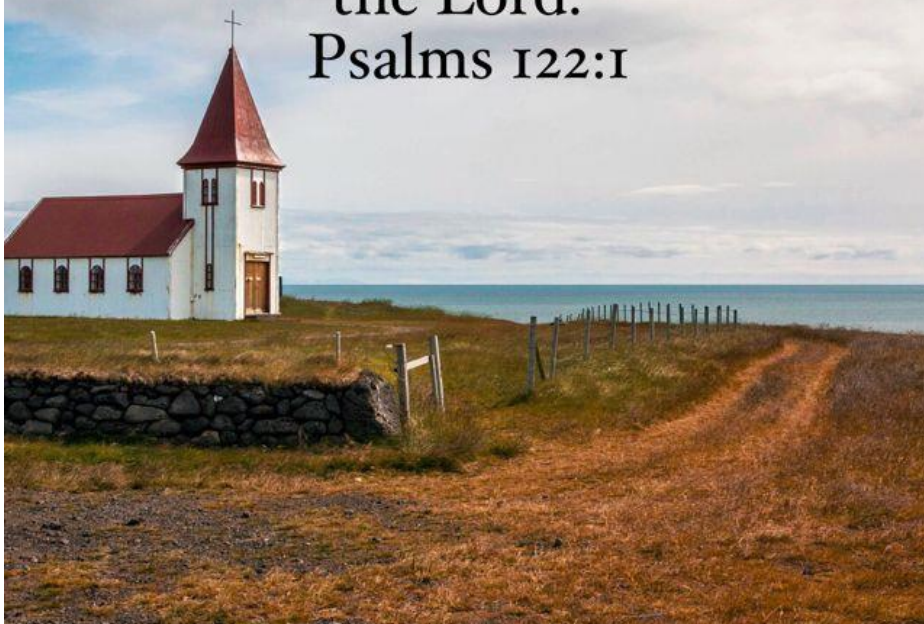
Online Registration Option: www.keokukumchurch.org

For information contact First Christian Church 319-524-5266,
First Baptist Church 319-524-3684, Trinity United Methodist 319-524-1081

This event/program is not affiliated with the Keokuk Community School District.
Please contact the sponsor with inquiries.



I rejoiced with those who said
to me,
“Let us go to the house of
the Lord.”
Psalms 122:1





Dear Church Family,

It seems good and necessary at this time to go back to some basics and address the importance of being in the services of First Baptist Church each Lord's Day. As I write this, I am mindful that there are many who absolutely would join us if they could, but are kept away by illness and frailty. If you fall into that category, please call me. I would like to visit with you in a way that is most comfortable for you, whether by phone or in person. Then, of course, there are those who work on Sundays. If that is the case, please be present on Wednesday evenings instead. But for those who are physically able, who do not have work conflicts, and who do not attend services, please take note of the following. This is not meant to shame you, but rather to challenge you, encourage you, and help prepare you to meet the Lord.

Why is it necessary to be in the Lord's house on the Lord's Day?

1. Our willing and glad presence in the local church assembly on the first day of the week is mandated by the Lord. In Hebrews 10:25 we read, "**not giving up** (NASB—not forsaking) **meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching**" (NIV). When you obey that command, it is an act of obedience to the Lord, and he will bless you for your obedience.

Some say, "I can worship just as well while in the woods hunting (while fishing, etc..) as I can in the sanctuary." *Is that true?* When I hear that, it makes me sad, and mad. Why? Because *it is not true*. There are 168 hours in a week. That statement *may be* true 167 hours per week. But there is one hour each week when it is not true—during Sunday worship service.

Over twenty years ago, when I was between ministries for a year and a half in Des Moines, I took a job driving the city bus. At a local church I attended three services per week—morning worship, Sunday School, and the mid-week meeting. I was a lay person like you, not a pastor, but I was pretty sure that I would be back in pastoral ministry at some point. I prayed and told the Lord that I wanted to be as faithful to the church I attended as a lay person back then as I hoped and expected my future congregation to be faithful.

2. We are all part of the same body, the body of Christ. 1Corinthians 12:27 says, "**Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it**" (NIV). Each person is a part of the body; some are hands, some are hearts, some are the brains, some are feet, etc. And not only is each person a specific part of the body, but each person has a gift to bring to benefit everyone. Your gift may be teaching, administration, service, or some other gift. Therefore, if you are present but not serving, there is a paralysis in the body. And if you are not present at all, then we have an amputation. Healthy physical bodies do not have paralysis and amputations.





3. There is no other place on earth than the local church that offers its space to live out the dozens of "one another" statements in the New Testament. We call that Life-On-Life here at First Baptist. Here is an example of just one such verse. Romans 12:10 says, "**Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor**" (NASB).

Some of you are doing the above. Some of you need to do better. Quoting Psalm 69:9, Jesus said in John 2:17, "**Zeal for your house will consume me.**" Pray for others, and pray for your own self and soul to have a zeal for the house of the Lord. Pray that you will have the heart of David who said in Psalm 122:1, "**I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD'**" (NASB). It's summer. What about vacations? Find a church and attend while on vacation—that would please the Lord. It would be an indication that you, like Jesus, have a zeal for God's house!

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Bob Brandhagen



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 8:00 Men's Breakfast
4 	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6 5:30 Sewing & Crafts	7 6:00 BEF	8 9:00 Effie Linquist 6:30 Trustees 2nd quarter Reports Due	9	10
11	12 6:00 CE Board	13	14 6:00 BEF	15 9-2 Food Pantry	16	17
18 11:30 2 nd Qtr. Business meet	19	20 5:30 Sewing & Crafts	21 6:00 BEF	22 	23	24
25 3:30 Deacons	26	27	28 6:00 BEF	29	30	31 



- 3 Neil Newlon
- 6 Jon Swanson
- 7 Don King
- 9 Tim Rudd
- Anna Ruddell
- John Kolditz
- 10 Tom Brown
- 11 Devon Riffle
- 13 Jeff Plowman
- Kendra Snyder

- 14 Linda Wade
- 15 Lori Ryland
- 17 Doris Atkins
- Paetton Brotherton
- 18 Laura Newlon
- 21 Jim Buerklin
- 22 Jeanne Davis
- David Glasscock
- Autumn Ferguson
- 23 Brittney Arrowood
- Chase Breemeersch
- Izaak Huffman
- 24 Kathy Kirby
- 26 Leslie Rose
- 28 Wendy Kelly
- Lyndsay Arrowood
- Don Hale
- 30 Christian Young



*Gabe & Megan Brown
July 6, 2013*

*Steve & Debby Baum
July 10, 1971*

*Tim & Erin Nehre
July 11, 2004*

*Jamie & Kayla Taylor
July 12, 2008*

*Mike & Toni Glasscock
July 20, 1974*

*Marvin & Phyllis Nehre
July 27, 1968*

