

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

July

2020

Baptist Visitor



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SUNDAYS

9:00 Sunday School
10:20 Morning Service

WEDNESDAYS

BEF will resume when
school does.



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
31	37	40	4
JUNE			
7	27	28	3
14	30	45	3
21	34	38	2



2nd Quarter Reports due July 10

Happy 4th of JULY

A PRAYER FOR AMERICA

Heavenly Father,
 Thank You for the blessings of freedom,
 faith, family, and country.
 Guide our leaders with wisdom, protect those who serve,
 and unite us with kindness, courage, and hope.
 Help us cherish the liberties we enjoy and
 use them to serve others with love and gratitude.
 May Your peace rest upon our nation,
 Your strength sustain us, and Your light lead us forward.
Bless America today and always.
Amen.

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.”
 - PSALM 33:12 -

*** 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

Friends & Family: Unspoken Requests, Michelle Dorethy, Wendy Kelly, Don Hale, Family of Sue Mallory, Teresa Brotherton, Mike Gibson, Tina Gibson, Mike Glasscock, Ken Mlyniec, Ginger Richardson, Family of Ruth Ricker, Joe (heart attack) & Carol Ryland, Lucille Starr, Jeff Matlock, Ginger Curfman, Debra Letcher (grandson 19 with serious heart problem), Clark Adkins, Mark Russell – Heart, Mark & Kelly Neuendorf, Bev Brotherton (eyes), Julee Wixom, Evonne’s son Eric – cancer is back, Website Prayer request from Irena Manata – son’s job & her health, June Haun & Tina Fox (Grace Glasscock’s sisters), Janet Corrington – husband sick,
Missionaries: Doug & Amy Roeglin, Kristy Engel, Tim & Erin Nehre, Shawn & Teresa Ott (Forest Lake)



Deacons Bench

Wow summer is here; time goes by so fast. This year our country is celebrating 250 years! The greatest country in the history of the world. One reason we have rose to a world power is “I believe” is our pledge of allegiance is to a country that recognizes our nation as operating under God, one nation under God. Even our money printed by the federal reserve reminds us to trust in God. We all know our heavenly father and his son Jesus is who we can always put our faith and trust in. In the 1770s the United States raised an army of 13 to 20 thousand that repelled the army of Great Britin that numbered over 100 thousand, only the power of God was able to do that. Please remember Matthew 19:26, “with God all things are possible”. The moral of the story, even with smaller numbers at First Baptist we can make a big difference in this world. Happy 250th birthday U.S.A. and let’s go First Baptist Church!

In Christ,
Don Davis



A fun summer time easy salad.

CHAMPAGNE SALAD

Linda Fox

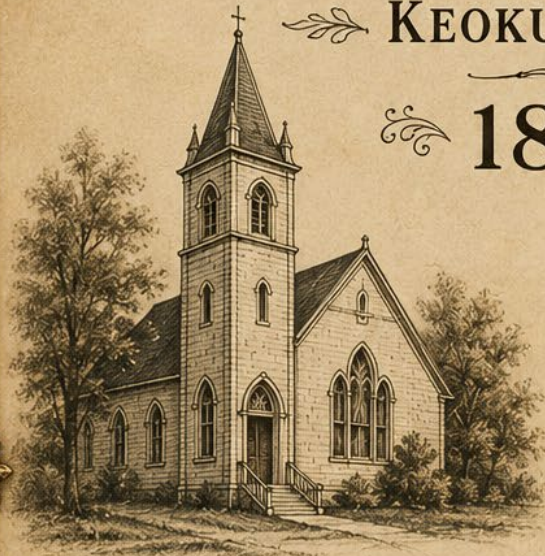
- 1 (8-oz.) pkg. cream cheese
- 3/4 c. sugar
- 1 (10-oz.) bag frozen strawberries thawed, with juice
- 1 (20-oz.) can crushed pineapple, drained
- 2 lg. bananas, sliced
- 1 (12-oz.) ctn. Cool Whip, thawed
- Nuts, opt.

Mix cream cheese and sugar together with an electric mixer; add remaining ingredients, mix well and place in a 9 x 13-inch pan. Chill before serving.

The
LADIES AID SOCIETY
of
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

KEOKUK IOWA

1897



SOME MEMBERS INCLUDE:

- Miss Maud Unger*
- Miss Ida Duncan*
- Miss Grace McCrary*
- Mrs. S. B. Jones*
- Mrs. Downing*

JUNE 4, 1897

Meeting held at Mrs. Townsends.
President not present,
vice pres. presiding.

Moved and supported we save
our money to buy a parsonage.

Treasurer report \$91.00

Present 24,
Collected \$2.10

MARCH 17, 1899

Society met with Mrs. Huiskamp.

The meeting was called to
order by the President.

Missionary boxes were opened
and \$2.90 added to the
missionary fund.

Society fund collection \$1.45.

"Bear ye one
another's burdens,
and so fulfil the
law of Christ."
Gal. 6:2

Pastor Bob's Corner



July 2026 Pastor's Corner

“God's People: Have Courage, Not Fear”

Dear Family of God,

“Pain is just fear leaving the body.” I saw that on a Marine Corps t-shirt years ago. Is that technically, scientifically true? I don't think so. But in a patriotic, poetic sense, I like it. And even if I didn't like it, I wasn't about to tell that to the Marine wearing that t-shirt! At any rate, I want to write today about what might be considered the opposite of fear, and that is *courage*.

In these days of higher property taxes, wars, tariffs, social unrest, etc.—fear is the default mode for many people. But the Lord would not have His people shaking in their shoes and wringing their hands. Our God is bigger than any problem that we face. He will take care of us, Consider, meditate on, and maybe even memorize these Bible verses on the topic of courage in the midst of fear:

- Joshua 1:5-6 (NIV)-- “No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you, Be strong and **courageous**, because you will lead these people to inherit the land, I swore to their ancestors to give them.”
- 2 Corinthians 5:6-8 (NASB)— “Therefore, being always of good **courage**, and knowing that while we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight—we are of good **courage**, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.”
- Philippians 1:14 (NASB)— “And that most of the brethren, trusting in the Lord because of my imprisonment, have far more **courage** to speak the word of God without fear.”

Sincerely,
Pastor Bob

Joshua 1:5-6

No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

Be strong and courageous.



2 Corinthians 5:6-8

So we are always confident and know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. For we walk by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

We walk by faith, not by sight.



Philippians 1:14

And most of the brothers and sisters, confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

**GOD IS WITH ME.
I LIVE BY FAITH.
He has a purpose,
and I walk in it
BOLDLY AND JOYFULLY!**



HE GOES BEFORE ME ♡ HE IS WITH ME ♡ HE WILL NEVER LEAVE ME ♡ I WILL NOT FEAR



