

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

Return Service Requested

June 2023



Baptist Visitor

REV. BOB BRANDHAGEN, PASTOR

Church Office 319-524-3684
319-524-3665

Website: www.keokukfbc.org

SUNDAYS

9:00 Sunday School

10:20 Morning Service



Madison Pfaffe
University of Iowa

Gracie Glasscock
Southeastern Community College

Jacob Young
Central Lee High School



Graduate recognition will be on Sunday, June 4th, 2023!

STAFF

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



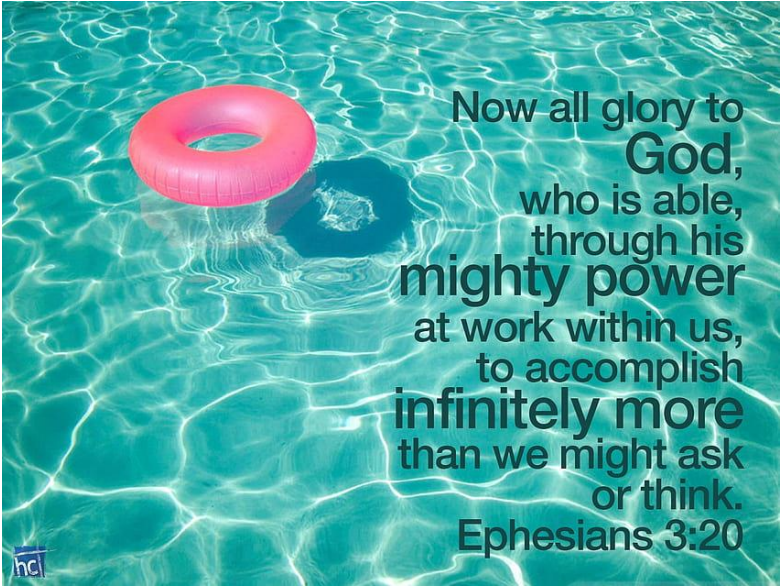
OFFICE HOURS

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

Stewardship

ATTENDANCE

| APRIL | SUNDAY SCHOOL | PARKING LOT | SANCTUARY |
|-------|---------------|-------------|-----------|
| 30 | 39 | 6 | 47 |
| MAY | | | |
| 7 | 38 | 4 | 42 |
| 14 | 48 | 1 | 55 |
| 21 | 42 | 2 | 44 |



Happy Fathers Day



The Effie Circle would like to thank EVERYONE who helped with the Mother Daughter Banquet. It was a huge success and we couldn't have done it without you!

Thank You!!!



Prayer Requests

Friends & Family: Unspoken Requests, Michelle Dorethy and Family, Ginger Curfman, Barb Collier, Bev Brotherton (eyes), Don Hale, Mark & Kelly Neuendorf, Doris Adkins, Abby Schrader, Tim Ayers, Jeanne Taylor, Grace Hall, Bill Wixom, 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), Noah, Ginger Richardson, Tom Brown’s daughter Courtney, Autumn Ferguson, Rhonda Bloyd – cancer, Killian King (Tom & Debby Brown’s grandson), Monica trying to quit smoking, Family of Don Hale,

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!

The following two males were kidnapped:
Mina Nageh Zekry (27), Abanoub Magdy Fathy (13),
Global Weather

**LAST NOTICE TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR
MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES
EDUCATION FUND SCHOLARSHIP**

- 1

In 1956 the will of Miss Gladys Garnett established a fund to assist students to prepare for Christian ministry.

Over the years, dozens of students have been aided. If you are a Keokuk FBC member and entering a full-time Christian ministry program for the 2023-2024 school year, you qualify.

A second scholarship fund was set up as a memorial to Clauzelle Pfafe for members or children of members wishing to enter the medical field.

- 2

A third scholarship fund was set up through the Maxwell Trust. This is for members or children of members of Keokuk FBC who will be entering a post-high school education program.

All monies are given in the form of a non-interest bearing loan. You will be asked to sign a promissory note. If you discontinue your education before the semester of the loan is completed, you will then be expected to begin paying back the loan. If you successfully complete the semester, the loan becomes a gift from Keokuk First Baptist Church.


Application forms for all three scholarships are available in the church office and need to be filled out and returned by June 12, 2023.

If you are aware of students who qualify and may be interested, please pick up an application form for them.

NOTE: For those of you who have filled out the applications in the past, there is no need to fill out the “chosen field” or “spiritual walk” paragraphs if you are continuing the same educational path.

***Application forms may be picked up at the back of the sanctuary or in the church office.**

Please feel free to contact me at 524-1576 if you have any questions. Marvin Nehre, Chairperson



blessed is the MAN

WHO FEARS THE LORD,

who greatly

delights in

HIS COMMANDMENTS!

HIS OFFSPRING

will be MIGHTY in the LAND;

the GENERATION

of the upright will be

blessed.

Wealth {and} Riches

are in his house.

He is gracious, compassionate and

righteous.

He does not fear bad news;

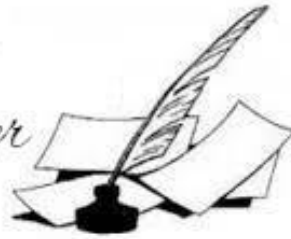
he confidently trusts

THE LORD to care for them.

HE IS CONFIDENT AND FEARLESS.



Pastor Bob's Corner



Dear Church Family,

A couple of months ago I informed the deacon board that I was taking a chaplaincy position with the Iowa National Guard. They were unanimously in favor of approving this new venture. It is a part-time position. My acceptance as a chaplain in the United States Army and the Iowa National Guard is now official, as of May 18. It was a process that began in July of last year.

On Thursday, May 18, I traveled to Joint Force Headquarters in Johnston, Iowa, to have a final interview and to be sworn in. Drills are once per month. In order to *not* have to be at the drills on a Sunday, I will be there on the Friday and Saturday of each drill weekend. I will not be at the Keokuk armory on my monthly drill weekends. I have been assigned to the 248th Aviation Support Battalion, based in Boone, Waterloo, and Davenport. The 248th is nicknamed the "Bravo Company BattleCats." This unit focuses on helicopter support.

No deployments are on the schedule at this time. Usually there are six months to two years of notice, unless there is a riot or natural disaster for which the Iowa National Guard is called up. Every year there are two weeks of training. I will not have to do the first of my annual two weeks of training until the summer of 2024.

As mentioned above, National Guard chaplaincy is part-time. It will not interfere with my presence in Sunday services. There is only one other chaplain in the Iowa National Guard who is also a pastor. He assured me that he has never been required nor expected to be at Guard duty on Sundays. Like him, I will drill on Friday and Saturday, once per month.

I have been told that this does not need to be voted on by the congregation. In that regard, if I took a part-time job at a local business, it would not require a congregational vote, unless it affected my full-time work at the church. The same holds true in this case. If there is a reason to change my work schedule, I would need to bring that before the congregation for a vote.

There is the Basic Officer Leadership Class that I must take, but I will report on that when I find out the dates I will be doing that training. It will likely begin in September or January. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely in Christ,
Pastor Bob Brandhagen

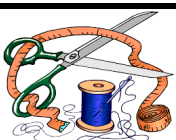
Deacon's Bench

According to adaa.org, 6.8 million adults are affected by General Anxiety Disorder. Panic Disorder affects 6 million adults and Social Anxiety Disorder affects 15 million. 31.9% of adolescents 13-18 are affected by anxiety disorders. There are many reasons to examine why anxiety affects so many people, which space won't allow for here, but it's plain to see that this affects many people, probably even you or someone that you know. The reasons for anxiety may not always be clear, but what is clear is that we can take comfort in our savior, Jesus Christ. In Matthew 11:28-30, Jesus encourages all who are weary to come to him and he will give them rest. I want to encourage each of you to find your rest and comfort in Jesus through God's Word and be an ear or a shoulder to cry on for those around you.

Patrick Baum
Deacon's Board



Join us for Bingo Night Saturday June
10th from 6:30-8 in Fellowship Hall.
Fun for ALL.



**Sewing and Crafts will meet in the main building Tuesday June 13th
due to the floors being stripped on the ground floor in the Ed Bldg.**

Funny Page

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"Wireless communication is nothing new.
I've been praying for 75 years!"

Things I Learned from MOM



1. We don't live
in a barn.



2. Life's not fair.



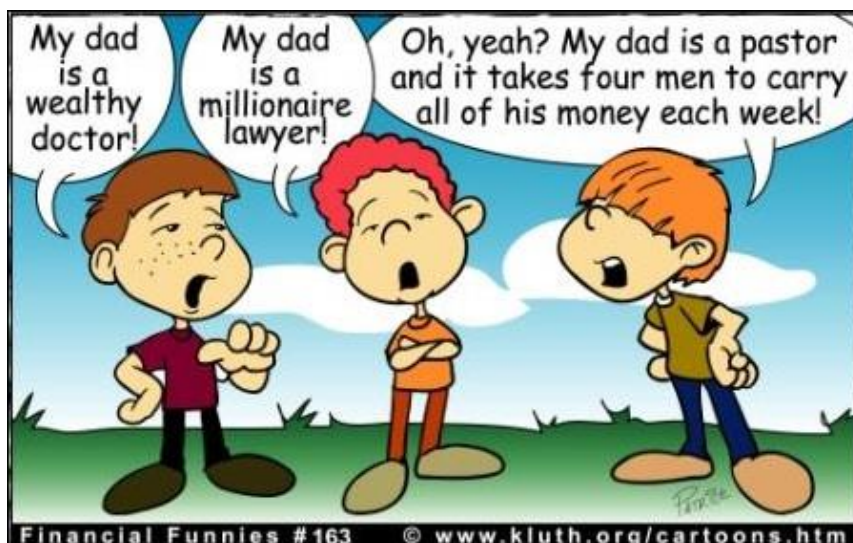
3. Things don't just
sprout legs and
walk away.







4. You are not
my maid.



"Hear that? People in heaven have
ever-laughing life."



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--------|--|--|--|--------|--|
| 2023 | |  | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 Graduation Recognition 11:30 Church Council | 5 | 6 4:00 Prayer 5:30 Sewing & Crafts Group | 7 | 8 6:30 Trustees | 9 | 10 6:30-8 Bingo in the Fellowship Hall |
| 11 6:30 CE Board | 12 | 13 4:00 Prayer 5:30 Sewing & Crafts Group | 14  | 15 9-2 Food Pantry | 16 | 17 |
| 18  | 19 | 20 4:00 Prayer 5:30 Sewing & Crafts Group | 21  | 22  | 23 | 24 |
| 25 3:30 Deacons | 26 | 27 4:00 Prayer 5:30 Sewing & Crafts Group | 28 | 29 | 30 | |



- 1 Sujata Almon
 2 Mike Cook
 3 Kim Newlon
 7 Hannah Taylor
 10 Tom Rudd
 11 Debbie Brown
 Nic Ashworth
 12 Cole Happs
 14 Ruth Ann Ricker
 Madison Pfaffe
 Samantha Cook
 Aden Happs
- 17 Kelsey Brotherton
 Blake Dean Davis
 22 Lynda Golafshar
 Gabby Billings
 24 Phyllis Nehre
 Terry Rudd
 Kurt Glasscock
 25 Chrissy Campbell
 26 Grace Hall
 Michelle Dorethy
 27 Gary Bowles
 28 Ana King
 30 Bob Collier

Jerry & Kelsey Brotherton
 June 1, 2013

Joe & Carolyn Baker
 June 2, 1973

Jeff & Michelle Dorethy
 June 11, 1988

Shaun & Kerri Huffman
 June 12, 1999

Bill & Lori Ryland, Jr.
 June 13, 1981

Rachel & Zachary Benedict
 June 14, 2014

Jeff & Melinda Plowman
 June 18, 1988

Katie & James Bierwirth
 June 18, 2005

Kurt & Grace Glasscock
 June 20, 1970

Chris & Julie Ramsey
 June 21, 1974

Pat & Carmalitta Baum
 June 22, 2013

Tony & Diana Cook
 June 25, 1977

