

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

Return Service Requested

June 2024

Baptist Visitor

FIRST
BAPTIST
CHURCH



REV. BOB BRANDHAGEN, PASTOR
PASTOR PATRICK BAUM

Church Office 319-524-3684

Website: www.keokukfbc.org
SUNDAYS

9:00 Sunday School
10:20 Morning Service

Welcome Patrick

Thank you for joining our team and filling in for Pastor Bob! We are happy to see you at the pulpit!



Patrick Baum
Ozark Christian College

Heidi Rose
Keokuk High School

Zach Glasscock
Northwest Iowa Community College

Kali Daniels
Hamilton High School

Abby Schrader
Central Lee High School



Graduate recognition will be on Sunday, June 2nd, 2024!

STAFF

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

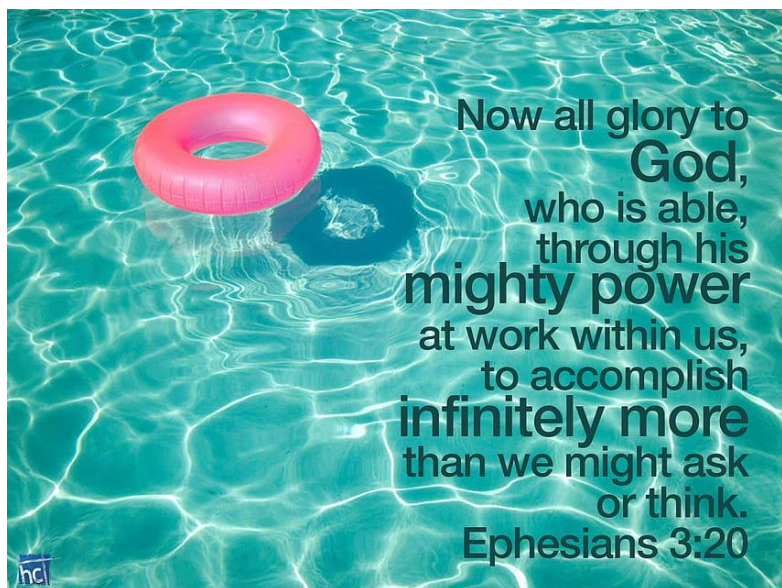


OFFICE HOURS

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

Stewardship ATTENDANCE

APRIL	SUNDAY SCHOOL	PARKING LOT	SANCTUARY
28	39	7	41
MAY			
5	47	5	47
12	30	6	47
19	37	4	39



Thank you

Dear Church Family,
 Thank you so much for the many cards I have received from my church family. I appreciate all the prayers being sent my way. Treatments are going pretty well and I know it's because of all your prayers and good thoughts!

Love in Christ,
 Jeanne Davis

Prayer Requests

Friends & Family: Unspoken Requests, Michelle Dorethy, Jeff Matlock, Jeanne Davis, Ginger Richardson, Tom Rudd, Loren Lillard (Dorethy), Teresa Brotherton, Bob & Barb Collier, Bev Brotherton (eyes), Mark & Kelly Neuendorf, Jeanne Taylor, Fouad & Noura – Pastor Bob’s friends in Egypt, Marietta Harris (mom), Ginger Curfman, Rhonda Bloyd (cancer), Joe Collier,

Missionaries: Doug & Amy Roeglin, Kristy Engel, Tim & Erin Nehre, Shawn & Teresa Ott (Forest Lake),

Political: Nations of the World

Please pray for Christians kidnapped in Egypt:

Mary Asaad Saad Dawoud, 34 years old with one 10 yr. old son, Bavly

May General Fund	In	Out	Mudd Balance for shortfall
	\$11,800.22	\$13,640.58	\$622.38

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 2024-2025 school year, you qualify.

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

3 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 10, 2024.

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 in the church office.**

Chairperson

Mission Report:

Supporting missionaries is a biblical command. 3 John:7-8 says “For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. Therefore, we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth.” The reason missionaries do what they do is to spread God’s truth to the whole world, and John encourages us to “Support people like these”. Missionaries will not be able to fulfill their mission without our support and help, and that’s why John encouraged the church to support their mission work. Supporting our missionaries makes each of you a part of their work and eventually a part of God’s global plan. God has called some to go and others to stay and give and pray. On that note I am here to inform you that the giving to missions has been dropping and last month we were barely able to give Tim, Kristy and Doug their full amount and we were not able to give Forest Lake the full amount. We are looking at a shortfall again this month, and will every month, if giving does not increase. As John says in the Bible it is our responsibility to support the missionaries, we have sent out to preach and teach God’s word. I know things are tough and expenses have gone up, but these people have those same issues and they count on us to help them financially as well as prayerfully. The Mission Committee would ask for prayerful consideration on this matter from each of you. Our Missionaries need our support to continue their good work in God’s plan.

Diana Cook
Mission Committee Chairman



From
Pastor
Pat's Desk



June Pastor's Corner

June 2024

First Baptist Church Family,

Well, here we are, a few weeks into my filling in for Bob as he's gone for training. I'll admit that this is kind of a strange position for me to be in considering that I've known most everyone here since I was kid. I'm sure it's strange for some of you as well. It will essentially be business as usual here, I don't intend on making any big changes as I'm just holding Bob's place for him until he gets back. However, I would encourage you to come see me, as you feel comfortable, if there's any need that I could possibly help with. My office hours are different than Bob's as I'm not able to be here all day every day but come talk to me and a time can be worked out. That being said I want to have my first pastor's corner be an encouragement to you all. At the end of 1 Corinthians 13 Paul encourages the church in Corinth to continue to grow in 3 things. Those things are faith, hope and love. Paul essentially gives the same encouragement in Romans 5:1-5, Galatians 5:5-6, Colossians 1:3-5 and 1 Thessalonians 1:3, among others. These are the things, faith, hope and love, that are truly important. Of course, we'd love to see the sanctuary full on Sunday mornings, but I think that focusing on that misses the point. I think that it's interesting that not once in any of the New Testament Epistles is the size of these churches mentioned. No, we don't have the membership that we used to and some of the reasons for that are probably beyond anyone's control. However, while we may not have control over our numeric growth, we certainly have control over our growth in faith, hope and love. So that's my encouragement. Continue to draw closer to God. Continue to place your hope in him and continue to love others as Jesus would and by doing those 3 things, we may see others in our community drawn to us and ultimately to Jesus.

Sincerely,
Patrick

Deacon's Bench

Pastor Bob used Proverbs 31 as the Bible reference for his Mother's Day message. The reference from Proverbs and his message were very appropriate for the day. Many good memories of our mothers were brought to our attention.

June has a special day honoring fathers, and again we can turn to Proverbs for words to remember the wisdom shared by our earthly fathers and our Heavenly father, and the wisdom to be passed on to our children and grandchildren.

Chapter 3 of Proverbs speaks concerning the writer speaking to his son, and starts out saying – do not forget my teaching.

As we come to Father's Day, are you remembering the teachings of both your earthly and Heavenly father? Are you sharing this wisdom with your family and friends? Wisdom is to be shared not forgotten.

May the Lord bless you!
Marvin Nehre

Loving God, Creator of all times and places, we thank you for the gift of summertime, the days of light, warmth and leisure, the increased time to spend with family and friends.

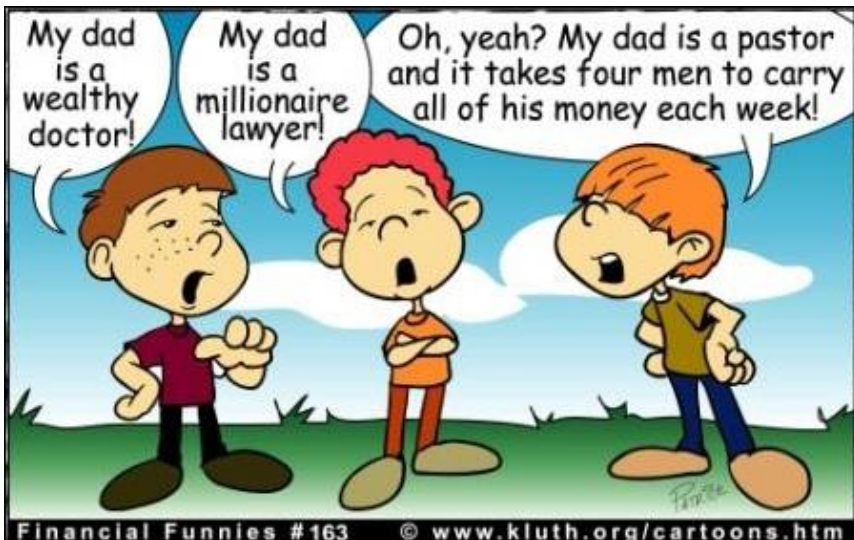


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"Wireless communication is nothing new.
I've been praying for 75 years!"



Things Our Mothers Taught Us

1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE. "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
2. My mother taught me RELIGION. "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
3. My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL. "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
4. My mother taught me LOGIC. "Because I said so, that's why."
5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC. "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT. "Make sure you wear clean underwear, incase you're in an accident."
7. My mother taught me IRONY. "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS. "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM. "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
10. My mother taught me about STAMINA. "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."
11. My mother taught me about WEATHER. "This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."
12. My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION. "Just wait till we get home."
13. My mother taught me about RECEIVING. "You are going to get it when you get home!"
14. My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE. "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to stick that way."
15. My mother taught me ESP. "Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"
16. My mother taught me HUMOR. "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
17. My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT. "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."
18. My mother taught me GENETICS. "You're just like your father."
19. My mother taught me about my ROOTS. "Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"
20. My mother taught me WISDOM. "When you get to be my age, you'll understand."
21. And my favorite: my mother taught me about JUSTICE. "One day you'll have kids and I hope they turn out just like you!"

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2024		June				1
2 Graduation Recognition 1:00 CE Board	3	4 5:30 Sewing & Crafts Group	5	6 6:30 Trustees	7	8
9	10	11 5:30 Sewing & Crafts Group	12	13 9-2 Food Pantry	14 	15
16 	17	18 5:30 Sewing & Crafts Group	19	20 	21 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 	22
23 11:30 Deaconesses	24	25 5:30 Sewing & Crafts Group	26	27	28	29
30 3:30 Deacons	Steve Baum is our June Deacon					



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| 1 Sujata Almon | 17 Kelsey Brotherton |
| 3 Kim Newlon | Blake Dean Davis |
| 7 Hannah Taylor | 22 Lynda Golafshar |
| 10 Tom Rudd | Gabby Billings |
| 11 Debbie Brown | 24 Phyllis Nehre |
| 12 Cole Happs | Terry Rudd |
| 14 Ruth Ann Ricker | Kurt Glasscock |
| Madison Pfaffe | 25 Chrissy Campbell |
| Samantha Cook | 26 Grace Hall |
| Aden Happs | Michelle Dorethy |
| Pam Strohmaier | 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*