

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

June 2025



Baptist Visitor

REV. BOB BRANDHAGEN, PASTOR
PASTOR PATRICK BAUM

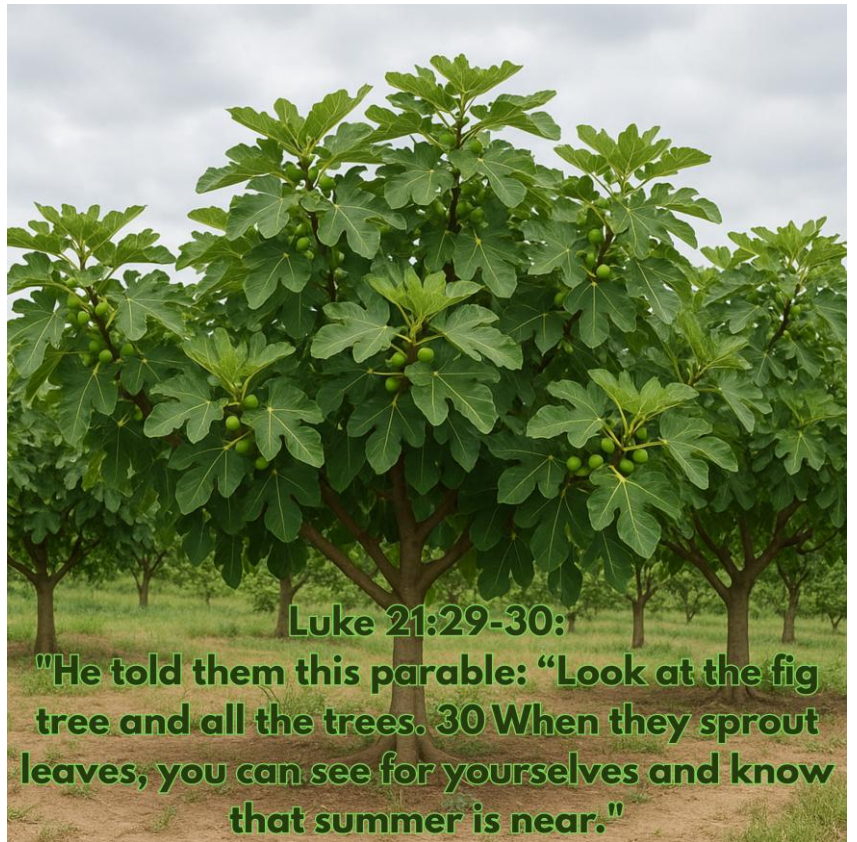
Church Office 319-524-3684

Website: www.keokukfbc.org

SUNDAYS

9:00 Sunday School

10:20 Morning Service



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.



STAFF

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



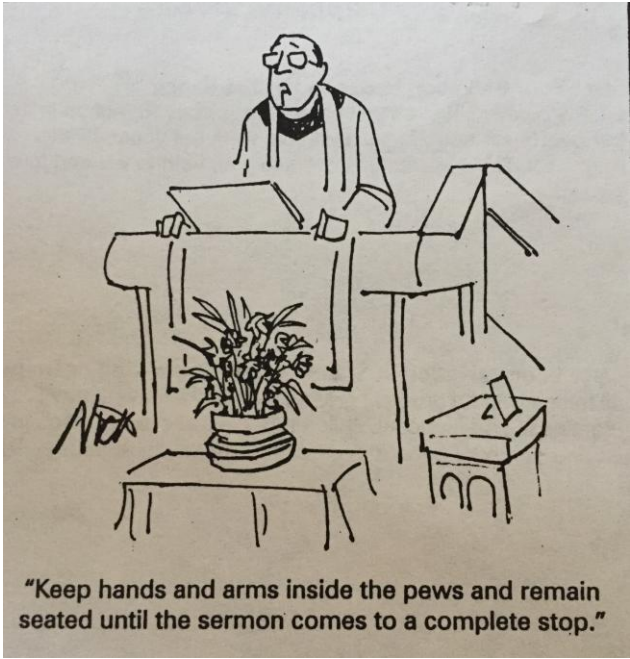
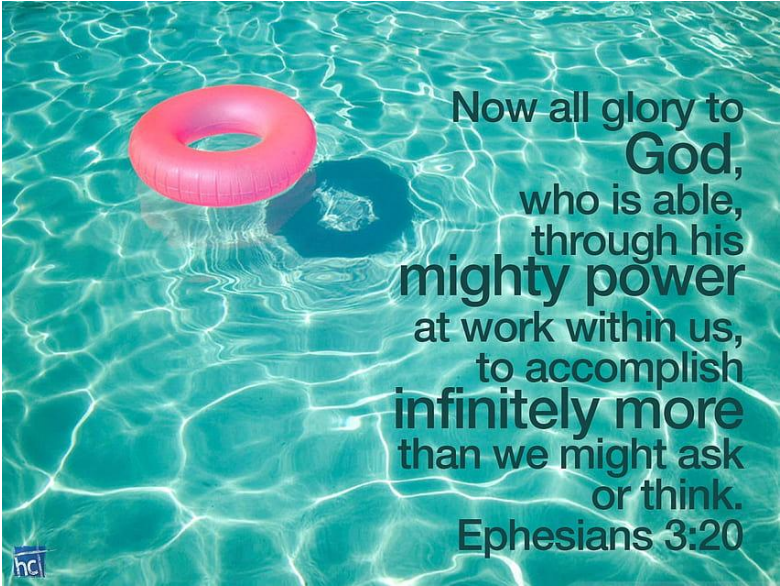
OFFICE HOURS

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

Stewardship

ATTENDANCE

APRIL	SUNDAY SCHOOL	PARKING LOT	SANCTUARY
27	49	4	54
MAY			
4	38	5	35
11	36	5	47
18	39	7	45



Happy Fathers Day



Prayer Requests

Friends & Family: Unspoken Requests, Michelle Dorethy, Family of Steve Roeglin, Wes Davis, Mike Glasscock, Jeff Matlock, Ginger Richardson, Tom Rudd, Teresa Glasscock, Ginger Curfman, Mike Gibson, Teresa Jefferson, Ken Mlyniec, Don Hale, Mark & Kelly Neuendorf, Bob & Barb Collier, Bev Brotherton (eyes), John & Jeanne Taylor, Teresa Brotherton, Dutch Salama,
Missionaries: Doug (getting worse) & Amy Roeglin, Kristy Engel, Tim & Erin Nehre, Shawn & Teresa Ott (Forest Lake),
Political: Nations of the World
Please pray for Christians kidnapped in Egypt

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

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 2025-2026 school year, you qualify.

1 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.

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.

3 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, 2025.

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.

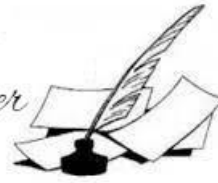
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Chairperson



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!"



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Army Stuff

Yesterday, May 18, the Keokuk Class of 2025 graduated. Congratulations! Yesterday was also the second anniversary of my swearing in as a Commissioned Officer in the Iowa Army National Guard. My MOS (Military Occupational Specialty) is as a 56A, (spoken as, “I am a 56Alpha,” or, “I am a Chaplain.”) Thank you for being there for me as you voted for me to make this military move. Several votes had to be held, and each vote was 100% favorable!

The first two years saw some interesting happenings. I experienced being shocked with a Tazer. Then I was on a hoist that drew me up into a hovering Blackhawk helicopter. On May 7 (twelve days ago), I boarded a Chinook helicopter that flew from Davenport to Sioux City, Iowa. Its mission was to pick up a retired A7 Corsair fighter jet, and connect it to the Chinook which took it to the airport to have the aircraft refurbished. It took two attempts, but it made the 6-7 mile journey to the airport, as news media were waiting.

One more note on the military front—I will be at my Annual Training for 15 days this summer. Last year I missed Annual Training due to my 3-month training at Fort Jackson, SC. (Summers are slower in churches, as they suspend many activities for the summer months. At the same time, it seems that in the summer the Army moves faster.) I hope you appreciate the military update; I just want you all to be in the loop.

Church Stuff

I love being pastor at First Baptist Church of Keokuk, IA. Here’s what I consider *a few of my favorite things!*

- 1) People often feel free to come by the pastor’s study, with or without an appointment. I love that!
- 2) Paid staff. We get along well. I have often commented that we should have a reality show based at the church buildings.
- 3) Lay people work as volunteers to help the church by using skills and expertise that they use to make a living.
- 4) Going to Trustee Board meetings (though I do not always have availability). When I am there, I take the minutes. It is a great, highly functioning board. They think things through to make sure that our property stays safe, secure, and up-to-date. If I didn’t go to Trustee meetings, I wouldn’t be known to them, nor them to me.
- 5) Fellowship Cookie Time before the morning worship service!
- 6) Nursing homes services at MVHRC and SEIBHC. I really appreciate Pat and Debby’s ministry there.
- 7) The Bro/Sis mid-week adult Bible study.
- 8) BEF (Building Eternal Friendships)—though I’m not there, the evidence of the impact of this ministry is clear.
- 9) The work of the Deacon’s Board, Deaconess Board, CE Board, Hospitality Committee, Missions Committee, etc.
- 10) The attendance at two small groups: LOL (Life-On-Life), and Lionize at McDonalds third Sundays 😊

“To Him be the Glory in the Church!” Ephesians 3:21

Sincerely Serving the Savior,

Pastor Bob Brandhagen

Deacon’s Bench



Last fall we spent a month emptying our old home as we had moved the previous spring. One of my tasks was to empty out a closet full of clothing. There were several dozen new shirts still in their original packages as well as several new pairs of blue jeans that no longer fit me and numerous packages of socks. These all-represented gifts I had received from family over a number of years. I am ashamed to admit that these were all given to me in love, but I never took advantage of what was meant for my benefit.

God has a gift for each one of us that is given in love and meant for our benefit. This gift is eternal life that come through our faith and trust in Jesus Christ. However, this gift only has value if we first accept and then put our faith into action.

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
NIV Roman 6:23

In Christ
Steve Baum

Pesto Caprese Puff Pastry Pizza



Yield: 2 to 4 people

Prep Time: 25 mins *Cook Time:* 25 mins *Total Time:* 50 mins

Ingredients

- 1 sheet puff pastry, thawed if frozen
- 1 to 2 beefsteak tomatoes, thinly sliced
- kosher salt and pepper
- ⅓ cup pesto, plus more for drizzling
- 6 ounces fresh mozzarella, pulled apart into pieces
- 1 egg + 1 teaspoon water, beaten together for egg wash
- balsamic glaze, for drizzling
- fresh basil, for topping
- parmesan cheese, for sprinkling

Instructions

- 1 Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F. Place the puff pastry sheet on a piece of parchment paper, on a baking sheet. Poke it all over with a fork. This prevents large bubbles.
- 2 Slice the tomatoes and place them on a paper towel. Sprinkle them all over with salt. Let sit for 5 minutes to release some of the juices. After 5 minutes, pat them dry with a paper towel.
- 3 Spread the pesto on the puff pastry, leaving a 1-inch border. Top with the tomatoes. Top with the mozzarella pieces.
- 4 Brush the edges of the puff pastry with the egg wash. This is optional, but helps give that shiny, puff pastry crust.
- 5 Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, or until the puff pastry is golden and crisp.
- 6 Remove from the oven and drizzle with more pesto. Drizzle with balsamic glaze. Top with fresh basil and a sprinkle of mozzarella. Slice and serve!

Course: Main Course *Cuisine:* American *Author:* How Sweet Eats









Thank
You

Thank you – Thank you – Thank you

Thanks for the wonderful cards with many prayers and well wishes.

Thanks also to the sewing group that brought me flowers.

Dutch

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2025						
1 11:30 CE Board	2	3 NOON Sewing & Crafts	4	5	6	7
8 11:30 Deacons	9	10 NOON Sewing & Crafts	11	12 6:30 Trustees	13	14 
15 	16	17 NOON Sewing & Crafts	18	19 9-2 Food Pantry	20 	21
22	23 	24 NOON Sewing & Crafts	25	26	27	28
29 3:30 Deacons	30	31 NOON Sewing & Crafts				
	Mark Pfaffe is our June Deacon					



- 1 Sujata Almon
3 Kim Newlon
7 Hannah Taylor
10 Tom Rudd
11 Debbie Brown
12 Cole Happs
14 Ruth Ann Ricker
Madison Pfaffe
Samantha Cook
Aden Happs
Pam Strohmaier
- 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*