

First Baptist Church  
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Return Service Requested

# Baptist Visitor

## June 2026

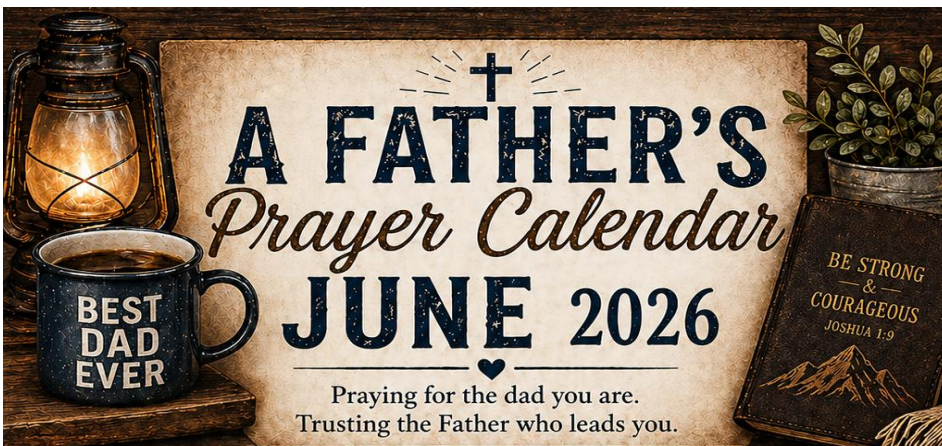


REV. BOB BRANDHAGEN, PASTOR

Church Office 319-524-3684

Website: [www.keokukfbc.org](http://www.keokukfbc.org)  
**SUNDAYS**

9:00 Sunday School  
 10:20 Morning Service



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 Lord, thank You for the gift of fatherhood. Guide me to lead with love today. ♥	2 Give me patience in every moment, big and small. 🌿	3 Help me be a steady and calm presence for my family. ⊕	4 Teach me to listen more and speak with kindness. 💬	5 Strengthen me when I feel tired or unsure. 👉	6 Help me lead by example, with integrity and faith. ✝
7 Bless my children and guide their paths. ♥	8 Give me wisdom in every decision I make. 📖	9 Help me show love through my actions. ♥	10 Remind me that small moments matter most. 🌳	11 Fill my home with peace, laughter, and joy. 🏠	12 Help me provide not just needs, but love and presence. ☕	13 Guide my steps and calm my worries. 🌀
14 Thank You for freedom. Help me lead my family with honor and courage. 🚩	15 Give me strength when I feel overwhelmed. 🏋️	16 Help me be present, not distracted. 📱	17 Teach me to lead with humility and love. ♥	18 Fill my heart with gratitude for my family. 🌿	19 Help me protect, guide, and encourage those I love. 🛡	20 Let this season be filled with joy, connection, and lasting memories. ☀
21 <i>Father's Day</i> Lord, thank You for this calling. Help me be the father my family needs—strong, kind, and full of grace. ♥	22 Give me a heart that forgives quickly and loves deeply. ♥	23 Help me be a source of comfort and strength. 👐	24 Guide my words to uplift and encourage. 💬	25 Remind me to rest and trust in You. zzz	26 Help me teach my children faith through my actions. 👨👩👧	27 Fill my home with warmth and understanding. 🏠
28 Give me courage to face every challenge. 🏔	29 Help me end today with gratitude and peace. 🌿	30 Thank You for carrying me through this month. Help me continue to lead with love, faith, and strength. ♥	🏔			



**STAFF**

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



**OFFICE HOURS**

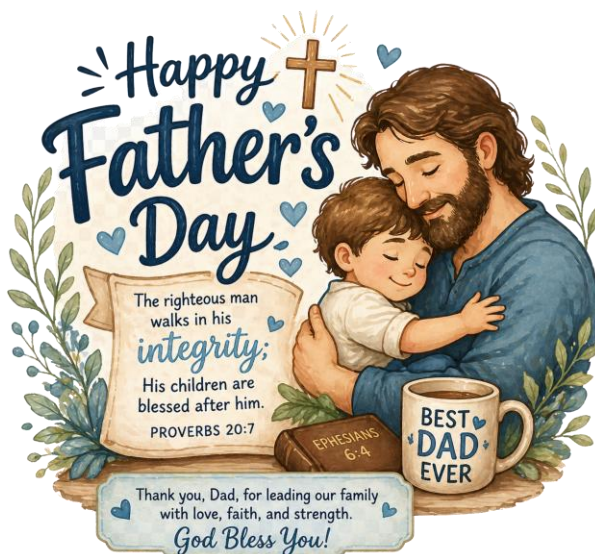
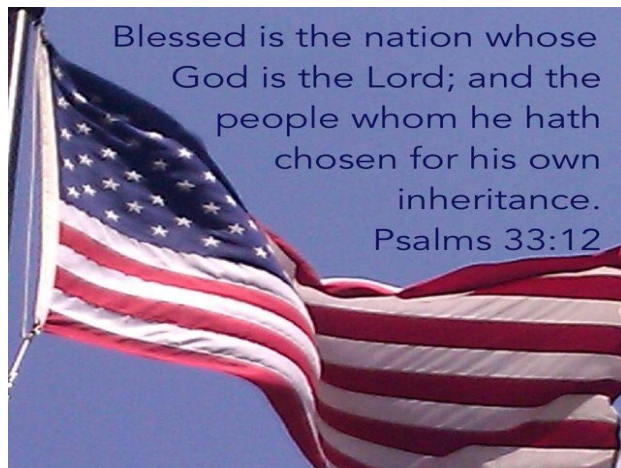
Monday-Friday  
 9 a.m. – 11:30  
 12:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.

# Stewardship ATTENDANCE

APRIL	SUNDAY SCHOOL	PARKING LOT	SANCTUARY
26	47	5	39
MAY			
3	35	4	53
10	38	4	41
17	39	6	38
24	36	5	38

**April**

Income	Expenses	Surplus/Deficit
\$18702.68	\$18820.37	-\$1063.61



## Pfaffe – Jones



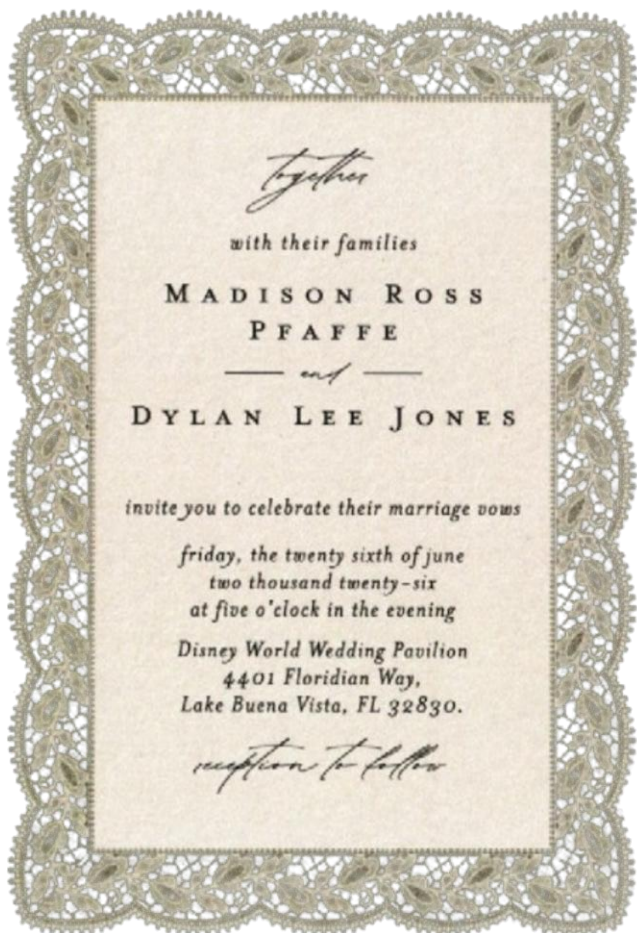
Madison Pfaffe & Dylan Jones

Mark & Michelle Pfaffe and Andy & Angela Jones of Keokuk would like to announce the engagement of their children, Madison Ross Pfaffe and Dylan Lee Jones.

Madison is a graduate of Keokuk High School and University of Iowa with a Master of Science in Counseling Degree. She is employed as a School Counselor.

Dylan is a graduate of Keokuk High School, William Penn University with a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education and the 53rd Iowa Department of Public Safety Academy. He is employed as an Iowa State Trooper.

The couple plans on getting married at Disney World, Lake Buena Vista Florida on June 26, 2026.



**Prayer Requests**

**Friends & Family:** Unspoken Requests, Michelle Dorethy, Teresa Brotherton, Mike Gibson, Tina Gibson, Mike Glasscock, Joe (heart attack) & Carol Ryland, Lucille Starr, Don Hale, Jeff Matlock, Mark Russell – Heart, Ginger Richardson, Ginger Curfman, Ken Mlyniec, Mark & Kelly Neuendorf, Bev Brotherton (eyes), John & Jeanne Taylor, Tony King - Other, Clark Adkins, Sue Mallory, Julee Wixom, Evonne’s son Eric – cancer is back, June Haun (Grace Glasscock’s sister), Wendy Kelly,

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

**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 2026-2027 school year, you qualify.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

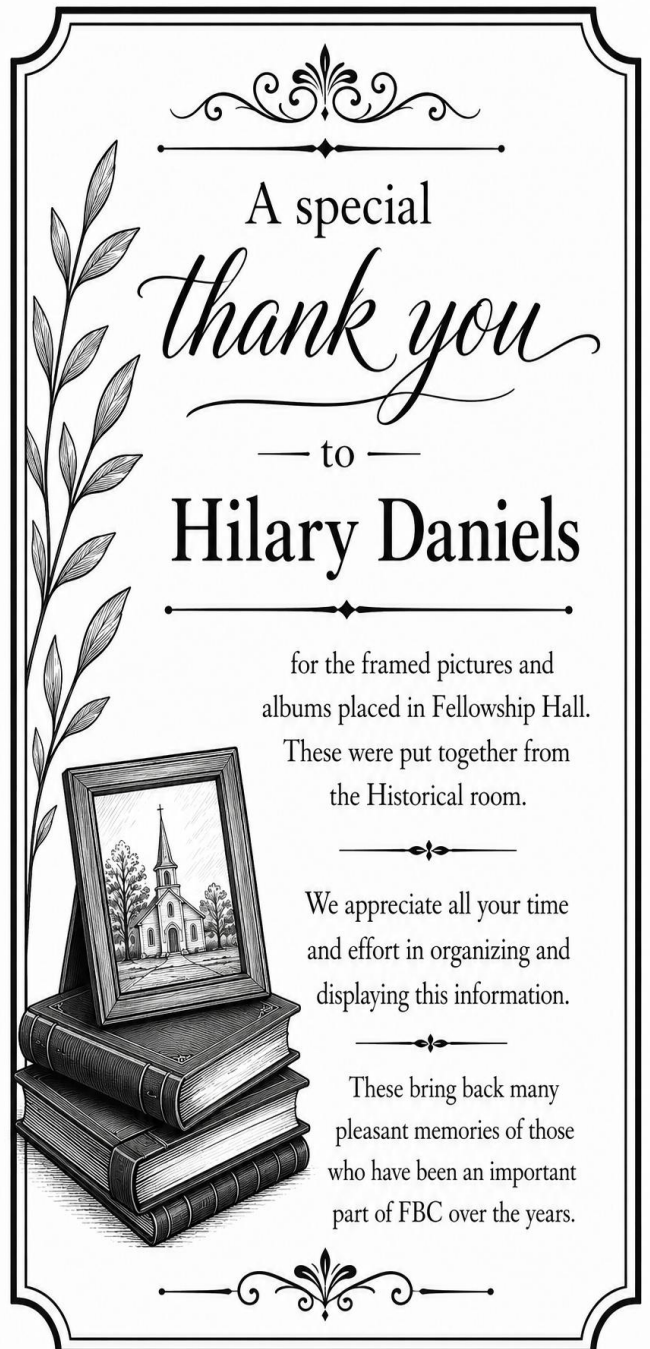
Application forms for all three scholarships are available in the church office and need to be filled out and returned by June 10, 2026.

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



## Civil Courage

“Pain is just fear leaving the body.” I saw that on a Marine Corps t-shirt years ago. It 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 election angst, social unrest, and pandemic concerns, 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 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."

2Corinthians 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."

These verses have been a beautiful blessing to me for many years. To a lesser extent I have been blessed by, and also eager to share the following quotes by Dietrich Bonhoeffer in his *Letters and Papers from Prison*. He was imprisoned under Hitler’s Third Reich. Bonhoeffer’s emphasis is not so much on courage in general, but on *civil* courage in particular:

"Some seek refuge from the rough-and-tumble of public life in the sanctuary of their own private virtue. Such men, however, are compelled to seal their lips and shut their eyes to the injustice around them. Only at the cost of self-deception can they keep themselves pure from the defilements incurred by responsible action."

"Who stands his ground (in the face of the evils in society)? Only the man whose ultimate criterion is obedient and responsible action in faith and exclusive allegiance to God. The responsible man seeks to make his whole life a response to the question and call of God."

"Civil courage . . . can only grow out of the free responsibility of free men. . . . Free responsibility depends upon a God who demands bold action as the free response of faith, and who promises forgiveness and consolation to the man who becomes a sinner in the process."

"We must be determined not to be outraged critics or mere opportunists. We must take our full share of responsibility for the molding of history, whether it be as victors or vanquished. It is only by refusing to allow any event to deprive us of our responsibility for history, because we know that it is a responsibility laid upon us by God, that we shall achieve a relation to the events of history far more fruitful than criticism or opportunism...."

"The ultimate question the man of responsibility asks is not, 'How can I extricate myself heroically from the affair?' but, 'How is the coming generation to live?'" Think on these things. And remember, Jesus said, "**Fear not**...!"

Pastor Bob Brandhagen  
First Baptist Church

## Deacon's Bench



“The month of June brings laughter, joy and excitement. A time where the energy integrates toward unity and compassion, a time of fertility. Approaching all of us in the month of June is subtle light energy from other planets reflected off the moon. This alone brings abundance and fruitful occasions as our emotions feel the planetary influences.

Take time to reflect this month as June also signifies the end of the first half of the year. Did we achieve all we wanted to? Spiritually did we allow time to center and relax through the pressures, or did we react in a negative stressful way? It’s our choice to be stressed, we do it to ourselves.

June recalls and conjures the teacher within, the wolf who lays dormant. A time where all of us have a lesson in front of us either spiritually at work or school or just proving yourself amongst family.

Reach this month for what was too high for you before. Placing yourself in the driver’s seat of your future. You have control, maybe your just not aware of it yet.”

In Christ, Tom Brown

# Slow cooker chicken Tacos



## Ingredients

- 1 (15-ounce) can tomato sauce

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- 2 Tbsp. chili powder

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- 1 Tbsp. cumin

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- 1 Tbsp. kosher salt

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- 2 tsp. paprika

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- 1 tsp. black pepper

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- 3 garlic cloves, finely chopped

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- 1 large onion, chopped

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- 6 large boneless, skinless chicken breasts (about 4 ½ pounds)

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- Flour tortillas, shredded iceberg lettuce, chopped tomato, shredded cheddar cheese, sour cream, salsa, for serving

## Directions

- 1 | In a 6- to 8-quart slow cooker, stir together the tomato sauce, chili powder, cumin, salt, paprika, pepper, garlic, and onion until well combined. Add the chicken, stirring to ensure it is fully coated with the sauce.
- 2 | Cover and cook until the chicken is cooked through and the internal temperature of the chicken is 165°F, on low for 4 to 6 hours or on high for 2 to 3 hours.
- 3 | Remove the chicken to a large cutting board. When it is cool enough to handle, cut it into bite-sized pieces. Return the chicken to the sauce and stir very well.
- 4 | Cover and cook on low for 15 minutes more.
- 5 | Serve on tortillas topped with lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, sour cream, and salsa.

# Smash Burger



## Ingredients

- 1 lb. ground beef chuck (80% lean)

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- 1 tsp. kosher salt

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- Black pepper, to taste

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- 8 slices American cheese

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- 4 soft hamburger buns

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- Ketchup and yellow mustard, for serving

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- Shredded lettuce, sliced tomato, and pickle slices, for serving (optional)

## Directions

- 1 | Divide the beef into 8 portions (about 2 ounces each) and form into balls. Refrigerate until ready to cook.
- 2 | Heat a large skillet or griddle over medium-high heat. Working in batches of 2 or 4 if necessary, place the beef balls on the skillet surface and use a large spatula to smash them as flat as they can possibly go, pressing down on the spatula with a measuring cup or coffee mug if necessary. Season with the salt and a pinch of pepper. Cook until the bottoms of the patties are browned and crispy, about 2 minutes. Flip the patties and top each with a slice of cheese. Once the cheese is melted (about 30 seconds), stack half of the patties on top of the other half. Wait a few seconds, then transfer the stacks onto the buns. Repeat with the remaining beef, cheese, and buns.
- 3 | Serve the smash burgers with ketchup and mustard. Top with lettuce, tomatoes, and pickles, if you like.

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

*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*