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Baptist Visitor



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SUNDAYS

9:00 Sunday School
10:20 Morning Service

WEDNESDAYS

5:30 BEF Meal On Hold
6:00 BEF Groups



Saint Patrick's Prayer of the Faithful

May the Strength of God pilot us.
May the Power of God preserve us.
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.
May the Hand of God protect us.
May the Way of God direct us.
May the Shield of God defend us.
May the Host of God guard us
Against the snares of the evil ones,
Against temptations of the world.

May Christ be with us!
May Christ be before us!
May Christ be in us, Christ be over all!
May Thy Salvation, Lord, Always be ours,
This day, O Lord, and evermore. Amen.



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

JAN	SUNDAY SCHOOL	MORNING SERVICE
30	29	35
FEB		
6	32	40
13	30	41
20	33	43



As the winter season draws to a close, congratulations and well done to all who have been involved in athletics, school groups and entertainment.

AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2022

“I will praise you and testify about what you have done.”

PSALM 22:22

FINANCES

General Missions Maint. Total
 Needed each week:

JAN	3,105.00	721.00	626.00	4,452.00
30	1,341.00	195.00	95.00	1,631.00

FEB	3,105.00	721.00	626.00	4,452.00
<i>(Averages include Maxwell Trust expenditures.)</i>				
6	1,485.05	247.05	305.00	2,037.10
13	2,113.00	465.00	375.00	2,953.00
20	2,647.00	426.00	473.00	3,546.00

OTHER TOTALS FOR FEBRUARY

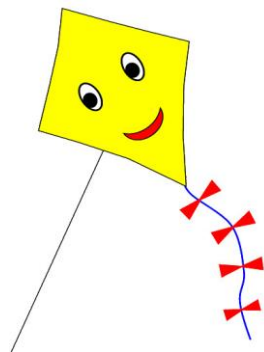
Deacon Fellowship Fund.....\$ 10.00

OTHER FUNDS TO DATE

Stained Glass Preservation Fund....\$21,553.28

Graduate Recognition...

Coming up the end of May! If you or someone you know will be graduating from high school, college, etc., please contact the church office.



Contact Suzy Glasscock if you would like to order lilies at:
 319-470-9733

It is up to us to answer God’s call to help and to heal. COVID-19 is devastating communities across the United States and Puerto Rico. Wildfires are raging in the West. Floods are rising in the East. Hurricane Ida leaves destruction from the Gulf Coast to the Northeast. Unemployment soars in many communities. In this context, our American Baptist partners are faithfully serving in congregations and communities with helping ministries and creative responses to the diverse needs in their local contexts, whether helping innocent children living in conditions of poverty, assisting a family that is being evicted, providing food and shelter to the homeless man pushing all his belongings in a shopping cart, and so many others who are hurting and lost. What is needed is God’s love in its fullest expression in your church and your congregation. Through your generous financial partnership with ABHMS, we can—together—work to bring more hope into our broken world with leaders and disciples who are the hands and feet of Jesus.

So please, consider your gift to the America for Christ offering as we engage in transformational mission to bring God’s love and light into the hearts of people everywhere.

We have been answering God’s call to heal broken families and communities—as well as cultivate strong Christian leaders and equip passionate disciples—since 1832.

From the Deacon Bench



The sun is shining brightly today as I write this but the weather has not been as warm as I would like. I am thankful for the sunshine, it's a light from God and one of the first things he created after the heaven and earth "Genesis 1". God also said it was good, yes indeed. In John 1 it goes on to talk about light again, but this time it refers to Jesus as the light of the world, amen.

All of us, at one time or another have needed a little light, a match to light a fire or a candle, a flashlight to see were we wanted to go in a dark room, when the power was out. Yes, indeed light sure comes in handy from time to time.

As you go through your day-to-day life, please remember John 1 and try to give all those around you a little light from Jesus that can never be extinguished by the darkness.

Heaven knows there is plenty of cold and darkness to go around these days.

Looking forward to longer & warmer days.

In Christ Jesus, Amen

Don Davis, Deacon



Come to



B. E. F.

Wednesday Nights - Huiskamp Hall

6:00 p.m. BEF Groups



Sometimes I just look up, smile and say, "I know that was you God! Thanks!"



Saint Patrick's Day, feast day (March 17) of **St. Patrick**, patron saint of Ireland. Born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century, he was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but returned about 432 to convert the Irish to Christianity.

2022 Forest Lake Summer Camp

Mark your calendar!! Camp Kick Off **date to be determined** in Huiskamp Hall during the Sunday school hour for all kids AND their parents. Kids will earn points for bringing a parent to the Camp Kick Off. Information on the different camps for this summer, Camp Points, Scholarships, church grant money and other means of payments for the week of summer fun at Forest Lake. We will have complete information, registration and health forms available at that time.

INFORMATION TO SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

FOREST LAKE CAMP
11733 Copperhead Road
Bloomfield, IA 52537-8073

TELEPHONE: 641-684-8908

EMAIL: forestlake@mid-abc.org

WEBSITE: www.forestlakecamp.org



Camp work week will be Monday May 9th through Saturday May 14th this year.

Please Remember in Prayer

Unspoken Requests, Michelle Dorethy and Family, Doug & Amy Roeglin and Family, Ginger Curfman, Barb Collier, Bev Brotherton (eyes), Chris & Valerie, Don Hale, Vera Neuendorf, Mark & Kelly Neuendorf, Carl Wixom – Serious industrial accident, Fouad & Noura – Pastor Bob’s friends in Egypt, Loza – Fouad’s Mother N Law, Sherry Dalton, Family of Tim Nehre (West Nairobi School & Health), Carol Ryland, Kevin & Andrea, Tom & Betty Dickens, Simon Bentzinger (11 yr. old in Warsaw cancer free now), Evonne Young – John, Sylvia, Doris Adkins, Teresa Brotherton, Kristy Engel – Health & Travel, Lexia Rau – thyroid and heart age 20, Rayland King, Emma, 3yr old ran over by pick-up, Herman Johnson, Don Ehler – Stroke (friend of Pastor Bob), Nations of the World

Please pray for Christians kidnapped in Egypt!

Raheel Mourad	16 yr. old girl
Demiana SamirTawfiq	17 yr. old girl
Nermin Mina Magdy	16 yr. old girl



Pastor Bob's Corner



Dear Church Family,

On the first of May Lisa and I will have had two complete years of ministry at First Baptist Church. In my written 2021 pastor's report, included in the annual report at yesterday's annual business meeting, I noted that I have been busy with prayer, sermon and Bible study preparation, meeting with people, conducting staff meetings, writing for the *Daily Gate City* and the church newsletter, recording radio devotionals, reading and studying theology, helping with benevolent needs, preparing BEF, worship planning, working on recommendations from the deacon board, planning initiatives from the CE Board, and other administration in general. I am also the president of the Keokuk Ministerial Association this year and I conduct their monthly meetings.

So, I have stayed busy. And many of you who are reading this have very busy lives as well. But in the midst of that busyness, we can tend to settle for what is *good* or *better* instead of insisting on what is *best*. That is true in our jobs, in our family life, and in our church. Over the past two years I have emphasized that two of the *best* things that the church can promote, practice, and preach are the gospel and prayer.

I felt strongly enough about the importance of clearly understanding the gospel message that I produced a document that contains 26 Bible passages that define or explain the gospel from different angles. These gospel passages were included in 26 sermons over the past two years. I made copies of those available, and will do so again.

At the same time, I felt strongly not only about the gospel, but also about the second of two *best* things that the church can promote, and that is prayer. For that reason, my sermon title on The Lord's Day, Sunday, February 20, was "Pray Paul's Prayers: A Guide to Praying About the Most Important Things." In that sermon I included 26 of Paul's prayers that we can and must pray in our day. (And no, I didn't intentionally match 26 gospel passages with 26 of Paul's prayers!)

The 26 prayers were quoted in full in the sermon outline for February 20, but I will make them available again along with the 26 gospel passages. I encourage you to work at memorizing the gospel passages, and to pray over Paul's prayers. Most of the time we don't pray about the things the Apostle Paul was most concerned about. We tend to pray for physical infirmities—and we should. But we must go beyond that, to prayer concerns for the soul of each person, and for the life of the church. These are what I call "kingdom prayers."

If we don't clearly understand the 26 gospel passages (and there are even more than that), and pray Paul's 26 prayers (and there are more of those too), then we will (continue to) flounder and eventually die. Sorry to end on such a somber note, but it is true.

In Christ,

Pastor Bob Brandhagen

P.S. At yesterday's annual business meeting, the report stated that we have 441 members at First Baptist Church. There were 43 in attendance for the morning worship service. I didn't know whether to laugh or cry.









First Baptist Church Family,

There are many items in our kitchen areas that are not being used. Some things have been there for years while others have been left by people through out the years and not picked up. So, after discussing it with the Trustees, it has been decided to disburse with these items in the way; A table will be set up in the Fellowship Hall with these items' places on it. There will be a free will offering can for donations on items you would like. Donations will be split between the 175th celebration and the food pantry.

Be looking for this in the near future.

Thank you,
Dee Ruddell
Chairperson of the Hostess Committee

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 5:30 Sewing & Crafts Group	2 6:00 BEF Groups 7:00 Church Council	3	4	5
6	7 Noon Lent Lunch	8	9 6:00 BEF Groups	10 9:00 Effie Linquist Circle 6:30 Trustees	11	12 
13  6:00 Movie Night	14 Noon Lent Lunch 6:30 CE board	15 5:30 Sewing & Crafts Group	16 6:00 BEF Groups	17 	18	19
20 	21 Noon Lent Lunch 	22 7:00 Church Council	23 6:00 BEF Groups	24	25	26 
27 11:30 Deaconess 3:30 Deacons	28 Noon Lent Lunch	29 5:30 Sewing & Crafts Group	30 6:00 BEF Groups	31		



2022



1 Henry Varner
Marianne Jacobsen
Amelia McCombs
3 Caleigh Hayhurst
6 Carol Lynn Williams
Wesley Weirather
Stephanie Wilkerson
9 Rob Riffle
12 Heidi Wixom
15 Ethan Hotop
16 Abigail Schrader
18 Kayla Clark
Aaden Anderson

19 Kristy Engel
Jason Arrowood
20 Landen Varner
21 Trenton Atterberg
24 Betty Boyer
25 Mike Glasscock
Susanne DePew
27 Michelle Pfaffe
Kelsey Newlon
Jonathan Newlon
Yvonne Derr
28 Marcia Lawson
30 Scott Hays
Katie Bierwirth

Jamie & Ron Wolfe
March 7, 2015
Jordan & Teresa McCombs
March 9, 2013
Logan & Olivia White
march 16, 2013
Mike & Hila Cook
March 27, 2004
Kory & Leah Hotop
March 30, 2013