

First Baptist Church
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Return Service Requested

March 2024



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SUNDAYS

9:00 Sunday School
10:20 Morning Service

WEDNESDAYS

5:30 BEF Meal
6:00 BEF Groups

Baptist Visitor

Daylight
Saving Time
Spring Forward
March 10th



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.



May God bless you at Easter,
And keep you all year through.
May God give you all the faith it takes,
To make your dreams come true.
May His love and wisdom always help,
To guide you on your way.
May His light shine down upon you now,
To bless your Easter Day.

Easter
Blessings

Wishing you a blessed and joyful Easter.



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	PARKING LOT	SANCTUARY
28	39	3	46
FEB			
4	48	3	51
11	40	4	48
18	42	2	56



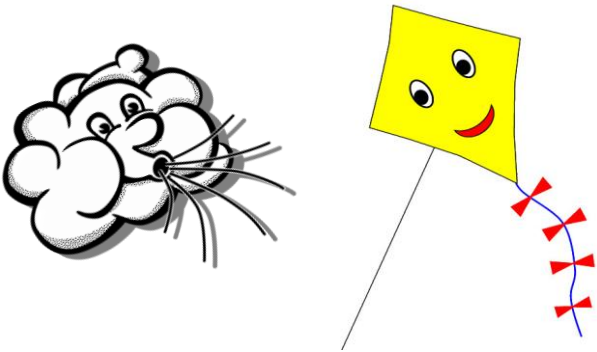
As the winter season draws to a close, congratulations and well done to all who have been involved in athletics, school groups and entertainment.



John 1:16-17 [NRSVue]

From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

God’s grace is expansive. Filled with abundant references to grace as God’s light, the scriptures reflect a brilliant spectrum of rich hues that manifest God’s favor, blessing, and kindness. As we transition to a post-pandemic world, we acknowledge that this light has shown upon us. We have emerged from the past few tumultuous years of isolation, deprivation, and loss, perhaps scarred and bowed but determined to continue pressing forward, thanks be to God.



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



From the Deacon Bench

From August 2023



A couple of years ago I got involved in missions with the Missions Committee. I felt like God had been gently nudging me in that direction for a while, so when Phyllis Nehre asked I was more than happy to join. I don't know exactly when this all started, but I found myself adding the Saints around the world to my daily prayers. I'm amazed by people like Christy, and the Nehre's who move halfway around the world in obedience to God. Many of our Missionaries put themselves in harms way to do what they do. And they do it with joy in their heart.

At the beginning of the year we had a substantial surplus in the Mission's Fund. I thought at the time that we should spend all of that money! Find a few causes that would glorify God and just get rid of it! After all, it's God's money. Right? Well, we are at that point now. We have depleted the fund to the point where we are considering lowering the amount we send to our people. (Tim and Erin, Doug and Amy, Christy, and Forest Lake) So, now we need to find some money to finish the year well, honoring our commitments. I'm asking, and in a few weeks we will be asking from the pulpit for your support. Would you consider helping us? I know money is tight for many because of the economy. My house is feeling it too. Please prayerfully consider joining us with a financial gift if you can.

Yours in Christ,
Mike Schrader

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.

2024 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 April 15 through Friday April 19 this year.

Please Remember in Prayer

Friends & Family: Unspoken Requests, Ruth Ricker, Michelle Dorethy and Family, Barb Collier, Bev Brotherton (eyes), Don Hale, Mark & Kelly Neuendorf, Fouad & Noura – Pastor Bob's friends in Egypt, Loza – Fouad's Mother N Law, Sherry Dalton, Carol Ryland, Tom & Betty Dickens, Teresa Brotherton, Jeanne Davis, Evonne Case, Rowdy Savage, Elsie Sherwood, Ginger Richardson, Bob Collier, Teresa Jefferson, Lois Mlyniec (healing), Ginger Curfman, Mike Gibson's mom-Tina, Jeanne Taylor, Julie Wixom, Tom Rudd, Rhonda Bloyd – cancer, Monica, Jackie Saxon, Chuck Williams, Angie Logdon of LaGrange, MO – Stroke, Mike Burdette (Julie's brother-in-law), Bill Wixom, Jeff Matlock,

Missionaries: Doug & Amy Roeglin, Kristy Engel – Health & Travel, Tim & Erin Nehre (West Nairobi School & Health), Shawn & Teresa Ott (Forest Lake),

Political: Nations of the World

Please pray for Christians kidnapped in Egypt:

Atef Sameh Atef, 12 years old, boy



Pastor Bob's Corner



Dear Church Family,

Lenten Lunches began on Monday, February 19. The theme this year is “The Seven Last Sayings of Jesus from the Cross.” Below I have printed those seven sayings for you to read. I will not add to them my own meditations and insights like I would in a sermon. I will let them speak for themselves, on their own terms. As you read these Seven Last Sayings, read them aloud so that not only you but others with you can hear also. Maybe you would like to write in the space below each saying a brief prayer of adoration, confession, or thanks.

Luke 23:32-34—“Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. ³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.’ And they divided up his clothes by casting lots” (NIV).

Luke 23:39-43—“One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: ‘Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!’ ⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. ‘Don’t you fear God,’ he said, ‘since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.’ ⁴² Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ ⁴³ Jesus answered him, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.’”

Mark 15:33-36—“At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, ‘Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?’ (which means ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’). ³⁵ When some of those standing near heard this, they said, ‘Listen, he’s calling Elijah.’ ³⁶ Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. ‘Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to take him down,’ he said.” (See also Matthew 27:46.)

John 19:26-27—“When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, ‘Woman, here is your son,’ ²⁷ and to the disciple, ‘Here is your mother.’ From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.”

John 19:28-29—“Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, ‘I am thirsty.’ ²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips.”

Luke 23:46—“Jesus called out with a loud voice, ‘Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.’ When he had said this, he breathed his last.”

John 19:30—“When he had received the drink, Jesus said, ‘It is finished.’ With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.”

In Christ,

Pastor Bob Brandhagen

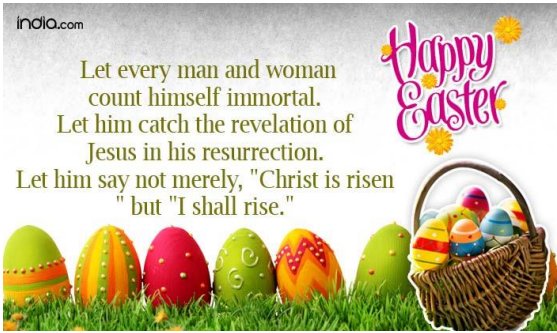


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 1:00 CE board	4 Noon Lent Lunch	5 12 noon Sewing & Crafts Group	6 6:00 BEF Groups	7	8	9 
10 	11 Noon Lent Lunch	12 12 noon Sewing & Crafts Group	13 6:00 BEF Groups	14 9:00 Effie Linquist Circle 6:30 Trustees	15	16
17 3:30 Lionize At McD's 	18 Noon Lent Lunch	19 12 noon Sewing & Crafts Group 	20 6:00 BEF Groups 	21 9-2 Food Pantry	22	23
24 11:30 Deaconess 3:30 Deacons 	25 Noon - Last Lent Lunch	26 12 noon Sewing & Crafts Group	27 6:00 BEF Groups	28	29 Office Closed 	30
31 7:15 Early Service						



1 Marianne Jacobsen
 Amelia McCombs
 3 Caleigh Hayhurst
 6 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
 Bob Brandhagen
 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
 Kory & Leah Hotop
 March 30, 2013