

First Baptist Church  
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Return Service Requested

March 2025

Baptist Visitor



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**SUNDAYS**  
9:00 Sunday School  
10:20 Morning Service

**WEDNESDAYS**  
5:30 BEF Meal  
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](mailto: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
26	34	1	34
FEB			
2	35	3	37
9	38	1	43
16	35	1	37



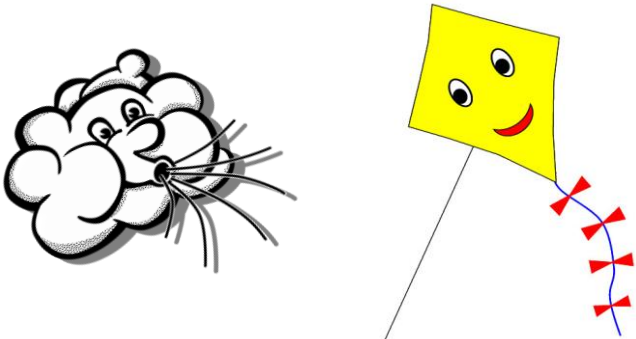
As the winter season draws to a close, congratulations and well done to all who have been involved in athletics, school groups and entertainment.

### *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



## Community Lenten Lunches

Begin March 10, 2025





## From the Deacon Bench



2025, here we are, into Feb. and March already. Did you make a new year's resolution? Or a better question is, if you remember it, are you able to keep it? Work out, lose weight, save more? Maybe just do something better? That could be a good thing. Pray more, put your trust in God more. Live more in Christ.

The Tess put a prayer for the new year in the January bulletin, "new year, new beginnings, and new starts". Try your best to glorify God this year and every year. Have a great 2025 and glorify God.

Don Davis/Deacon Board



# Come to



# B. E. F.

Wednesday Nights – Huiskamp Hall

6:00 p.m. BEF (Building Eternal Friendships) Groups

6:00 Bro/Sis Bible Study



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](mailto:forestlake@mid-abc.org)

WEBSITE: [www.forestlakecamp.org](http://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, Michelle Dorethy, 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), Tess Brotherton, Tom Brown, Jeanne Taylor, Teresa Brotherton, Tim Belmonti

**Family of Spoore,** Steve Roeglin,

**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:**





Dear Church Family,

Greetings to you who are with me in the FOG (the Family Of God)!

I am in the midst of reading four short books that form a series on healthy churches. The books were written by Thom Rainer, a renowned author. My hope is that I (or you) could read these books and suggest ways that we might gain some benefit for the church. The books are the following:

Book Title: *Becoming a Welcoming Church*

Chapter 1—Are We As Welcoming as We Think We Are?

Chapter 2—Confidential Report

Chapter 3—Signs and Sites

Chapter 4—Safe Church/Clean Church

Chapter 5—Greeters, Welcome Centers, and the Welcoming Church

Chapter 6—The Path to Becoming a Welcoming Church

Book Title: *I Am a Church Member*

Introduction: A Tale of Two Church Members

Chapter 1—I Will Be a Functioning Church Member

Chapter 2—I Will Be a Unifying Church Member

Chapter 3—I Will not Let My Church Be About My Preferences and Desires

Chapter 4—I Will Pray for My Church Leaders

Chapter 5—I Will Lead My Family to be Healthy Church Members

Chapter 6—I Will Treasure Church Membership as a Gift

Book Title: *We Want You Here*

Chapter 1—We Really Want You Here

Chapter 2—Not a Place for Perfect People

Chapter 3—We Would Like to Get to Know You

Chapter 4—Where Families Grow Strong

Chapter 5—Getting to Know the One Who Made Us

Chapter 6—Come Make a Difference with Us

Chapter 7—Thank You for Being Here

Book Title: *Autopsy of a Deceased Church: Twelve Ways to Keep Yours Alive*

PART ONE: The Autopsy

Chapter 1—Introduction

Chapter 2—Slow Erosion

Chapter 3—The Past is the Hero

Chapter 4—The Church Refused to Look Like the Community

Chapter 5—The Budget Moved Inwardly

Chapter 6—The Great Commission Becomes the Great Omission

Chapter 7—The Preference-Driven Church

Chapter 8—Pastoral Tenure Decreases

Chapter 9—The Church Rarely Prayed Together

Chapter 10—The Church Had No Clear Purpose

Chapter 11—The Church Obsessed Over the Facilities

PART TWO: Is There Hope For the Dying Church?

Chapter 12—My Church Has Symptoms of Sickness: Four Responses

Chapter 13—My Church is Very Sick: Four Responses

Chapter 14—My Church is Dying: Four Responses

I will bring these books to the next Deacon Board meeting, as well as to the Annual Meeting. We can order extra copies if anyone wants to read these books and give their input. A good portion of these books may not apply to us, but there is enough that is applicable for us to warrant reading them.

Sincerely,

Bob Brandhagen



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2  11:30 CE board	3	4  12 noon Sewing & Crafts Group  4:00 Prayer	5  6:00 BEF Groups	6	7	8  
9  	10  Noon Lent Lunch	11 12 noon Sewing & Crafts Group  4:00 Prayer	12  6:00 BEF Groups	13 9:00 Effie Linquist Circle  6:30 Trustees	14	15
16 3:30 Lionize At McD's	17 Noon Lent Lunch  	18 12 noon Sewing & Crafts Group  4:00 Prayer	19  6:00 BEF Groups	20 9-2 Food Pantry  	21 	22
23 11:30 Deaconess	24 Noon Lent Lunch	25 12 noon Sewing & Crafts Group  4:00 Prayer	26  6:00 BEF Groups	27	28	29
30 3:30 Deacons	31 Noon Lent Lunch	<div>2025</div>				



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