First Baptist Church 25 N. Eighth Street – P.O. Box 124 Keokuk, Iowa 52632-0124

Return Service Requested

May 2023

Baptist Visitor



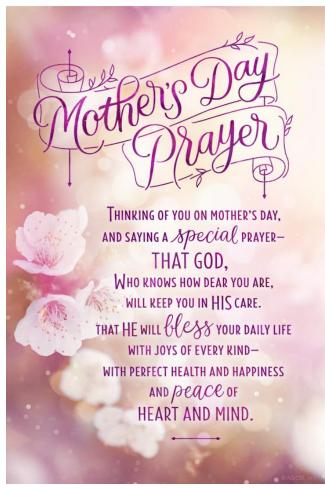
REV. BOB BRANDHAGEN, PASTOR

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SUNDAYS 9:00 Sunday School 10:20 Morning Service





STAFF

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



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

Stewardship

MARCH	SUNDAY SCHOOL	PARKING LOT	SANCTUARY	
26	43	5	45	
APRIL				
2	43	5	43	
9	45	3	45	
	4/9 Sunrise service 65	4/7 Good Friday 8	4/6 Maundy Thursday 10	
16	42	3	42	
23	40	3	45	



...Keep your father's command and do not forsake your mother's teaching.

Bind them always on your heart; fasten them around your neck.

Proverbs 6:20-21

Saturday, May 13 5:30pm



Keokuk First Baptist Church's Annual Mother Daughter Banquet "Down on the farm"

Come join us and wear your favorite bandanna! **Live entertainment** by the gospel group "Anticipation"!

A fun menu of: Pork sandwich, potato salad, chips, veggies, dump cake, lemonade, tea, water.

(There is a 75¢ pop machine.)

A free will offering basket will be available.

Location: First Baptist Church at the Ed. Bldg.

Chris and Erica Himmel with their son Graham out of Hannibal, MO. We look very forward to having them here and seeing them perform. To find out more about them check out their web site at; https://anticipationministries.com



We need a head count. Be sure to call or come by the office to reserve your seat!







MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES EDUCATION FUND

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 2023-2024 school year, you qualify.

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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

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 posthigh school education program.

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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 9, 2023.

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 form; may be picked up in the church office or Tess will mail them to you.

Please feel free to contact me at 524-1576 if you have any questions.

> Marvin Nehre, Chairperson M & M Education Committee



University of Iowa Master of Arts Degree in School Counseling May 12th, 2023

Parents: Mark & Michelle Pfaffe. Sisters: Schuyler Gross & Keegan Pfaffe



Southeastern Community College Associates of Arts May 11th, 2023

Parents: Clint Glasscock & JoLyn Shipman Grandparents: Kurt & Grace Glasscock

For the Graduate.....

You're young, you're invincible, but never underestimate the power of other people's love and prayers. -Tony Snow





May, 2023 Dear Friends,

Signs play a big role in our lives. Many of us look for signs from God as far as what to do in given situations. Someone might be seeking a sign from God about what college to attend, which career path to take, whom to marry, or whether to tell the gps to take the shortest route or the scenic route.

Likewise, signs on buildings are very helpful. They provide the names of businesses, phone numbers, web addresses, and what the businesses offer. Interestingly, in the New Testament the same word is used for *sign* and for *miracle*. For those among us who are impatient, we might get a green traffic light and sarcastically call it a miracle!

Traffic signs are important as well. They tell us about speed limits, number of miles to a given destination, and to slow down for a curve in the road. Comedian Brad Stine jokes about the



WRONG WAY signs that we see on the highways. Stine quips, "Wrong way?! How do they know where I'm going?!"

Well, we have gotten ourselves a new electronic sign. It is getting the word out. It is doing what we hoped it would do, but *not as well* as we had hoped. We are working on it. All in all, it is a big net gain.

The first message on the sign was in December, 2022. Almost all of the messages on the sign are either directly from the Bible, or are scripture-friendly paraphrases. I chose this approach, as opposed to primarily advertising events at church. The reason I chose this approach is that *Only* scripture has the power to change individual hearts and minds. *Only* scripture has authority to save souls, cities, and civilizations.

So far, we have put forty (40) messages on the sign. Twenty-three (23) of those messages are straight from the pages of the Bible. *Only* scripture can break addictive strongholds. *Only* scripture can teach right from wrong. *Only* scripture can bring hope to the hopeless. People are seeing the sign. It is hard to miss. When people are coming from the River on Blondeau, they will get a message from God. A command from God. A promise from God. An encouragement from God. A warning from God. People will see a sign from God, if they will.

Eyes on Jesus,

Pastor Bob Brandhagen



Sunday school teacher appreciation and graduate recognition to be determined.

From the Deacon Bench



I hope this note finds you doing well, and the Lord giving you many blessings. The sunshine to warmer weather, springtime is so full of wonderful things to be thankful for.

Another great thing is Easter, maybe the greatest blessing we can have. God's love in the form of his son. John 12 says blesses is he that comes in the name of the Lord. We can all reap the gift of salvation our Lord and savior Jesus Christ gives us. Not only can we enjoy this gift but we can pass it on, how wonderful if all those we meet and greet throughout our life here on earth would join us in heaven in the presence of our Lord.

Take just a moment of your day to say hi, and maybe an invitation to God's house, you never know when or how the holy spirit will change someone's life.

In Christian love, Don Davis the deacon's board



April's Prayer Requests

Friends & Family: Unspoken Requests, Michelle Dorethy and Family, Ginger Curfman, Barb Collier, Bev Brotherton (eyes), Don Hale, Mark & Kelly Neuendorf, Doris Adkins, Fouad & Noura – Pastor Bob's friends in Egypt, Loza – Fouad's Mother N Law, Sherry Dalton, Carol Ryland, Tom & Betty Dickens, Mike Gibson, Teresa Brotherton, Evonne Case – John, Sylvia, Rowdy Savage, Elsie Sherwood, Minnie Kolditz, Teresa Jefferson and her mom Dolly, Simon Bentzinger, Lois Mlyniec (healing), Abby Schrader, Tim Ayers, Jeanne Taylor, Chuck Williams, Grace Hall, Bill Wixom, Noah (coma), Family of Lucas, Ginger Richardson, Tom Brown's daughter Courtney, Autumn Ferguson, Rhonda Bloyd – cancer, Killian King (Tom & Debby Brown's grandson), Family of Dale Thomas, Family of Angela King Breemeersch, Monica trying to quit smoking Missionaries: Doug & Amy Roeglin and Family, Kristy Engel – Health & Travel,

Family of Tim Nehre (West Nairobi School & Health),

Political: Nations of the World (Ukraine), Stantons in Hungary,

Please pray for Christians kidnapped in Egypt!

The following six girls/women. All of them were kidnapped late last year: Marian Nashaat Samir (16); Marasta Atef Samuel (17); Mariam Osama Nabil (16); Mira Sameh Ghaly (21); Joumana Fady Moussa (14); Nadia Ezzat Fawzy (19),

Global Weather

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	ouy (20	23		
	1	2 4:00 Prayer 5:30 Sewing & Crafts Group	3	National Day of Prayer	5	6
7	8	9 4:00 Prayer 5:30 Sewing & Crafts Group	10	11 9:00 Effie Linquist Circle 6:30 Trustees	12	13 5:30 Mother/Daughter Banquet
14 Nother's	15	16 4:00 Prayer 5:30 Sewing & Crafts Group	17	18 9-2 Food Pantry	19	ARMED FORCES DAY
21 6:30 CE Board	22	23 4:00 Prayer 5:30 Sewing & Crafts Group	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	25	26	27
28 11:30 Deaconesses 3:30 Deacons	29 OFFICE CLOSED Memorial Day	30 4:00 Prayer 5:30 Sewing & Crafts Group	31		8	



- 2 Cathy Derr Shaun Huffman Shawn Daniels
- 8 Lisa Spees
- 9 Evan Bierwirth
- 10 Andrew Glasscock
- 11 Courtney Brown Treyvin Jarrell
- 12 Holly Jarrell Natalie Roeglin
- 13 Pat Baum
- 15 Russell Brotherton Tyran Jarrell

- 16 Brandon Daniels
 Grace Newlon
- 17 Earl Varner
- 18 Jeff Matlock Danielle Brobston Phillip Kaehler
- 19 Alisha Neil
- 20 Linda Thomas
- 24 Amber Helmick
- 25 Abigail Taylor Robert Strohmaier
- 26 Lexys Jarrell
- 27 Kayla Dickens
- 28 James Bogener Kyndra Ryland
- 31 Kendall Rose



Austin & Sujata Almon May 29, 2021

Tom & Betty Dickens May 3, 1969

Clint & Leslie Glasscock May 3, 2013

Yates & Tess Brotherton May 3, 2014

Joe & Merry Powers May 11, 1996 Rob & Chelsey Riffle May 16, 1992

Autumn & Austin Ferguson May 30, 2015

Russell & Teresa Brotherton May 17, 1968

