

First Baptist Church  
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Return Service Requested

November 2022

Baptist Visitor



Come, Ye Thankful People, Come...



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**SUNDAYS**

9:00 Sunday School  
10:20 Morning Service

**WEDNESDAYS**

5:30 BEF Meal  
6:00 BEF Groups



**The Deacon Bench**

*From 2020*

Autumn Reminds Us That Jesus Will Return

“Be patient, then brothers and sisters until the Lord returns. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord’s coming is near” (James 5:7-8).

What a hopeful reminder that Jesus will return. In this scripture for autumn, we see a farmer patiently awaiting his bountiful harvest in season. In the same way, we can rest assured that, just as the harvest will come, Jesus will return. Can you imagine? It will be even more glorious than the autumn leaves at their peak.

Yours In Christ  
Tom Brown  
Deacon

**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

	SUNDAY SCHOOL	Parking Lot	Sacctuary
<b>SEPT</b>			
25	56	5	77
<b>OCT</b>			
2	32	2	46
9	52	8	50
16	31	3	42

**FINANCES**

General Missions Maint. Total  
 Needed each week:

SEPT 3,105.00 721.00 626.00 4,452.00

(Averages include Maxwell Trust expenditures.)

25 2,646.45 365.00 550.00 3,561.45

OCT 3,105.00 721.00 626.00 4,452.00

(Averages include Maxwell Trust expenditures.)

2 4,305.71 362.00 270.00 4,937.71

9 3,261.30 447.05 475.00 4,183.35

16 2,830.19 484.00 145.00 3,459.19

21 2,218.50 534.00 295.00 3,047.50

OTHER TOTALS FOR OCTOBER

Deacon Fellowship Fund. . . . . \$ 83.00

Clauzelle Pfaffe Mem. Med. Scholshp. \$ 20.00

World Mission . . . . . \$ 131.75

OTHER FUNDS TO DATE

Stained Glass Preservation Fund . . \$22,711.89



## December Altar Flowers

It's time to begin thinking about whether or not you would like to provide a poinsettia for the altar this Christmas season. If so, please contact Flower Committee Chairperson Suzy Glasscock at 319-470-9733. More specifics will appear in your Sunday bulletin and the next newsletter!



**October's Prayer Requests** Unspoken Requests, Michelle Dorethy and Family, Doug & Amy Roeglin and Family, Ginger Curfman, Barb Collier, Bev Brotherton (eyes), Don Hale, Mark & Kelly Neuendorf, Doris Adkins, Noah (coma), Family of Lucas, 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, Tom & Betty Dickens, Mike Gibson, Evonne Young – John, Sylvia, Rowdy Savage, Teresa Brotherton, Ginger Richardson, Kristy Engel – Health & Travel, Emma, 3yr old ran over by pick-up, Jeanne Taylor, Nations of the World (Ukraine), Steve's Aunt, Stantons in Hungary, Minnie Kolditz, Teresa Jefferson and her mom Dolly, Simon Bentzinger, Global Weather, Lois Mlyniec (healing), Diana Cook – (Cheryl, her friend had cancerous growth removed), Danielle Allsup & Lonnetta Sutterfield – both medical and both family friends to Dutch,

**Please pray for Christians kidnapped in Egypt!**

Mira Youssef Gohar 23 yr. old woman

Martina Essam Nabil 17 yr. old girl

**“Do not be afraid.... Still others will write on their hand, ‘the Lord’s’.... Do not tremble, do not be afraid” (Isaiah 44:2,5,8, NIV).**



## Pastor Bob's Corner



Dear Church Family,

On October 23 I began a new sermon series. We looked together at Revelation 1:1-3. My plan is to preach fully through the first three chapters of this amazing book that comes as the last book in the Bible. We had just a small group present, so I will review some of the more important points. Whenever you have to miss a service, you can request the sermon manuscript (color-coded!) and the outline. I can mail or email it to you. We record the sermons via Facebook Live. It is saved/archived on my personal Facebook, so just send me a friend request if you want to have the video of that sermon.

What follows is some of the content of that sermon. The Book of Revelation begins with the words, “**The revelation of Jesus Christ...**” (1:1a). We learned that Jesus is the possessor of the Book of Revelation—it *belongs* to him! Jesus is the source of the Book of Revelation—it is *from* him! Jesus is the content of the Book of Revelation—it is *about* him!

We also learned about the name of Jesus. It is not just any name, so be careful how you say it. Never EVER use Jesus’ name in a curse. How else might a person sin by misusing, or taking in vain, that holy, wonderful name? It is not only by using it as a curse word. It is also by making oaths using the Lord’s name. Perhaps also by claiming to follow Jesus, but living a disgraceful life. Any of these words, any of these ways of using Jesus’ name illegitimately, must be rejected.

Jesus’ name is unique and amazing. That name above all names *is* amazing! And unique. Furthermore, we learned that the name of Jesus is loved by billions, yet hated by billions. So, “these are a few of my favorite things” about the sermon from Revelation 1 that I was privileged to preach.

But, one more thing. Since Thanksgiving is coming soon, I decided to see what the Book of Revelation has to say about the word “thanks.” Some form of the word *thanks* occurs just three times in Revelation. In Revelation 4:9 we read, “...**the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever.**” And Revelation 7:11-12 says, “**All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,** <sup>12</sup>**saying: ‘Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!’**” And then we have the final appearance of the word *thanks*. It occurs in Revelation 11:17, “**We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.**”

May you be stuffed with thanksgiving this Thanksgiving! Give thanks and Glory to God, the One and Only, the Only One worthy of our best giving of thanks!

Sincerely Thankful to be Your Pastor,

Bob Brandhagen



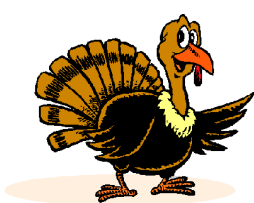
**Freedom** *is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free.”*

# Come to **BEF** Night!



Wednesday Nights – Huiskamp Hall

5:30 p.m. Meals by: Trudy \* Yvonne \* Dutch \* Toni

November 2	November 9	November 16	November 23 NO BEF	November 30
Eggs Hashbrowns Pancakes Sausage Links ½ Orange	Pizza Chips Carrots & Celery Dip Dessert	Chicken Noodle Soup Mash potatoes Green Beans Roll Desserts		Maid rites on bun Chips Mac & cheese Dessert

6:00 p.m. BEF Groups



Christmas cards are available and two year planners will be ordered.



The FBC food pantry would like to ask for your help filling the shelves. The holidays are upon us and we hope to help families out with a nice holiday meal. The food pantry is every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from 9-2.

God Bless You and Thank you so much!



# CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD

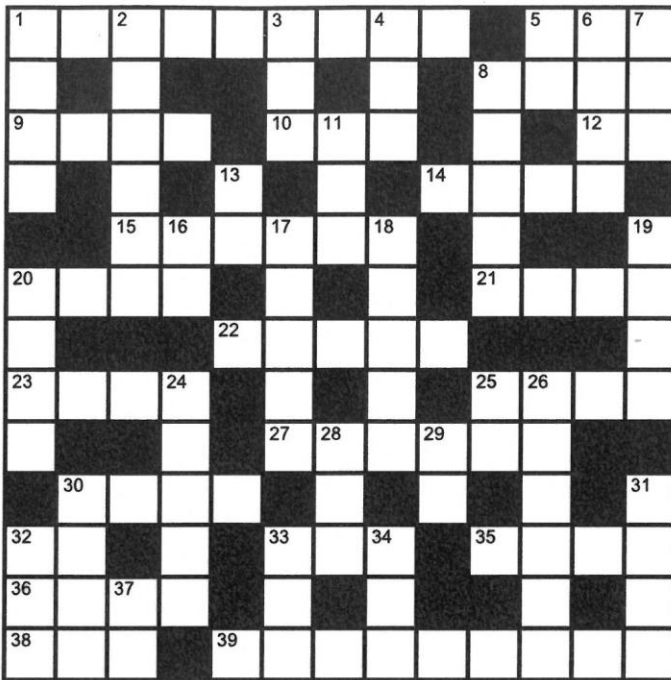
## Across

- 1 Jesus' birthplace (9)
- 5 Herod slew the children of this age and under (3)
- 8 Peter quoted his words on the day of Pentecost (4)
- 9 "A \_\_\_ shaken with the wind" (4)
- 10 "Ye shall find \_\_\_ babe wrapped in swaddling clothes" (3)
- 12 The year from Jesus' birth (2)
- 14 Anna was of this tribe (as recorded in Luke) (4)
- 15 "Behold, a \_\_\_ shall be with child" (6)
- 20 "Fruits \_\_\_ for repentance" (4)
- 21 The wise men came from here (4)
- 22 "He shall reign of the house of \_\_\_ for ever" (5)
- 23 A female ancestor of Jesus, as recorded in Matthew 1 (4)
- 25 The amount of manna to be gathered per person (4)
- 27 He multiplied the widow's oil (6)

- 30 "As soon as the voice of thy salvation sounded in mine \_\_\_" (4)
- 32 An altar meaning witness (Joshua 22) (2)
- 33 To increase (3)
- 35 Malarial fever (4)
- 36 To guide (4)
- 38 There was no room here (3)
- 39 These men went to see the baby Jesus (9)

## Down

- 1 "Mary, of whom was \_\_\_ Jesus" (4)
- 2 Jesus' age when he was taken to Jerusalem (6)
- 3 Jesus did not do this in the wilderness (3)
- 4 Adam's wife (3)
- 5 "Mary was espoused \_\_\_ Joseph" (2)
- 6 "They that \_\_\_ soft clothing are in kings' houses" (4)
- 7 Zacharias said, "I am an \_\_\_ man" (3)
- 8 Grandson of 23 (5)
- 11 A place near Bethel (3)



by Colin

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- 13 "A pair of turtledoves \_\_\_ two young pigeons" (2)
- 16 "That \_\_\_ might be fulfilled" (2)
- 17 "The \_\_\_ of God was upon him" (5)
- 18 Mother-in-law of 23 (5)
- 19 This went before the wise men (4)
- 20 The mother of Jesus (4)
- 24 He was king at the time of Jesus' birth (5)
- 25 "\_\_\_ that one would hear me!" (2)
- 26 Jesus was laid in this (6)
- 28 The spirit did this to Jesus in the wilderness (3)
- 29 Thus (2)
- 30 The first garden (4)
- 31 "Where is he that is born king of the \_\_\_?" (4)
- 32 A priest in the time of Samuel (3)
- 33 A tree of the olive family (3)
- 34 To put into water (3)
- 37 "\_\_\_ angel of the Lord appeareth" (2)



Get all the answers correct in this crossword and get a \$10 Hy-Vee gift card. Simply drop it in the Secretary box on my desk, mail it to me, or email it to me. I have the answer key.

Don't cheat!!!! You can use the bible but not the internet. I will trust you to be honest!!!!




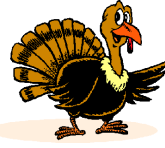




Join together to decorate First Baptist on Sunday afternoon, November 27!

Decoration of the sanctuary and common areas of the church will begin at 3:30 and many hands are needed. Sunday School class decoration will begin about 4:00 or whenever the class decides to meet.

Supper will be served at 5:00 in the Fellowship Hall of the main building, followed by a variety show from 6:00 to 6:30 in the sanctuary.

Please join your church family for this festive time of kicking off the Christmas season, praying together that the name of Jesus would be heard and honored during our celebration of the birth of our Savior.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1  5:30 Sewing & Craft Group	2  5:30 Meal 6:00 BEF	3	4	5 
6	7	8  5:30 Sewing & Craft Group  1-2:30 Finance Committee	9  5:30 Meal 6:00 BEF	10 9:00 Effie Linquist Circle  6:30 Trustees	11--OFFICE CLOSED--  	12
13	14 6:30 CE Board  	15  5:30 Sewing & Craft Group  1-2:30 Finance Committee	16  5:30 Meal 6:00 BEF	17  9-2 Food Pantry	18	19
20 11:30 Deaconess 3:30 Deacons	21	22  5:30 Sewing & Craft Group	23 --OFFICE CLOSED AT 12:30--	24 --OFFICE CLOSED--  	25 --OFFICE CLOSED--  	26
27 3:00 Hanging of the Greens 5:00 Soup 6:00 Program	28	29  5:30 Sewing & Craft Group	30  5:30 Meal 6:00 BEF			



# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Marissa Neil<br>Steve Page                          | 17 Wendy Matlock<br>John Jenkins                    |
| 2 Gage Barnes                                         | 18 Elyse Bierwirth                                  |
| 4 Leah Hotop                                          | 19 Betty Houston<br>Keitha Harker                   |
| 5 Wendy Gilbert<br>Andrew Swanson                     | 20 Paul Weirather                                   |
| 6 Merry Powers<br>Shelby Burchett<br>Waylon Weirather | 22 Ron Scott                                        |
| 7 Ken Mlyniec                                         | 24 Reagan Dickens<br>Erin Foster                    |
| 8 Jan Varner<br>Jamie Taylor<br>Mike Schrader         | 25 Becca Cook                                       |
| 9 Dee Ruddell<br>Andy Wade                            | 26 Jeremy Matlock<br>Ella Maxwell                   |
| 11 Tom Dickens<br>Willie Ackley-King                  | 27 Wade Plowman                                     |
| 12 Bill Seibert                                       | 28 Tim Glasscock<br>Teresa Bogener<br>Dakotae Brown |
| 13 Ivryel McAlexander<br>Garrett West                 | 29 Brent Ryland<br>Michael Glasscock                |
| 16 Alisha Atterberg                                   | 30 Chris Arrowood                                   |



*Happy Anniversary!*



*Tom & Dee Ruddell  
November 6, 1976*

*Steve & Debra Carman  
November 6*

*Travis & Tina Fox  
November 21, 1992*

*Chuck & Carol Williams  
November 23, 1968*

**The newsletter deadline will be earlier for the months of November and December due to the holidays!**