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

**Return Service Requested** 

# #November 2023# Baptist Visitor





Come, Ye Thankful People, Come...



#### **REV. BOB BRANDHAGEN, PASTOR**

rememberjesus@ymail.com

Church Office: 319-524-3684

Website: www.keokukfbc.org

**SUNDAYS** 

9:00 Sunday School 10:20 Morning Service

WEDNESDAYS 6:00 BEF Groups





The Deacon Bench

There has been a lot going on these last few weeks. Israel and Palestine at war, Ukraine and Russia at war, the Auto Workers' strike and the Screen Actors' Guild are still striking. I think we are still having issues on the southern border. Uncertainty must be the word for today.

As Christians we are certain of our future. God loves us and Jesus sacrificed His earthly life for us. When we have faith and let our Father's will be done in our life, we are certain that God has our place in Heaven picked out. No pain, no sorrow, no uncertainty, just peace, harmony and love. What a wonderful future.

Your brother in Christ, Don Davis and the Deacons' Board

# Stewardship

	SUNDAY SCHOOL	Parking Lot	SACNTUAR Y/NURSURY
SEPT			
17	41	1	43
24	36	3	46
OCT			
1	45	5	50
8	31	0	43
15	42	4	49
22	46	4	50





# 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**

Friends & Family: Unspoken Requests, Ruth Ricker, Michelle Dorethy and Family, 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, Family of Minnie Kolditz, Teresa Jefferson and her mom Dolly, Lois Mlyniec (healing), Ginger Curfman, Jeanne Taylor, Grace Hall, Julie Wixom, Tom Rudd, Becky McAlexander, Kathy Coovert, Tom Brown's daughter Courtney, Jackie Saxon, Gary Martin, Chuck Williams, Ginger Richardson, Jeanne Davis, Mike Gibson's mom-Tina, Debby Baum, Rhonda Bloyd – cancer, Killian King (Tom & Debby Brown's grandson), Suzy Glasscock, Mike Burdette (Julie's brother-in-law), Bill Wixom, Jeff Matlock, Missionaries: Doug & Amy Roeglin, Kristy Engel – Health & Travel,

The 0 Edw Notes of Character of Tours

Tim & Erin Nehre (West Nairobi School & Health), Shawn & Teresa Ott (Forest Lake),

**Political:** Nations of the World

#### Please pray for Christians kidnapped in Egypt:

The following 3 were kidnapped May 2022:

Kirolos & Girgis Hakim (7yr olds), Enjy Emad Azmy (22)



#### **Update of Pastor's Army National Guard Situation**

 $\sim$  presented at the third quarter business meeting on  $10/15/23 \sim$ 

### **Army Expectations**

Be at the monthly drills. As a chaplain who is also a pastor, my drill days are Fridays and Saturdays, not Sundays. For all twelve Fridays during the year, I am expected to be at the armory in Boone. On Saturdays, my location will rotate between Boone, Waterloo, and Davenport. I will be present on Saturdays at each of those locations four times per year.

Meet with soldiers for counsel, encouragement, prayer, etc.

Conduct chapel services during Guard weekends.

Be present with full-time staff, officers, and soldiers, as much as possible on the drill weekends.

Encourage the soldiers by being present and engaged, 1) at their annual Army Combat Fitness Test, 2) at their Individual Weapons Qualification range test, and 3) at their Periodic Health Assessment at Camp Dodge. According to <a href="https://militaryonesource.mil">https://militaryonesource.mil</a>, "The chaplain's responsibilities include performing religious rites, conducting worship services and providing confidential counseling. They also advise commanders on religious, spiritual and moral matters, (as well as matters of morale). Chaplains are commissioned officers stationed wherever there are military members, including combat environments."

#### **Training**

be paying me.

*Unit Ministry Team Conferences*—There will be two to three Unit Ministry Team conferences per year. I attended one recently, on a Monday and Tuesday. I was **paid by the Army**. <u>I took two days of vacation</u> from First Baptist so that I could attend.

Annual Training—Every year there is a 2-3 week training. This is **paid by the Army**, so the church would not need to pay me for Annual Training. This two to three week training can be divided into "split training." Chaplain Basic Officer Leadership Course—I am scheduled to attend this course in September, 2024. It is three months long, though those three months can be divided so that all three months are not consecutive. When I leave for this three-month class, **the Army will pay my salary**. First Baptist Church will not be paying me during those three months. Some churches give their pastor a sabbatical. This would be like that, except that the church would not

### Make Sure that the Church Goes Forward (or at least not backward) in my Absence

I think that it may possibly be wise to get an interim pastor for the three months that I will be gone in the Fall of 2024. Before I leave, an interim could be in place. It could be a part-time position.

Thank you for your support in this endeavor. Feel free to call or visit me in the office if you have any questions. Yours in Christ,

CH (CPT) Bob Brandhagen

248<sup>th</sup> Aviation Support Battalion Chaplain

aka Pastor Bob 😊







**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."

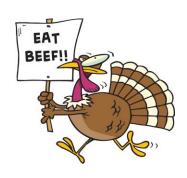


Wednesday Nights – Huiskamp Hall 6:00 p.m. BEF Groups



Christmas cards are available and pocket Calanders are available.







Thank you for the prayers and concern these past weeks. I am feeling much better.

I want to thank Don & Ana King, Pastor Bob & Lisa and Debra Carman for the rides to Quincy, and Phyllis Nehre for the ride to Carthage. I really appreciate you all for taking time from your busy schedules. It means so much to have Christian friends. Thank you, Steve Baum, for bringing communion every month.







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!

## PSALMS OF THANKSGIVING CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Δ	~	-	_	-	•
74	ſ	L.	m	•	•

2. Unto You, O God, do we give thanks, unto You do we give thanks: for that Your Name is near your wondrous d	leclare. Ps 75:1
6. Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His, Ps 30:4	

8. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a noise unto Him with psalms.

10. Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the \_\_\_\_ unto our God. Ps 147.7

12. Praise ye the Lord. O give th	nanks unto the
Lord; for He is good: for His	endures for
ever. Ps 106:1	

- 14. Enter into His gates with thanks giving, and into His courts with praise; be unto Him and bless His name. Ps 100.4
- 16. I will praise the name of God with a song, and \_\_\_Him with thanksgiving. Ps 69:30
- 17. O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon His name: make known His \_\_\_\_\_ among the people.
- 21. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord. and to sing praises unto your \_\_\_\_, O most High. Ps 92:1
- mercy endures forever, Ps 136:2
- 23. O give thanks unto the God of : for His mercy endures forever. Ps 136:26
- 24. That I may publish with the \_ thanksgiving, and tell of all your wondrous works. Ps 26:7
- 25. Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, unto the \_ of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord. Ps 122:4
- 26. I will give thanks in the great praise you among much people. Ps 35:18

#### DOWN

- 1. So we your \_\_\_\_\_ and sheep of your pasture will give you thanks for ever: we will show forth your praise to all generations. Ps 79:13
- 3. And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare His works with \_\_\_\_\_. Ps 107:22
  - \_I will rise to give thanks unto you because of your righteous judgments. Ps 119:62
- 5. Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_, and sing praises unto your name. Ps 18:49
- 7.1 will offer to you the \_\_\_\_ \_\_ of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord. Ps 116:17
- 9. Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; and give thanks at the \_\_\_ of His holiness. Ps 97:12
- \_\_; and pay your vows unto the most High. Ps 50:14 11. Offer unto God
- <mark>13. Save us, O Lord Our God, and gather u</mark>s from among the heathen, to give thanks unto your holy name, and to \_\_\_\_ Ps 106:47
- 15. O give thanks to the \_\_\_\_\_ of lords: for His mercy endures forever. Ps 136:3
- 18. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy \_\_\_\_\_\_ forever. Ps 107:1
- 19. To the end that my glory may sing praises to you, and not be \_\_\_\_\_, O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto you forever. Ps 30:12
- 20. Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto your name: the upright shall dwell in your \_
- 22. For in death there is no remembrance of thee: in the \_\_\_\_\_ who shall give thee thanks? Ps 6:5

Art and puzzles printed with permission from akidsheart.com | © A Kid's Heart





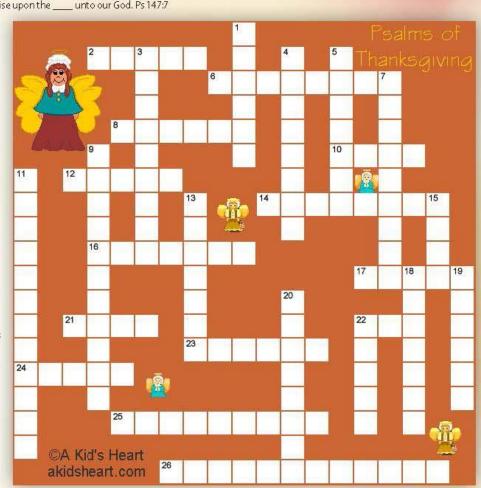


Join together to decorate First Baptist on Sunday afternoon, November 26!

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.

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	THRUSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	0 2	3	1 6:00 BEF	2	3	4 REMEMBER TO SET YOUR LOCKS BACK!
5 Fall Back	6	7 1-2:30 Finance Committee 4:00 Prayer Time 5:30 Sewing &	8 6:00 BEF	9 9:00 Effie Linquist Circle 6:30 Trustees	10OFFICE CLOSED	Veterans
11:30 Mission's Committee 6:30 CE Board	13  NEWSLETTER  DEADLINE	Crafts Group  14 1-2:30 Finance Committee  4:00 Prayer Time	15 6:00 BEF	16 9-2 Food Pantry	17	18
19 11:30 Deaconess 3:30 Deacons	20	5:30 Sewing & Crafts Group  21 1-2:30 Finance Committee  4:00 Prayer Time	22 OFFICE CLOSED AT 12:30	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24OFFICE CLOSED Happy	25  Thanksgiving
26 3:00 Hanging of the Greens 5:00 Soup	27	5:30 Sewing & Crafts Group  28  1-2:30 Finance Committee  4:00 Prayer Time  5:30 Sewing & Crafts Group	29 6:00 BEF	30		3



- 1 Marissa Neil Steve Page
- 2 Gage Barnes
- 4 Leah Hotop
- 5 Wendy Gilbert Andrew Swanson Lisa Brandhagen
- 6 Merry Powers Shelby Burchett Waylon Weirather
- 7 Ken Mlyniec
- 8 Jan Varner Jamie Taylor Mike Schrader
- 9 Dee Ruddell Andy Wade
- 11 Tom Dickens Willie Ackley-King
- 12 Bill Seibert
- 13 Ivryel McAlexander Garrett West 16 Alisha Atterberg

- 17 Wendy Matlock John Jenkins 18 Elyse Bierwirth
- 20 Paul Weirather
- 22 Ron Scott
- 24 Reagan Dickens Erin Foster
- 25 Becca Cook
- 26 Jeremy Matlock Ella Maxwell
- 27 Wade Plowman
- 28 Tim Glasscock Teresa Bogener Dakotae Brown
- 29 Brent Ryland Michael Glasscock
- 30 Chris Arrowood













Tom & Dee Ruddell November 6, 1976

Steve & Debra Carman November 6

Travis & Tina Fox November 21, 1992

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