

First Baptist Church
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Return Service Requested

November 2025 Baptist Visitor



Come, Ye Thankful People, Come...



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SUNDAYS

9:00 Sunday School

10:20 Morning Service

WEDNESDAYS

6:00 BEF Groups



The Deacon Bench

**Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts
Can be counted. (William Bruce Cameron 1963)**

As humans, we often spend time and energy on a variety of tasks that have no eternal value. What seems so important to us at the moment is often not worthy of our time and attention. Lord, help us to put ourselves into your service as we want our efforts to count for your kingdom.

Finally, brothers, what ever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is lovely,
whatever is admirable- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy- think about such things.
NIV Philippians 4:8

In Christ,
Steve Baum

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	SACNTUARY /NURSURY
SEPT			
28	34	3	41
OCT			
5	47	5	41
12	48	3	51
19	34	3	44



“Freedom is not free...”

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, Michelle Dorethy, Joe Ryland – Heart Attack, Wes Davis, Teresa Brotherton, Family of Dutch Salama, Sue Mallory, Mike Glasscock, Tina Gibson, John & Jeanne Taylor, Evonne's son Eric – cancer is back, Mike Gibson, Joe & Carol Ryland, Jeff Matlock, Ginger Richardson, Lucille Starr, Don Hale, June Hahn, Ginger Curfman, Ken Mlyniec, Mark & Kelly Neuendorf, Bev Brotherton (eyes), Tony King - Heart, Julie Ramsey – Brother n Law, Baby Dalton – Organ transplant recipient
Missionaries: Doug & Amy Roeglin, Kristy Engel, Tim & Erin Nehre, Shawn & Teresa Ott (Forest Lake),
Political: Nations of the World



“Elect Exiles Scattered”

~ highlights from the current sermon series in 1Peter ~

“Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who reside as aliens . . .”

1Peter 1:1a—

Dear Church Family,

Some who are accustomed to watching horror movies, might be picturing aliens as skinny green beings with big eyes who land in corn fields on earth in their flying saucers. Online there is a list of the 200 Best Alien Movies of All Time. On the list I saw the film title, “Invasion of the Body Snatchers.”

That was all I needed to see. I decided it wouldn’t be worth any more of my time to look at the other 199 titles. Some comic book gamers live in the Marvel/DC Cinematic Universe. Our God is no gamer. His foreknowledge of all events is no fantasy. Before anything happens in the Universe, God knows all things ahead of time; that is foreknowledge.

God’s foreknowledge is part of His infinite and intimate knowledge of all things, even things that are in the far future. Even things that are not invented yet. Gamers might say that Foreknowledge is the LORD’s superpower. That’s fair. But don’t leave it there. God-in-Christ-Spirit does not have only one superpower. The Triune God has every superpower: Telekinesis, Invisibility, Teleportation, Density Control, Omnilingualism, Time Travel, Elasticity, Light Manipulation, and the list goes on.

Christians—namely followers of Jesus—are “Aliens” and gifted by God. But Christians are not gifted with Superpowers as seen in Marvel and DC. Rather, Christians are gifted with “the full armor of God.”

Ephesians 6:13—**“Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.”**

Long before Santa Claus had Naughty and Nice lists, the Bible had (and still has) Virtue and Vice lists. We’ve talked about Virtues and Vices quite a bit. What are Virtues? Virtues are good character qualities and behaviors. What are Vices? Vices are deeply sinful, destructive behaviors (reb). The “Good Guys” have Virtue, God blesses that. The “Bad Guys” are full of Vice, and God cannot bless that.

In other words, *if* you are targeting your fellow Christians with the five Vices of Slander, Hypocrisy, Envy, Malice, or Deceit, *then* you are harming a beloved brother or sister in Christ. As they say at high school sporting events, when the other team commits a foul, the student section taunts, **“YOU CAN’T DO THAT!”**

This is rough, but take it to heart. It is a quote from Charles Spurgeon that I have revised: Spurgeon said, "There is enough dust on some of your closed Bible covers to write the word 'condemnation' with your finger."

Read your Bible and note the Virtues that you can imitate. Also read your Bible and note the Vices that you **MUST NOT** imitate, but rather run from them for your life.

Until the End,

Pastor Bob Brandhagen

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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.”*

- Ronald Reagan

Come to BEF

Wednesday Nights – Huiskamp Hall

6:00 p.m. BEF Groups



Christmas cards
are available.



THANK YOU from the Grand Theatre Commission

The Grand Theatre Commission would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to First Baptist Church for graciously allowing us the use of the Educational Building on multiple occasions throughout July and August.

The space served as a vital rehearsal venue, where our performers learned their songs and choreographed their dance routines in preparation for the special performance honoring the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Grand Theatre.

Pumpkin Spice Latte

INGREDIENTS

1 cup milk
2 Tbsp pumpkin puree
1 Tbsp sugar
½ tsp pumpkin pie spice
¼ cup brewed coffee
½ tsp vanilla extract

INSTRUCTIONS

In a small saucepan, whisk together the milk, pumpkin puree, sugar, and pumpkin pie spice. Heat over medium heat until hot. Remove from the heat and whisk in coffee and vanilla extract



Warm Spiced Milk

INGREDIENTS

2 cups milk
1 Tbsp brown sugar
¼ tsp ground cinnamon
½ tsp ground nutmeg

INSTRUCTIONS

In a small saucepan, combine the milk, brown sugar, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Warm over medium heat, stirring until the sugar is dissolved and the milk is hot.



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 3rd Thursday of the month from 9-2.

God Bless You and Thank you so much!



Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Muffins

5 from 3 votes

These Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Muffins combine warm pumpkin spice flavors and delicious pockets of chocolate. You will love how quickly they come together and how tender and moist they are!

Prep Time **15 minutes mins** Cook Time **20 minutes mins**
Total Time **30 minutes mins** Servings **12**

Ingredients

- 1 ½ cup [flour](#)
- 1 1/2 teaspoon [baking soda](#)
- 2 teaspoons [cinnamon](#)
- 1 teaspoon [salt](#)
- 1/2 teaspoon [nutmeg](#)
- 1 cup pumpkin purée
- 1 cup [brown sugar](#)
- 1/2 cup low fat buttermilk
- 1 [egg](#)
- 1 tablespoon [canola oil](#)
- 1/2 cup mini chocolate chips plus extra for sprinkling

Instructions

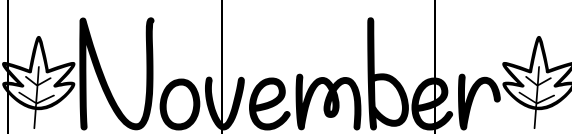
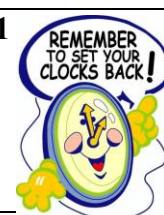
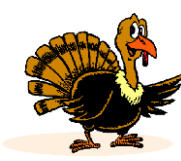
- Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In a small bowl, mix the dry ingredients – flour, baking soda, cinnamon, salt, and nutmeg.
- In a large bowl, mix pumpkin, brown sugar, buttermilk, egg, and oil.
- Add dry mixture to the wet mixture. Stir just until combined, DO NOT over mix. Mixture will be a bit lumpy.
- Fold in chocolate chips.
- Line a muffin tin with muffin liners. Fill each liner about ¾ of the way full. Sprinkle extra chocolate chips on top if desired.
- Bake for 20 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the middle comes out clean.
- As soon as muffins are cool enough to touch, remove from pan and transfer to a cooling rack. Let muffins cool to room temperature.

Nutrition Information

Calories: 185kcal Carbohydrates: 36g Protein: 3g Fat: 4g Saturated Fat: 1g Polyunsaturated Fat: 1g Monounsaturated Fat: 1g Trans Fat: 1g Cholesterol: 15mg Sodium: 357mg Potassium: 63mg Fiber: 1g Sugar: 23g Vitamin A: 42IU Vitamin C: 1mg Calcium: 44mg Iron: 1mg



Join together to decorate First Baptist on Sunday afternoon, November 30!
Decoration of the sanctuary and common areas of the church will begin at 3:00 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	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 11:30 CE Board Nominating Comm. 	3	4 NOON Sewing & Crafts Group	5 6:00 BEF Groups	6 11:15 Prayer Time	7	8
9	10	11 --OFFICE CLOSED-- Veterans Day  NOON Sewing & Crafts Group	12 6:00 BEF Groups	13 9:00 Effie Linquist Circle 11:15 Prayer Time 6:30 Trustees	14 	15
16 3:30 Lionize	17	18 NOON Sewing & Crafts Group	19 6:00 BEF Groups	20 11:15 Prayer Time 9-2 Food Pantry	21	22
23 11:30 Deaconess 3:30 Deacons	24 	25 NOON Sewing & Crafts Group	26 --OFFICE CLOSED AT 12:00 noon--	27 --OFFICE CLOSED-- 	28 --OFFICE CLOSED-- 	29
30 3:00 pm Hanging of the Greens		Deacon of the month is Mark Pfaffe				

NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Marissa Neil
Steve Page
2 Gage Barnes
4 Leah Hotop
5 Wendy Gilbert
Andrew Swanson
Lisa Brandhagen
6 Merry Powers
Shelby Dickens
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!