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Baptist Visitor

FIRST
BAPTIST
CHURCH



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SUNDAYS

9:00 Sunday School
10:00 Morning Service
~~6:00 Youth Group (on hold)~~

WEDNESDAYS

~~5:30 BEF Meal (On Hold)~~
6:00 BEF 5-12 yr. old's & adult groups



Operation Christmas Child

O. C. C. is an opportunity to spread the love of Jesus by sending love and gifts, a along with the Good News of Jesus Christ, to millions of boys and girls in over 100 countries around the world!

This year we are again offering you the opportunity to fill a plastic shoebox for a needy child somewhere in this big, wide world! Anyone interested in doing so, may pick up the needed Information Sheet and Instruction Sheet either at the back of the sanctuary or in the church office. Filled shoeboxes should be in Fellowship Hall by Monday, November 8.

ALL monetary donations (\$9 each) for O.C.C. should be placed in a separate envelope (designated O.C.C.) and either placed in the offering plate or sent to the church office.

From the Deacon Bench

The children are heading back to school and summer is slowly drawing to a close. It seems we are still talking about CoVid and maybe even booster shots. Things are always changing, some for the better and some for the worst. The Bible is always a constant and we are thankful. I would also add that God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are also constant, all powerful and always in control. We are always trying to figure out what changes are about to come into our lives.

As I have been reading through Acts, I hear over and over how the Holy Spirit took control in many different situations. Check out Chapters 11, 12 and 13. Isn't it good to know that no matter what we are going through at any given moment, God can and will send His Holy Spirit to us and He will take control. Everything happens according to His will. Amen.

Don Davis
Board of Deacons



Prayer Chain: If you need to start a prayer chain you may call the office 319-524-3684 or email me at secretary@keokukfbc.org

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

August	Sunday School	Parking Lot	Sanctuary
29	31	2	45
Sept			
5	43	4	37
12	28	5	35
19	33	4	35

INNER LIGHT

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 CORINTHIANS 4:6 KJV

FINANCES

General Missions Maint. Total
 Needed each week:

Aug.	3,654.00	735.00	529.00	4,918.00
(Averages include Maxwell Trust expenditures.)				
29	1,539.00	276.00	155.00	1,970.00

Sept.	3,654.00	735.00	529.00	4,918.00
5	2,566.35	562.00	428.00	3,556.35
12	4,371.00	635.00	450.00	5,456.00
19	1,323.31	304.70	340.00	1,968.01

OTHER TOTALS FOR August

Deacon Fellowship Fund.	\$ 15.00
Clauzelle Pfaffe Med. Mem.	\$ 00.00
Food Pantry.	\$120.00



OTHER TOTALS FOR SEPTEMBER

Deacon Fellowship Fund.	\$ 11.00
Clauzelle Pfaffe Med. Mem.	\$ 00.00
World Mission Offering.	\$ 89.70
Food Pantry.	\$120.00

OTHER FUNDS TO DATE

Stained Glass Preservation Fund. . \$21,563.98

Third Quarter Reports due October 6.

September's Prayer Requests: Unspoken Requests, Michelle Dorethy and Family, Doug & Amy Roeglin and Family, Ginger Curfman, Barb Collier, Bev Brotherton (eyes), Don Hale, Vera Neuendorf, Mark & Kelly Neuendorf, Carl Wixom – Serious industrial accident, Fouad & Noura – Pastor Bob's friends in Egypt, Loza – Fouad's Mother N Law, Sherry Dalton, Tom & Betty Dickens, Kevin (Tess's cousin – Lymphoma), Family of Tim Nehre (West Nairobi School & Health), Carol Ryland, Evonne Young, Maxine Baum, Simon Bentzinger (11 yr. old in Warsaw with terminal cancer), Nathan @ BK, Chris & Valerie, Family of Carrie Johnson



Pastor Bob's Corner



Dear Church Family,

In First Corinthians 10:31 we read, “So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God” (NIV). In Ephesians 3:21 we read, “to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.” In Isaiah 42:8 the Lord says, “I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols.” The glory of God is one of the major themes of the Bible, if not *the* theme of the Bible. We must meditate on God’s glory, tell of it, and live in light of it.

Sometimes, though, we don’t live in light of God’s glory. We settle for a cheap imitation. In my hospital chaplaincy training I first heard of the concept of “Basking in Reflected Glory” or, BIRGing. What does Basking in Reflected Glory mean? *The Encyclopedia of Social Psychology* (edited by Roy F. Baumeister and Kathleen D. Vohs) defines BIRGing as “the tendency of individuals to associate themselves with the successful, the famous, or the celebrated. A baseball fan’s use of the inclusive term *we* to describe the victory of his or her favorite team (as in “We won”) is an example of BIRGing. Mentioning that one has taken a class taught by a Nobel Prize winner is also an example of Basking in Reflected Glory. Other examples include recounting the story of a chance encounter with a celebrity, such as sitting next to them on a plane or dining at the same restaurant, and mentioning that one is related to a famous politician or musician” (<https://sk.sagepub.com/reference/socialpsychology/n59.xml>).

I am a little embarrassed to say that I have done this—I have done my share of BIRGing. It can be sinful, but not necessarily. When your team wins, it’s okay to enjoy their victory, celebrate, and thank the Lord for the little diversions and pleasures he gives us. But if we talk about the “amazing” come-from-behind victory that “we won” (*we* being the Hawkeyes!), let’s take opportunities all the more to BIGG—that is, to Bask in God’s Glory! Let’s be a church that is BIGGer! Let’s write birthday cards, thank you cards, or letters to friends that include one of the “glory” Bible verses above. And let’s shout aloud, “Glory to God!”

In Christ,

Pastor Bob Brandhagen



Thank
you

Thank you for all of the cards and condolences for the passing of my dad!

I appreciate it,
Mike Schrader

Thanks everyone for your prayers and cards, visit from Steve & Pastor Bob, and the flowers from the Deaconesses during my sickness. I appreciate everything! I’m on the way to being healthy again.

Thanks,
Dutch

B.E.F.

Beginning October 6th B.E.F. will begin for 5–12-year-olds in the Ed. Building. There will be prizes for who brings the most guest. At the end of the month who ever brought the most guest for that month will get \$10.

October 20th there will be a pizza party and costume contest with prizes.



Effie Linqvist Circle met on September 9th with discussions about mission projects for the coming year. The October 7th meeting will consist of bringing needed items for shoeboxes.

News was shared about what is happening in the region ABW- ministries. This year's theme is "Let The Walls Fall Down" using the verse from Ephesians 2:14.

For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of division between us.

There is a regional ABW-Ministry event in Marion, Iowa on October 30th. If anyone is interested in going, please contact Dee Ruddell before October 10th.

The regional project is – AMOS – a health organization committed to improving the health in Nicaragua through education and development.

Please think about joining us for our October 7th meeting at 9 am in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church. It is a wonderful way to help with missions.

Family Fall Festival

The FFF has been scheduled for November 7th from 5:30 to 7:00, with Trunk or Treat starting at 7:00. Due to concerns regarding COVID, the festival will not be advertised as a community event. Rather than being a community outreach, this year it will be a family outreach. All church members and their extended families are welcome to attend and appropriate fun costumes are encouraged! Many of the games and food treats that have been part of the festival in the past will still be available, but some adjustments may be made for safety. Fewer people should make distancing possible and sanitizers will be available, but please consider your personal health concerns before joining in this group activity.



October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 8:00 am Men's Breakfast
3	4	5 5:30 Sewing & Craft Group	6 Quarterly Reports Due. 6:00 BEF 5-12 yr. old's & adult groups	7	8	9
10 6:00 Movie Night	11 6:30 CE Board  Columbus Day	12	13 6:00 BEF 5-12 yr. old's & adult groups	14 9:00 Effie Linguist Circle 6:30 Trustees meeting	15	16
17 11:30 3 rd $\frac{1}{4}$ Bus. Meeting	18	19 5:30 Sewing & Craft Group	20 6:00 BEF 5-12 yr. old's & adult groups 	21 9-2 Food Pantry	22	23
24 11:30 Deaconess	26	26	27 6:00 BEF 5-12 yr. old's & adult groups	28	29	30
31 3:30 Deacons  Happy Halloween						



3 Lynn Johnson
Shannon Neil
Nick Billings

4 Martha Isenmann
Olivia White

5 Joe Collier

6 Greg Wirsig

7 Cathy Weirather
Michael A. Nehre

8 Don Davis
Bruce Billings

11 Taylor Dickens
Brianna Newlon

12 Stephanie Ewing

13 Carolyn Baker

16 Priscilla Clinton

17 David Arrowood
Debbie Seibert

21 Kerri Huffman

Teresa McCombs

22 Anthony Glasscock

25 Ginger Richardson

27 Sophia Roberts

28 Max Snodgrass

30 Glenna Dickens

Shawn & Hilary Daniels
October 2, 1993

Bill & Marilyn Wixom
October 4, 1969

Brent & Rita Varner
October 5, 2012

Don & Jeanne Davis
October 6, 1979

Donnie & Tiann Davis III
October 15, 2005

Jeremy & "Shy" Matlock
October 15, 2011

Tim & Sarah Ruddell
October 15, 2011

Chris & Heather Ryland
October 17, 2009

Kurt & Emily Hasson
October 18, 2003

Gabe & Leslie Rose
October 26, 1991