

First Baptist Church
25 N. Eighth Street – P.O. Box 124
Keokuk, Iowa
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Return Service Requested

October 2022

Baptist Visitor

FIRST
BAPTIST
CHURCH



REV. BOB BRANDHAGEN, PASTOR

rememberjesus@ymail.com

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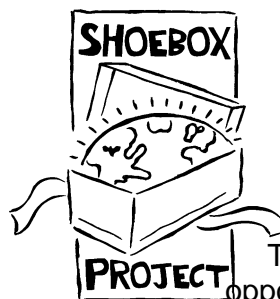
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SUNDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

5:30 BEF Meal
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 7.

ALL monetary donations (\$10 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



In John 16:33 we find Jesus telling his disciples that although they will have trouble in the world, not to worry because he has overcome the world. Jesus saying that he has overcome the world may sound a little surprising here, because when you fast forward to chapters 18 and 19 it doesn't seem like he has overcome the world. If we're honest a lot of times we lose sight of the fact that Jesus did overcome the world and that through faith in him Jesus gives us the ability to overcome as well. Too often we get so focused on the Chapter 19's in our lives, the crucifixion and death of Jesus, that we forget all about the Chapter 20's, which is the empty tomb. I just want to encourage each of you that while we know that we will have trouble in this world hold tightly to Jesus and His word.

Patrick Baum
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 a.m.
 12:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Stewardship ATTENDANCE

| August | Sunday School | Parking Lot | Sanctuary /Nursery |
|--------|---------------|-------------|--------------------|
| 28 | 35 | 5 | 43/2 |
| Sept | | | |
| 4 | 37 | 5 | 40 |
| 11 | 37 | 5 | 42 |
| 18 | 39 | 5 | 33/3 |

FINANCES

General Missions Maint. Total
 Needed each week:

Aug. 3,654.00 735.00 529.00 4,918.00

(Averages include Maxwell Trust expenditures.)

28 2,173.00 175.00 265.00 2,613.00

Sept. 3,654.00 735.00 529.00 4,918.00

4 7,912.77 4,157.05 265.00 12,334.82

11 3,414.00 465.00 235.00 4,114.00

18 1,017.10 295.70 160.00 1,472.10

OTHER TOTALS FOR August

Deacon Fellowship Fund. \$ 134.00

Food Pantry. \$170.00



OTHER TOTALS FOR SEPTEMBER

Deacon Fellowship Fund. \$ 00.00

Food Pantry. \$500.00

OTHER FUNDS TO DATE

Stained Glass Preservation Fund. . \$22,861.17

Third Quarter Reports due October 7.

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



September's Prayer Requests: Unspoken Requests, Michelle Dorethy and Family, Ginger Curfman, Barb Collier, Doug & Amy Roeglin and Family, Doris Adkins, Teresa Brotherton, Kristy Engel – Health & Travel, Bev Brotherton (eyes), Don Hale, Mark & Kelly Neuendorf, Family of Don Hall, Jerry Brotherton, Steve's Aunt, 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, Emma, 3yr old ran over by pick-up, Joyce Wade, Nations of the World (Ukraine), Stanton's in Hungary, Minnie Kolditz, Elsie – 91year old with blockage, Teresa Jefferson, Colorado River, Diana Cook – (Cheryl, her friend had cancerous growth removed), Family of Virginia Lefler, Danielle Allsup & Lonneta Sutterfield – both medical and both family friends to Dutch,

Please pray for Christians kidnapped in Egypt!

Demiana Ayman Talaat - 15 yr. old girl, Nevin Rizk - 20 yr. old woman, Mary Emad Ibrahim - 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).



"With Gratitude for God's Grace, We Give Him the Glory!"

Pastor Robert Brandhagen ~ 175th Anniversary Sermon ~ 9/25/22

GRATITUDE

WGEM TV did a story on this church and its 175th anniversary. But, before I tell you about that, I would like you to hear this amazing story of true gratitude:

Luke 17:11-19 (NASB)—"**While He was on the way to Jerusalem, He was passing between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As He entered a village, ten leprous men who stood at a distance met Him; ¹³and they raised their voices, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' ¹⁴When He saw them, He said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they were going, they were cleansed. ¹⁵Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice, ¹⁶and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered and said, 'Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine—where are they? ¹⁸Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?' ¹⁹And He said to him, 'Stand up and go; your faith has made you well.'"**

So, like I said, WGEM TV did a story on our 175th anniversary. The reporter posed a question as to the reason we were having the celebration. I answered by giving the Cliff's Notes version of the story above in Luke 17. As we just read, Jesus cleansed and healed ten lepers, but only one came back to give thanks. I told the reporter that part of the reason we are having this celebration is to be like the one leper out of ten who came back to thank Jesus. We want to be part of that 10% who are truly living out gratitude to Jesus, who has cleansed us from the leprosy of sin, and who also has been faithful to this church for all of its 175 years.

Note that the cleansed leper didn't just say thank you. If Gratitude is to be a game-changer and a life-changer, then it has to go farther than "thanks" to God. In fact, look at exactly what the healed leper did, beyond saying thanks, to express his Gratitude, he "...turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice...fell on his face at His feet..."

Bottom line, say more than a simple thanks, when the Lord heals your body and soul. With the healed leper, go beyond "thanks" to expressive gratitude.

The newly clean leper was *expressive* in his gratitude, but not showy. This cleansing miracle by Jesus, and certified by the priests (Luke 17:14)—changed everything for the former leper.

Leviticus 13:45-56 (NIV)—"**Anyone with such a defiling disease must wear torn clothes, let their hair be unkempt, cover the lower part of their face and cry out, 'Unclean! Unclean!' ⁴⁶As long as they have the disease they remain unclean. They must live alone; they must live outside the camp.**"

No wonder the Gratitude. He, the man with leprosy, is free! Free to interact in the community, in the temple, etc.

With no longer a bad case of a bad disease, rather the former leper now had a case of Gratitude!

So, Pastor Dale spoke on three of the Gs—God, Grace, and Giving. My task is to speak on Gratitude and Glory. In light of that, let's move from Gratitude to Glory right now.

GLORY

Do we really know what glory is? It can be defined by nine nouns: "brightness, splendor, radiance, greatness, fame...renown, honor, prestige, majesty" (BDAG). Pray with Moses the most dangerous prayer in the world:

Exodus 33:18, 19a, 20-23—"**Then Moses said, 'I pray You, show me Your glory!' ¹⁹And He said, 'I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you.... ²⁰But He said, 'You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!' ²¹Then the LORD said, 'Behold, there is a place by Me, and you shall stand *there* on the rock; ²²and it will come about, while My glory is passing by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by. ²³Then I will take My hand away and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen.'**"

Moses sees God's glory "passing by." This event, a newer version of it, then takes place 1500 years after Moses, in the ministry of Jesus:

Mark 6:47-51—"**⁴⁷When it was evening, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and He was alone on the land. ⁴⁸Seeing them straining at the oars, for the wind was against them, at about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea; and He intended (BDAG [thelo]—wish, want, desire) to pass by them. ⁴⁹But when they saw Him walking on the sea, they supposed that it was a ghost, and cried out; ⁵⁰for they all saw Him and were terrified. But immediately He spoke with them and said to them, 'Take courage; it is I (literally, 'I AM') do not be afraid.' ⁵¹Then He got into the boat with them, and the wind stopped; and they were utterly astonished.'**"

With the words, "He intended to pass by them" as he walked on the stormy sea, Jesus brought us back to the cleft of the rock where God hid Moses from his glory as his glory passed by (Exodus 33:22).

With the words, "Take courage, 'I AM,'" Jesus brought us back to the burning bush where God revealed His name to Moses (Exodus 3:14).

I repeat:

The reason Jesus “intended to pass by them” on the stormy sea was to deliberately bring their minds back 1400 years to Moses, who was sheltered by the LORD while God’s glory was passing by (Exodus 33:22).

So, in Mark 6:48, Jesus “intended to pass by them”—as he walked on the sea, past the disciples in their boat, in a storm.

It was Jesus’ purpose, his desire, and his wish “to pass by them.”

And I repeat once again:

Q—Why did Jesus *purpose/desire/want* to pass by the boat and crew?

A—It was to bring their minds back to Moses, as God’s glory passed by him. In like manner, Jesus passed by the disciples’ boat.

God’s glory passed by Moses.... God’s glory—Jesus himself—passed by the disciples in the boat.... Jesus is God’s Glory!

Conclusion: Jesus, in what on the surface seems to be an uncaring act, passing by the storm-swamped boat, turns out to be making a silent declaration that He Himself *is* the Glory of God!

Will true followers of Jesus see the glory of God one day? Yes!

John 11:40 (Jesus speaking to Martha, sister of Lazarus, who was about to be raised from death)—“**Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not say to you that if you believe, you will see the Glory of God?’**”

Earlier we described Glory with nine nouns.

What does the Glory of God look like when Jesus puts it on? Read Revelation 1:12-16 to find out!



Sincerely in Christ,
Pastor Bob Brandhagen

9-9-2022

Dear 1st Baptist Family:

Thank you for the invitation to attend the 175th Anniversary Celebration Sept. 23-25th. We are sorry, but we will not be able to attend. Please accept our deepest regrets.

Barb and I were active members of your congregation from 1985-2014. When we were both retired, we decided it best for us to move to be closer to family.

When I think of Keokuk 1st I am reminded of how the gospel of Christ was taught and preached and how the pastors we served under from Rev. Ripley, Ed Haun, Pastor Van, and then Dale Thomas helped us grow spiritually and find a place to serve.

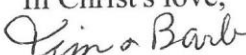
There are so many fond memories while we were there. Our two sons grew up in that church and are now actively involved with churches in their communities. They are fine sons and great loving Godly fathers who are raising wonderful children.

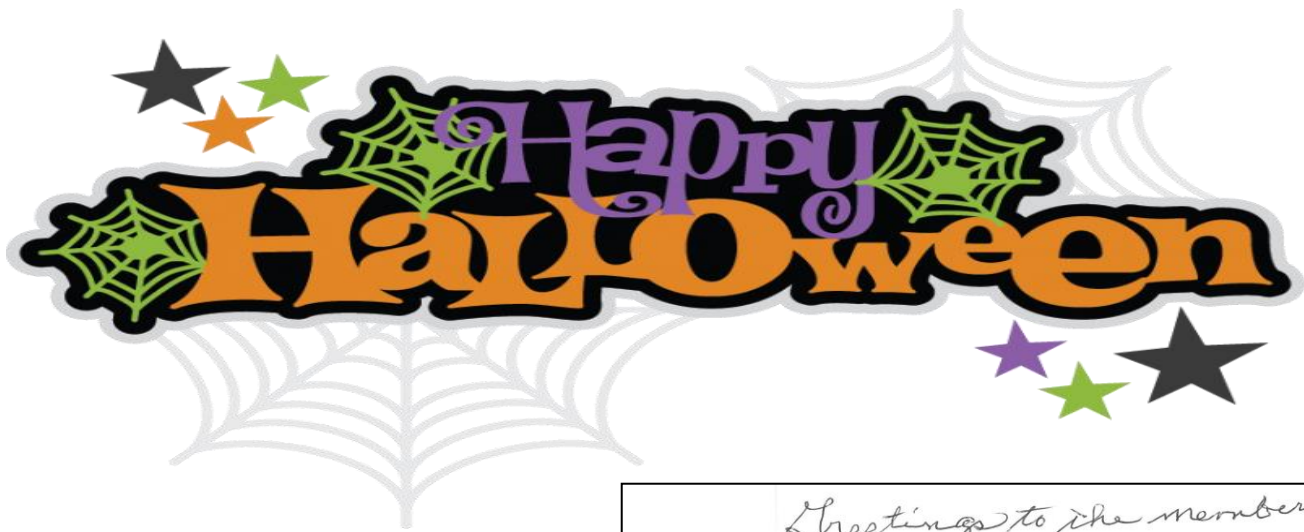
We not only had meaningful worship experiences there, but some fun along the way. Summer Vacation Bible School as well as camping at Forest Lake and many youth group trips and weekly meetings.

Barb and I worked mainly with children and young people activities. The impact this church has provided has helped many receiving churches to be successful. We have always seen this congregation as a mission church preparing people to serve and then sending them.

Barb and I are getting older, but are doing great and we appreciate all your congregation did to help equip us to serve Christ as we moved away from Keokuk.

Have a great celebration and we pray for your church for the next many years!

In Christ's love,

Tim and Barb Patterson
900 S. Perry Lane
Harrisburg, SD 57032



First Baptist Church,
Congratulations as
you celebrate 175 years
of faithful service to our King.
We hope you have a great,
encouraging weekend of,
remembering and celebrating.
New Testament Christian Church

Greetings to the members
and friends of First
Baptist Church, Keokuk,

Dear members and friends of First Baptist Church of Keokuk,
Congratulations on your 175th anniversary of faithful service to the
Lord. You have been a witness both locally and around the world.
There have been missionaries spiritually trained by the Keokuk church
and sent out to many areas of the world to spread God's Word and His
love.

I would love to be with you on this very special occasion but it is not
possible.

I pray that you will have a wonderful and blessed time of
celebration. May God continue to bless you and your ministry.

Royce also sends his congratulations and wishes for a wonderful
celebration.

In the name of our Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ and in His love,
Angie Ripley Jones

The C.E. Board and First Baptist Church
Presents

FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday October 23rd

Family * Fun * Friends * Food

Come Dressed In Your Costume

5:30 pm
Food & Games

7:15 pm
Trunk or Treat

An illustration of a blue car with its trunk open, filled with Halloween-themed items like pumpkins and candy. The trunk lid has a sign that says "GOODIES Yummies". The car has "BOO" written on the front bumper. There are also some pumpkins and leaves at the bottom of the page.

October

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|------------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| |  | |  | | | 1 |
| 2 11:30 Church Council 6:00 Scripture Service | 3 | 4 5:30 Sewing & Craft Group | 5 5:30 Meal 6:00 BEF Kids | 6 | 7 Quarterly Reports Due. | 8 |
| 9 11:30 Finance Committee | 10 6:30 CE Board  Columbus Day | 11 5:30 Sewing & Craft Group | 12 5:30 Meal 6:00 BEF Kids | 13 9:00 Effie Linguist Circle 6:30 Trustees meeting | 14 | 15 |
| 16 11:30 3 rd $\frac{1}{4}$ Bus. Meeting | 17 | 18 5:30 Sewing & Craft Group | 19 5:30 Meal 6:00 BEF Kids | 20 9-2 Food Pantry | 21 | 22 |
| 23 11:30 Deaconess 5:30 Fall Festival | 24  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE | 25 5:30 Sewing & Craft Group | 26 5:30 Meal 6:00 BEF Kids | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 3:30 Deacons | 31  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