

First Baptist Church
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Return Service Requested

OCTOBER 2025

Baptist Visitor

FIRST
BAPTIST
CHURCH



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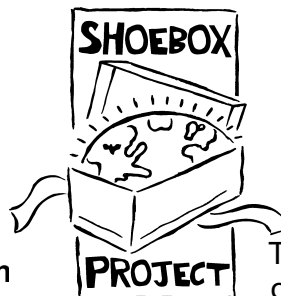
SUNDAYS

9:00 Sunday School

10:20 Morning Service

WEDNESDAYS

6:00 BEF and Bro/Sis



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, or drop it in the secretary's box on her desk (make sure it is marked for what it is please).

From the Deacon Bench

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance... - Ecclesiastes 3:1-3

This reading from Ecclesiastes reminds us that God guides the events of our lives, and that there is a gift from God in every season, or time, that we live in. The very temporariness of the time we live and the transitions we undergo are a reminder of the timelessness of God and the longing for the eternal that God has put in our hearts. "God has made everything appropriate to its time, and has put the timeless into their hearts" (vs 11). This line is probable why I most often hear this passage read at funerals and it is a great choice for a funeral Mass. And yet, this passage has so much wisdom to offer at other times, even as we journey through the seasons of nature. (coauthoryourlifewithgod.com)



In Christ's Love
Tom Brown



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
31	43	4	51
Sept			
7	42	0	45
14	40	3	41
21	42	5	37

INCOME For Gen. Fund	EXPENSES For Gen. Fund
\$ 8,691.39	\$ 6,530.37

INNER LIGHT

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



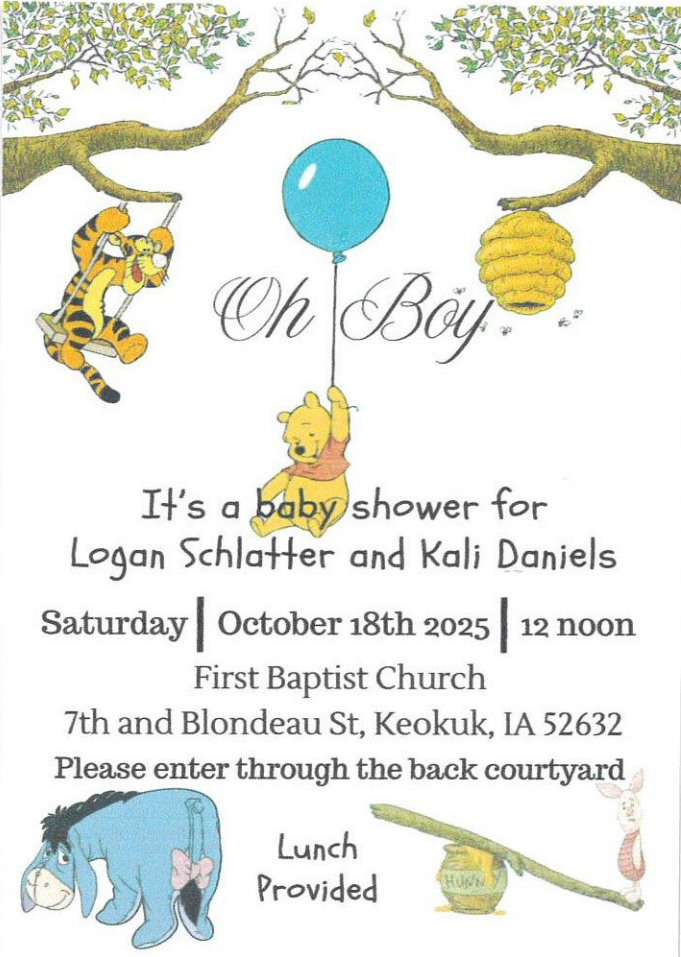
For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 CORINTHIANS 4:6 KJV



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



Guys & Gals WELCOME!



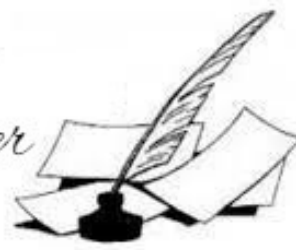
Third Quarter Reports due October 10.

October's Prayer Requests:

Friends & Family: Unspoken Requests, Michelle Dorethy, Tony King - Heart, Wes Davis, Teresa Brotherton, Dutch Salama, Joe & Carol Ryland, Mike Glasscock, Tina Gibson, John & Jeanne Taylor, Mark & Kelly Neuendorf, Ken Mlyniec, Jeff Matlock, Ginger Richardson, Lucille Starr, Don Hale, June Hahn, Sue Mallory, Ginger Curfman, Bev Brotherton (eyes),
Missionaries: Doug & Amy Roeglin, Kristy Engel, Tim & Erin Nehre, Shawn & Teresa Ott (Forest Lake),
Political: Nations of the World
Please pray for Christians being kidnapped.



Pastor Bob's Corner



October, 2025 Newsletter for the First Baptist Church of Keokuk, IA

Dear Church Family,

The one theme that I want to emphasize this month is Jesus's resurrection from the dead. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is not just for the Lenten season.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1Peter 1:3).

2Kings 4:8-37—In this account, Elisha (the successor to Elijah) raised a boy from the dead. You may remember the story: Elisha laid down over the dead boy and **"the boy's body grew warm"** (4:34), and then **"the boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes"** (4:35).

So, why did the writer mention that the boy sneezed seven times, and the boy's body was warming, and the dead boy was opening his eyes? The answer is that the mention of the boy sneezing, the boy's body warming, and his eyes opening, all indicate that witnesses were present to testify that these things really did happen to the boy. The sneezing, the warming body, and open eyes makes the account more credible.

"There are numerous individual and collective resurrections mentioned in the New Testament, including the resurrected Jesus...Lazarus, and Tabitha. Additionally, an unnamed number of "saints" (believers in Christ) were raised from the dead after Jesus' crucifixion" (AI).

Three explicit instances of resurrections from the dead in the Old Testament, were performed by the prophets Elijah and Elisha. All of those who rose bodily from the dead, before Jesus rose from the dead, were—his forerunners. Forerunners of what? Forerunners of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, hundreds of years later.

Jesus Christ is unique in many ways, but he was not unique in being raised from the dead. Jesus was not the first person to be raised from the dead, and he will not be the last. Many others had been raised from the dead in both the Old and New Testaments.

Yet, although Jesus was not unique in being raised from the dead, he and he alone had a unique purpose for being raised from the dead. Among those who had been raised from the dead, Jesus's resurrection—and His resurrection alone—was for the purpose of forgiving human beings of their sins. Until the End,

Pastor Bob Brandhagen

Life Application from Paul's Pen—"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me" (Galatians 2:20, NASB).

Pastor Bob Brandhagen

The CE Board is in need of 2-liter bottles of pop and baked goods for the Family Fall Festival.
Thank You



Thank you so much for all the cards, birthday wishes and gifts! You made my day!

Tess



Thank you to everyone who helped with the 2025 UVBS and the cookies for it.



October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:00 BEF / BroSis	2 11:15 Prayer	3	4 Deacon of the month Steve Baum
5 11:30 CE Board & Deaconesses	6	7 Noon Sewing & Crafts	8 6:00 BEF / BroSis	9 9:00 Effie Linquist Circle 11:15 Prayer 6:30 Trustees meeting	10 Quarterly Reports Due.	11 
12 11:30 church council	13 	14 Noon Sewing & Crafts	15 6:00 BEF / BroSis	16 9-2 Food Pantry 11:15 Prayer	17	18
19 3:30 Lionize At McDs	20	21 Noon Sewing & Crafts	22 6:00 BEF / BroSis 	23 11:15 Prayer	24	25 
26 11:30 3 rd ¼ Bus. Meeting 3:30 Deacons 5:00-7:00 Fall Festival	27	28 Noon Sewing & Crafts	29 6:00 BEF / BroSis	30 11:15 Prayer	31 	



3 Lynn Johnson Shannon Neil Nick Billings Ben Hayhurst	12 Stephanie Ewing 13 Carolyn Baker 16 Priscilla Clinton 17 David Arrowood Debbie Seibert	Shawn & Hilary Daniels October 2, 1993	Jeremy & “Shy” Matlock October 15, 2011
4 Martha Isenmann Olivia White	21 Kerri Huffman Teresa McCombs	Bill & Marilyn Wixom October 4, 1969	Tim & Sarah Ruddell October 15, 2011
5 Joe Collier 6 Greg Wirsig	22 Anthony Glasscock	Brent & Rita Varner October 5, 2012	Chris & Heather Ryland October 17, 2009
7 Cathy Weirather Michael A. Nehre	25 Ginger Richardson 27 Sophia Roberts	Donnie & Tiann Davis III October 15, 2005	Kurt & Emily Hasson October 18, 2003
8 Don Davis Bruce Billings	28 Max Snodgrass		Gabe & Leslie Rose October 26, 1991
11 Taylor Dickens Brianna Newlon			

