

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

Return Service Requested

September, 2023



Baptist Visitor



These plastic shoe boxes will be available in the office for \$2 each. First come first serve. I have 10 left. 😊

REV. BOB BRANDHAGEN, PASTOR

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SUNDAYS

9:00 Sunday School

10:20 Morning Service

WEDNESDAYS

6:00 BEF kids

It's not too early to begin thinking about

Operation Christmas Child



O. C. C. is an opportunity to spread the love of Jesus by sending love and gifts, along with the Good News of Jesus Christ, to millions of boys and girls in over 100 countries around the world! Anyone interested in doing so will be able to pick up the needed Information Sheet

and Instruction Sheet either at the back of the sanctuary or in the church office. (Taking advantage of the current school supply specials will help you to get the most for your dollar!) Completed shoeboxes should be placed in Fellowship Hall No Later than Monday, November 6.

ALL monetary donations for O.C.C. should be placed in a separate envelope (designated O.C.C.)(shipping is \$10 per box) and either placed in the offering plate or sent to the church office at PO Box 124.

August'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, Minnie Kolditz, Bill Wixom, Teresa Jefferson and her mom Dolly, Lois Mlyniec (healing), Ginger Curfman, Julie Wixom, Family of Tim Ayers, Jeanne Taylor, Grace Hall, Tom Brown's daughter Courtney, Noah, Ginger Richardson, Jeanne Davis, Mike Gibson's mom-Tina, Debby Baum, Autumn Ferguson, Rhonda Bloyd – cancer, Killian King (Tom & Debby Brown's grandson), Tom Rudd,

Missionaries: Doug & Amy Roeglin, Kristy Engel – Health & Travel, Tim & Erin Nehre (West Nairobi School & Health), Shawn & Teresa Ott

Political: Nations of the World

Please pray for Christians kidnapped in Egypt:

The following 4 children were kidnapped March 2022:

Bishoy Milad (6yr old - boy), Vivian Fady Saad (17 - girl), Magy Mina Samuel (17 - girl), Youanna Adel Noshy (15 – girl),

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

JULY	SUNDAY SCHOOL	SACNTUARY /NURSURY	PARKING LOT
30	47	43	6
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6	39	42	1
13	45	47	2
20	40	41	5

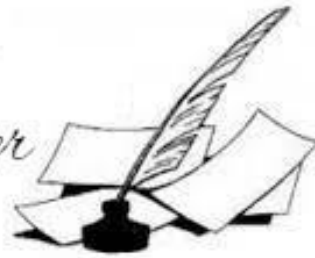


LADIES! WE WOULD
LIKE TO SEE YOU
AT OUR NEXT
MEETING...

and hope, after giving us a try,
you will want to join our group!

The Effie Linquist Circle meets the second Thursday of each month at 9 a.m. in the Prince Room, from September 14, 2023 through July 11, 2024. Our group enjoys fellowshiping (visiting/refreshments) with each other and completes a service project each month, reaching out to not just our church family, but also to other known needs in the community. If you want to be “out there” on a “mission field”, this is a good, local, easily accessed way to do just that! Come along and give us a try – there’s not a better way to “lighten your spirit” than by helping others!

“Do not neglect to do good and to share
what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”
Hebrews 13:16



Bible Verses on *Joy* and *Rejoicing* from Psalms and Philippians

Dear Church Family,

It is so easy to slip and fall into complaining and pouting rather than having joy and rejoicing. In Galatians 5:22 we read that *joy* is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. At times we lack joy, and the other fruits of the Spirit (love, peace, patience, kindness, etc.). In those moments, we are not keeping our eyes on Jesus, we are not abiding in Christ, we are not setting our hearts on things above.

If you or I lack joy, the reason may be that we have not been born from above and have not been saved. But even believers in Christ lack joy at times as well. In those times, though we have received Christ, we are not abiding prayerfully in him. The joy is sapped from us. Talk to Jesus about it. Ask him to restore the joy of your salvation. See Psalm 51.

The words *joy* and *rejoicing* together occur over 400 times in the Bible. Below I have listed about a dozen passages that talk about joy from God's perspective. The 400 occurrences are scattered throughout the Old and New Testaments. For our purposes in this letter, I am limiting the search for Joy and Rejoicing to the first part of the Book of Psalms, and the entire letter to the Philippians. Meditate on them, maybe even memorize some of them.

PSALMS 1-33

Psalm 5:11 (NIV)—"But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for *joy*. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may *rejoice* in you."

Psalm 16:11—"You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with *joy* in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand."

Psalm 20:5—"May we shout for *joy* over your victory and lift up our banners in the name of our God. May the LORD grant all your requests."

Psalm 21:6—"Surely you have granted him unending blessings and made him glad with the *joy* of your presence."

Psalm 27:6—"Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who sound me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of *joy*; I will sing and make music to the LORD."

Psalm 33:1—"Sing *joyfully* to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him."

Psalm 33:3—"Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for *joy*."

PHILIPPIANS 1-4

Philippians 1:3-5—"I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with *joy* ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now."

Philippians 1:25—"Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and *joy* in the faith."

Philippians 2:2—"...Make my *joy* complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind."

Philippians 2:17-18—"But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and *rejoice* with all of you. ¹⁸ So you too should be glad and *rejoice* with me."

Philippians 2:29-30—"So then, welcome him in the Lord with great *joy*, and honor people like him, ³⁰ because he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me."

Philippians 4:1—"Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my *joy* and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends."

I hope you have that joy, joy, joy, joy, down in your heart, down in your heart!
Joyfully in Christ,

Bob Brandhagen

From the Deacon Bench



A couple of years ago I got involved in missions with the Missions Committee. I felt like God had been gently nudging me in that direction for a while, so when Phyllis Nehre asked, I was more than happy to join. I don't know exactly when this all started, but I found myself adding the Saints around the world to my daily prayers. I'm amazed by people like Christy, and the Nehre's who move halfway around the world in obedience to God. Many of our Missionaries put themselves in harm's way to do what they do. And they do it with joy in their heart. So please pray for the missionaries of the world.

Yours in Christ,
Mike Schrader



At the beginning of the year, we had a substantial surplus in the Mission's Fund. I thought at the time that we should spend all of that money! Find a few causes that would glorify God and just get rid of it! After all, it's God's money. Right? Well, we are at that point now. We have depleted the fund to the point where we are considering lowering the amount we send to our people. (Tim and Erin, Doug and Amy, Christy, and Forest Lake) So, now we need to find some money to finish the year well, honoring our commitments. I'm asking, and in a few weeks, we will be asking from the pulpit for your support. Would you consider helping us? I know money is tight for many because of the economy. My house is feeling it too. Please prayerfully consider from your heart to give just a little bit more.

Yours in Christ,
Mike Schrader & Phyllis Nehre

ATTENTION

We have weekly staff meetings every Monday at 10:15 a.m. If you call the office between 10:15 – 10:45, you will need to leave a message please. If it is an urgent matter then please text the Pastor or Tess.

Thank You



Back to school blessing

Dear Heavenly Father,

For all the children returning to school, send your Holy Spirit as their guide and protector.

Keep them free from danger and unnecessary harm.
Put our sons and daughters in the right place, at the right time, to receive your grace.
Let them learn and grow strong. May the presence of your Spirit fill their hearts.
Help us to mature as parents and caregivers.

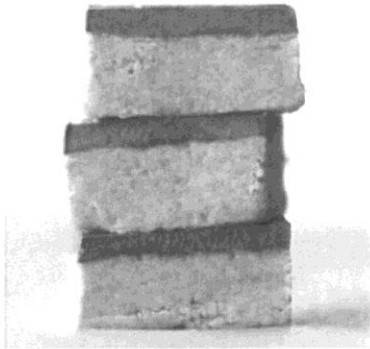
Bless every family, oh Lord.

We entrust our children to you, dear God.
Since from the beginning, they are yours to keep.

In the name of the greatest Son of all, Jesus Christ.

Amen.





No-Bake Chocolate Peanut Butter Bars

★★★★★4.9 from 128 reviews

Author: [Sally](#) **Prep Time:** 10 minutes **Cook Time:** 0 minutes **Total Time:** 2 hours, 10 minutes
Yield: 20-24 squares

These no-bake chocolate peanut butter bars are incredibly decadent and made from only 5 ingredients.

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup (8 Tbsp; 113g) **salted butter**, melted*
- 1 cup (120g) **graham cracker crumbs** (about 8 full sheet graham crackers)*
- 2 cups (240g) **confectioners' sugar**
- 1 cup + 2 Tablespoons (280g) **creamy peanut butter**, divided
- 1 cup (180g) semi-sweet **chocolate chips**

Instructions





1. Line an 8-inch or 9-inch square baking pan with aluminum foil or parchment paper. Set aside.
2. Mix the melted butter, graham cracker crumbs, and confectioners' sugar together in a medium bowl. Stir in 1 cup (250g) of peanut butter, then press evenly into prepared baking pan.
3. Melt remaining 2 Tablespoons of peanut butter with the chocolate chips in the microwave or on the stove. Stir until smooth. Spread over peanut butter layer.
4. Chill in the refrigerator until completely firm, at least 2 hours. Allow to sit at room temperature for 10 minutes before cutting. Serve chilled. Setting them out for a few hours at room temperature for serving is OK.
5. Cover leftover bars tightly and refrigerate for up to 1 week.

Notes

1. **Freezing Instructions:** Cover bars tightly, as a whole or cut into individual squares, and freeze for up to 3 months. I simply line the squares in a freezer-friendly container between sheets of parchment paper. Thaw overnight in the refrigerator before serving.
2. **Special Tools** (affiliate links): [8-inch Square Baking Pan](#) or [9-inch Square Baking Pan](#) | [Glass Mixing Bowls](#) | [Rubber Spatula](#)
3. **Butter:** Unsalted butter can be used instead. Add 1/4 teaspoon salt with the peanut butter in step 2.
4. **Peanut Butter:** For best texture, I strongly suggest a processed creamy peanut butter such as Jif or Skippy. I do not recommend oily or natural style peanut butter for this recipe. You can use chunky-style peanut butter, though the bars can get a little crumbly.
5. **Graham Crackers:** Don't have graham crackers where you live? Use 120g ground digestive biscuits instead (about 8 biscuits).
6. This recipe was updated in 2019 with more confectioners' sugar and peanut butter to produce thicker bars.

Find it online: <https://sallysbakingaddiction.com/no-bake-chocolate-peanut-butter-bars/>



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2023					1	2
3	4 OFFICE CLOSED  Labor Day	5 4:00 Prayer Time 5:30 Sewing & Crafts Group	6 6:00 BEF	7	8	9
10 11:30 Church Council 6:30 CE Board Baptism (2) Student/Teacher Recognition National Grandparents Day 	11	12 4:00 Prayer Time 5:30 Sewing & Crafts Group	13 6:00 BEF 	14 9:00 Effie Linguist Circle 6:30 Trustees	15	16 6-8 Suzy Glasscock's Bonfire
17 11:30 Deaconesses	18	19 4:00 Prayer Time 5:30 Sewing & Crafts Group	20 6:00 BEF	21 9-2 Food Pantry	22	23 
24 3:30 Deacons	25	26 4:00 Prayer Time 5:30 Sewing & Crafts Group	27 6:00 BEF	28	29	30



2 James Glasscock
Logan Dorethy
Layden King
3 Ja' Braun Reed
5 Rusty Spees
6 Ava Law
9 Toni Glasscock
10 Doug Roeglin
12 Sam Glasscock
Tess Brotherton
14 Julia Knustrom
Elizabeth Cook
Grace Glasscock
15 Liz Swanson

17 Emily Powers
18 Bobbi Lutzen
Danielle Glasscock
Jo Lyn Shipman
Bobby King
Jacob Young
19 Leslie Glasscock
20 Minnie Kolditz
Dale Thomas
Christian Cook
21 Marvin Nehre
22 John Taylor
Izabella Huffman
24 William Shipman
29 Steve Baum
30 Danny Ryland

Scott & Becca Jones
September 1, 2012

Robert & Pam Strohmaier
September 3, 1971

John & Jeanne Taylor
September 4, 1971

Ethan & Alexis Hotop
September 12, 2015

Sean & Danielle Brobston
September 14, 1991

Kayla & Andy Clark
September 19, 2015

Grant & Michelle Phillips
September 21, 2002

Phil & Courtney Kaehler
September 21, 2013

Due to Tess being on vacation the newsletter
deadline will be on September 13.