

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

Return Service Requested

September, 2024



Baptist Visitor



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

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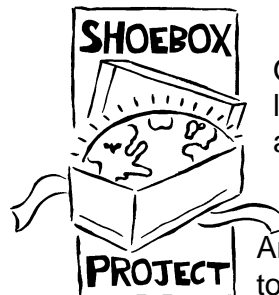
SUNDAYS

9:00 Sunday School
10:20 Morning Service

WEDNESDAYS

6:00 BEF kids
BroSis Adult Bible Study

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 Friday, 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, Michelle Dorethy, Jeff Matlock, Jeanne Davis, Ginger Richardson, Tom Rudd, Suzy Glasscock, Ginger Curfman, Bob & Barb Collier, Bev Brotherton (eyes), Mark & Kelly Neuendorf, Jeanne Taylor, Teresa Brotherton,

The Cook Family with the passing of Harvey,

Missionaries: Doug & Amy Roeglin, Kristy Engel, Tim & Erin Nehre, Shawn & Teresa Ott (Forest Lake),

Political: Nations of the World

Please pray for Christians kidnapped in Egypt:

Mariana Taniow Al-Shayeb Shahat, 17 yr. old 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
28	39	42	4
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4	46	59	7
11	41	48	5
18	43	47	6



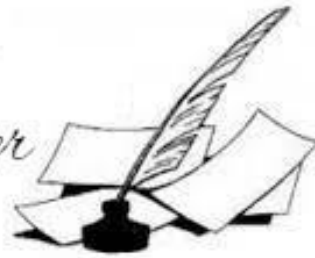
LADIES! WE WOULD
LIKE TO SEE YOU
AT OUR NEXT
MEETING...

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 12, 2024 through May 8, 2025. 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

Pastor Bob's Corner



Dear Church Family,

As I write this article, I am back. I am back in the pastor's study after my three months at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. The course that I took (and passed) was the Chaplain's Basic Officer Leadership Course. You may be asking, "What is that?!" According to The US Army Institute for Religious Leadership, the definition of CHBOLC is, "an intensive, outcomes-based, entry-level, initial military training process for newly accessioned chaplain and chaplain candidates." Alrighty then.

Approximately eighty-five male and five female soldiers populated the program, seeking to become Army chaplains. We each had our own hotel room/suite. Holiday Inn and Candlewood Suites were two of the hotels on base. Safe to say all of us missed our friends and family back home.

Mondays through Fridays we went to an outdoor physical training field, arriving at 5:15 a.m. First we did calisthenics and stretching. Then we worked out with two-mile runs, or sprints, etc. At the three or four gymnasiums on post, we sometimes worked out indoors. On some days, we had to get up at 2:00 or 3:00 a.m., if there was a special event, like a ten-mile ruck march that had to be done before the weather got hot and humid. By about 7:00 a.m. we were done and went to breakfast. Typically, we were told to get breakfast, do hygiene (i.e., take a shower), and somehow walk or run to class a quarter of a mile away by 8:15.

Classes usually went until 4:00, sometimes earlier or later. Some students called the lectures "Death-by-Power-Point." Falling asleep in class was a big no-no. If any of the students were falling asleep, it was acceptable to stand at the back of the classroom to keep from dozing. I availed myself often of that option.

In the evenings, I called Lisa, did my homework, including writing the required papers, and tried not to go to bed too late. I had a t.v. but never turned it on, not even during the Olympics. Meeting with Lisa, and meeting with the Lord in prayer were daily highlights.

The food was served in a dining facility ("the DFac"). The meals were excellent. For the first month we were treated like 18-year-old basic trainees. We were in formation and marched in cadence to and from the DFac three times daily. After the first month we no longer had drill sergeants marching us to our meals. At that point, we were free to eat in our rooms, whatever we might have picked up at Walmart. Or we could get the DFac meals to-go. But enough about food.

I was the oldest student in the class. One other man, a rabbi, was six months younger than I. I made a lot of mistakes, as did all of us who did not have "prior service" in the military. Several of my classmates and I became friends. The classmates who did have prior service were very helpful to those of us who did not.

All in all, it was a very difficult three months. I almost quit. There were many moments of desperation. I was not suicidal, not by any means. But the desperation seemed to almost be a kind of despair that was close to being such as I had not experienced since the death of my brother in 2005. But the Lord gave me Lisa to talk to each night. And I, in turn, talked to the Lord. On the bright side, my prayer life grew as never before.

In future newsletter articles, I will give updates about my service with the Iowa National Guard. I want to express my thanks to Patrick Baum, who served as interim pastor. Many thanks to the deacons and the entire congregation for unanimously voting to support this endeavor which I have documented above.

I have never been so happy to come home to Iowa, to Lisa, and to all of you at First Baptist Church.

With Love to Y'all,

Pastor Bob

"Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus" (2Timothy 2:3, NIV).

From the Deacon Bench

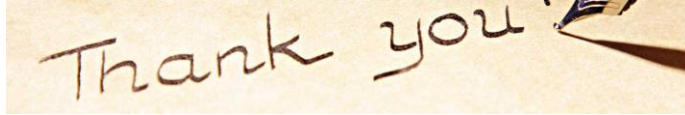


God has given us so many blessings and things to be thankful for, yet we always want something else or something different. Many times, God is merciful and gives us what we are asking Him for and He answers our prayers. Sometimes He answers but not always in the way we want.

My children's message this week was simple and to the point; it came off the back of a dollar bill. Just "Trust in God". The song at the close of the morning service said it best "trust and obey for there is no other way".

Enjoy the day and give your troubles to Him. He will always take care of you.

Don Davis
The Deacon's Board



Dear First Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of the money that you received for providing delicious meals served at the Lenten Luncheons. Your mission in serving those meals & then donating back to the Keokuk Homeless Alliance is a great blessing to the community. We anticipate the warming center to be open this fall.

Blessings upon you,
Keokuk Homeless Alliance



Thank you to everyone who helped with the
2024 UVBS and cookies for UVBS!

Thank you to my crew;

Abigale Taylor
Debby Baum
Pat Salama
Kali Daniels
Abby Schrader
Hilary Daniels
Sally Brotherton
Russell Brotherton
And Frankie



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.





Ham and Cheese Pinwheels



Ingredients

YIELDS: 36 serving(s) PREP TIME: 20 mins TOTAL TIME: 1 hr

Cooking spray
2 oz. cream cheese, softened
2 Tbsp. prepared ranch dressing
2 green onions, finely chopped
2 (8-oz.) packages crescent roll sheets
1 c. shredded sharp cheddar cheese, divided
1 c. shredded gruyere cheese, divided
8 ounces thinly sliced deli ham, divided
1 large egg, lightly beaten
1 tsp. poppy seeds

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 375°F. Spray a 13-by9-inch baking pan with cooking spray and line with parchment paper.
2. In a medium bowl, mix together the cream cheese, ranch dressing, and green onion.
3. On a very lightly floured cutting board, unroll 1 crescent roll sheet. Keep the other sheet refrigerated until ready to use. Use a rolling pin to roll the sheet into an even rectangle, around 12-by-8 inches, with the long sides parallel to the counter.
4. Spread half of the cream cheese mixture over the surface of the sheet, leaving a 1-inch border clean on the long side furthest from the edge of the counter. 4 Tip: The ham, cheddar, and gruyere cheese can easily be substituted for any other deli favorites including turkey, roast beef, Colby jack, havarti, or gouda. Maintaining the 1-inch border and in individual layers, sprinkle ½ cup of the cheddar cheese and ½ cup of the gruyere cheese over the cream cheese. Lay half of the ham in a single layer on top of the cheese, overlapping if necessary. Brush the clean border with the egg wash.
5. Starting with the long edge closest to the counter, roll the crescent roll sheet into a log, using the side of the crescent roll sheet that has egg wash to pinch and seal the log closed.
6. Wrap the log with plastic wrap and chill in the refrigerator for at least 1 hour or up to 12 hours. Repeat with the remaining crescent roll sheet, cream cheese mixture, cheeses, and ham
7. Unwrap one chilled log and place it on a cutting board. Using a serrated knife, trim the ends of each log and slice each log into 12 rounds. Place the slices into the prepared baking pan. Brush the pinwheels with egg wash and sprinkle with the poppy seeds.
8. Bake until the pinwheels are puffy and golden brown, about 30 minutes. Allow to cool for 5 minutes before serving.

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September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 OFFICE CLOSED  Labor Day	3	4 6:00 BEF & Adult Bible Study	5	6	7
8 1:00 CE Board	9	10 Noon: Sewing & Crafts Group	11  6:00 BEF & Adult Bible Study	12 9:00 Effie Linquist Circle 6:30 Trustees	13	14
15	16	17 Noon: Sewing & Crafts Group	18 6:00 BEF & Adult Bible Study	19 9-2 Food Pantry	20  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21
22 11:30 Deaconesses  Fall Begins	23	24 Noon: Sewing & Crafts Group	25 6:00 BEF & Adult Bible Study	26	27	28
29 3:30 Deacons	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 Dale Thomas
- Christian Cook
- 21 Marvin Nehre
- 22 John Taylor
- Izabella Huffman
- 24 William Shipman
- 29 Steve Baum
- 30 Danny Ryland

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| Scott & Becca Jones
September 1, 2012 | Sean & Danielle Brobston
September 14, 1991 |
| Robert & Pam Strohmaier
September 3, 1971 | Grant & Michelle Phillips
September 21, 2002 |
| John & Jeanne Taylor
September 4, 1971 | Phil & Courtney Kaehler
September 21, 2013 |
| Ethan & Alexis Hotop
September 12, 2015 | |