

First Baptist Church
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Return Service Requested

September, 2025



Baptist Visitor



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

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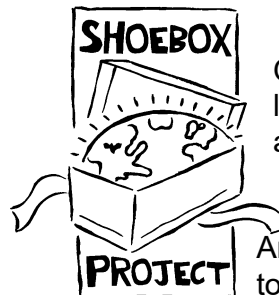
SUNDAYS

9:00 Sunday School
10:20 Morning Service

WEDNESDAYS

6:00 BEF kids
Bro/Sis 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 Sunday, November 9.

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, Wes Davis, Teresa Brotherton, Dutch Salama, Joe & Carol Ryland, Jeff Matlock, Ginger Richardson, Teresa Glasscock, Lucille Starr, Ginger Curfman, Ken Mlyniec, Don Hale, Mark & Kelly Neuendorf, Bev Brotherton (eyes), John & Jeanne Taylor, Tony King - Heart,

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

Political: Nations of the World

Please pray for Christians kidnapped in Egypt.

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
27	52	51	4
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3	30	29	0
10	30	40	4
17	43	46	0
24	32	43	3

Income	\$20,862.83
Expenses	\$23,528.64
Mudd Loan	\$1400.00

Register Report
This quarter so far



Labor Day

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 11, 2025 through May 14, 2026. Our group enjoys fellowshipping (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



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.



September, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Recently I preached a two-part series called, “The Prayer Life of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke.” The idea for this mini-series came from a seminary professor, Dr. Bill Cook, years back.

Luke 18:1-8 (NIV)—“Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ² He said: ‘In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³ And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea,’ “Grant me justice against my adversary.”

⁴ “For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

⁶ “And the Lord said, ‘Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸ I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?’”

In Luke 18:1 we read (again), “Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.” The word *should* is better translated, ‘necessary’ or ‘must’ (LN71.34). “Necessary” or “must” is better than “should.”

So, instead of saying, “...they *should* always pray,” it is better to say, “they *must* always pray.”

Prayer is *necessary*, so we *must* pray. It is a *must*, not a *should*. On another note, let’s begin to think about our own personal prayer and Bible reading times as *less* something we do, and *more* Someone we meet!

The end of Luke 18:1 says, “Always pray and not give up.” This means not losing enthusiasm, nor being discouraged, nor afraid” (BDAG).

I played freshmen basketball in high school. It was a big school, my class was over 500, so lots of competition, just to make the team, much less get playing time. I loved to play, but I was *only* 5’2” back then. The other guys were *bigger and stronger*. Many of them were in the *in-group*, and many of them were *bullies*. I had a *big mouth* but couldn’t back it up. I led the team in free throw percentage when we had a contest, but when you sit on the bench, you never go to the line. I became discouraged, I lost enthusiasm, I gave up. Don’t let that happen to your prayer life.

Q—How can we avoid discouragement in our prayer lives? How can we not give up?

A—Pray with others in a group, especially with mature believers whom you can imitate and learn from.

A—Write down confessions of sin, requests, praises to God, and the names of those in need of salvation.

A—Keep a journal or spiral notebook, to record prayers and answers to prayer. This can be very helpful.

A—Let others hear your answers to prayer.

Until the End,

Pastor Bob Brandhagen



Psalm 51:12

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and up hold me with your generous spirit.

A very, very special thank you to all who sent cards, well wishes and prayers during my time of surgery and recovery.
I love my church family!

Dee Ruddell

From the Deacon Bench

WISDOM



We May know people who we say are wise or possess wisdom. They may be able to help you solve life's problems easily or cause you to say, "I wish I had said that".

During the month of August, the wisdom of Solomon was read from the pulpit. As you heard Solomon's words, did you say, "I wish I had said that" or "I wish I had heard that years ago"?

We don't know, but we can picture Solomon sharing his God given wisdom with his children or those within his kingdom.

Those words, written years before Christ were appreciated then, and they still are today. Consider beginning your day with some wisdom from Solomon.

Proverbs 16:3 from the New Living Bible says, "Commit your actions to the Lord, and your plans will succeed".

In Christ Love,
Marvin Nehre



B.E.F. Kick-off

Join us Wednesday September 3, 2025 at
5:00pm as we will be celebrating the new
school year!

Youth meet at the ED building and adults
meet in the Prince Room at 6pm.



Going forward please have any information you wish
to put in the newsletter turned in by the deadline!

Thank you and have a safe Labor Day.



Ham and Cheese Pinwheels



Ingredients

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




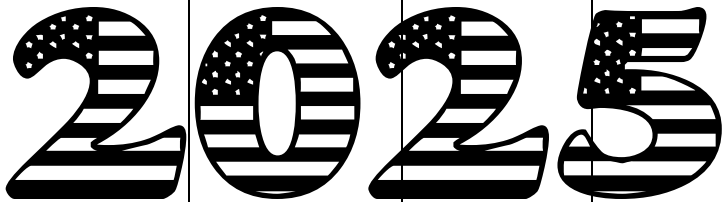
Cooking spray
2 oz. cream cheese, softened
2 Tbsp. prepared ranch dressing
2 green onions, finely chopped
2 (8-oz.) packages crescent roll sheets
1 c. shredded sharp cheddar cheese, divided
1 c. shredded gruyere cheese, divided
8 ounces thinly sliced deli ham, divided
1 large egg, lightly beaten
1 tsp.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

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.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
September Deacon Tom Brown	1 OFFICE CLOSED  Labor Day	2	3 6:00 BEF & Adult Bible Study	4 11:15 Prayer Time	5	6
7 9:00 Promotions & Teacher Recognition 11:30 CE Board Deaconesses HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY	8	9 Noon: Sewing & Crafts Group	10 6:00 BEF & Adult Bible Study	11 9:00 Effie Linguist Circle 11:15 Prayer Time 6:30 Trustees	12	13
14	15	16 Noon: Sewing & Crafts Group	17 6:00 BEF & Adult Bible Study	18 9-2 Food Pantry 11:15 Prayer Time	19 	20
21 3:30 Lionize At McD's	22 	23 Noon: Sewing & Crafts Group	24 6:00 BEF & Adult Bible Study	25 11:15 Prayer Time	26	27
28 11:30 Deaconesses 3:30 Deacons	29	30 Noon: Sewing & Crafts Group				



- 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

- 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