

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

Return Service Requested

September, 2026



Baptist Visitor



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

REV. BOB BRANDHAGEN, PASTOR

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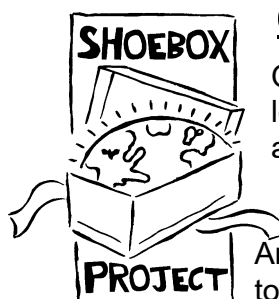
SUNDAYS

9:00 Sunday School
10:20 Morning Service
6:00 BroSis grades 7-adult

WEDNESDAYS

6:00 BEF kids grades k-6

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 8.

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, Tina Gibson, Teresa Brotherton, Mike Gibson, Ken Mlyniec – heart valve, Joe (heart attack) & Carol Ryland, Lucille Starr, Tony King, Debra Letcher (grandson 19 with serious heart problem), Clark Adkins, Ginger Curfman, Jeff Matlock, Ginger Richardson, Mark & Kelly Neuendorf, Bev Brotherton (eyes), Wendy Kelly, John & Jeanne Taylor, Janet Corrington – husband sick, Julee Wixom, Mark Russell – Heart, Don Hale, June Haun & Linda Fox, Barb Bryant, Nita Sams (Grace Glasscock's sisters),
Missionaries: Doug & Amy Roeglin, Kristy Engel, Tim & Erin Nehre, Shawn & Teresa Ott (Forest Lake)

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
26	46	41	1
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2	45	41	5
9	33	36	3
16	36	35	0
23	46	50	2

Income	\$15,278.09
Expenses	\$19,343.20

Register Report
This quarter so far



HAPPY GRANDPARENT'S DAY!



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 10, 2026 through May 13, 2027. 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





September, 2026

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.

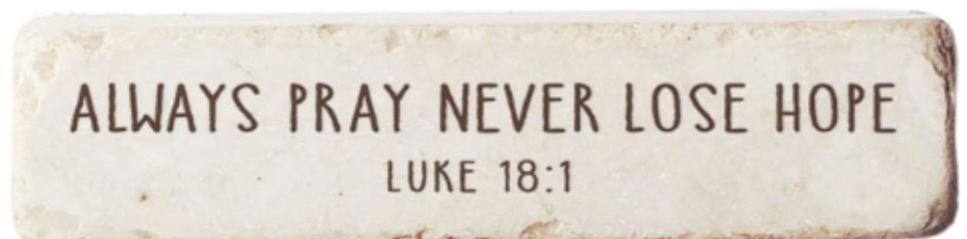
A—Write down confessions of sin, requests, praises to God, and the names of those in need of salvation.

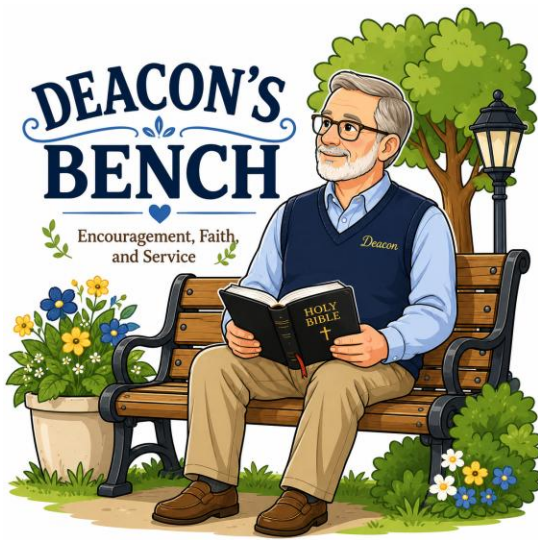
A—Keep a journal or spiral notebook, to record prayers and answers to prayer. This can be very helpful.

A—Let others hear your answers to prayer.

Until the End,

Pastor Bob Brandhagen





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

The
Ladies Aid Society
of
First Baptist Church, Keokuk, IA

Some members from 1902

Mrs. E.L. Baker – 623 N. 4th
Miss Sarah Burk – 1111 Johnson
Mrs. Ed Bishop – 1028 Blondeau
Mrs. Sophia Duncan – 718 Morgan
Mrs. Henry Huiskamp – 726 N. 8th
Mrs. L. T. Linquist – 806 Blondeau

Nov. 24th, 1902

Met with Mrs. Elle. The vice President, Mrs. Carlson called the meeting to order after which we recited the Lord's prayer in concert. Next Friday we meet at the church and elect our officers for the coming year beginning with the first Friday of Jan. 1903. Collection \$2.40.

Dear Church Family,

*Thank
You*

Thank you for your prayers, kind words, monetary gifts, and flowers.

Thank you, Deaconesses and hospitality committee, for the delicious meal.

God bless you!
The family of Sue Othmer-Mallory

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

- Preheat the oven to 375°F. Spray a 13-by9-inch baking pan with cooking spray and line with parchment paper.
- In a medium bowl, mix together the cream cheese, ranch dressing, and green onion.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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
- 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.
- 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.

AND HE
SHALL
BE CALLED...

ADVOCATE • LAMB OF GOD
1 John 2:1 John 1:29

THE RESURRECTION & THE LIFE
John 11:25

SHEPHERD & BISHOP OF SOULS • JUDGE
1 Peter 2:25 Acts 10:42

LORD OF LORDS • MAN OF SORROWS
1 Timothy 6:15 Isaiah 53:3

HEAD OF THE CHURCH • MASTER
Ephesians 5:23 Matthew 8:19

FAITHFUL & TRUE WITNESS • ROCK
Revelation 3:14 1 Corinthians 10:4

HIGH PRIEST • THE DOOR • LIVING WATER
Hebrews 6:20 John 10:9 John 4:10

BREAD OF LIFE • ROSE OF SHARON
John 6:35 Song of Solomon 2:1

ALPHA & OMEGA • TRUE VINE • MESSIAH
Revelation 22:13 John 15:1 Daniel 9:25

TEACHER • HOLY ONE • MEDIATOR
John 3:2 Mark 1:24 1 Timothy 2:5

THE BELOVED • BRANCH • CARPENTER
Ephesians 3:6 Isaiah 11:1 Mark 6:3

GOOD SHEPHERD • LIGHT OF THE WORLD
John 10:11 John 8:12

IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD • THE WORD
Colossians 1:15 John 1:1

CHIEF CORNERSTONE • SAVIOR • SERVANT
Ephesians 2:20 John 4:42 Matthew 12:18

AUTHOR & FINISHER OF OUR FAITH
Hebrews 12:2

THE ALMIGHTY • EVERLASTING FATHER
Revelation 1:8 Isaiah 9:6

SHILOH • LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH
Genesis 49:10 Isaiah 9:6

I AM • KING OF KINGS • PRINCE OF PEACE
John 8:58 1 Timothy 6:15 Revelation 5:5

BRIDEGROOM • ONLY BEGOTTEN SON
Matthew 1:15 Matthew 1:18

WONDERFUL COUNSELOR • IMMANUEL
Isaiah 7:14

SON OF MAN • DAYSPRING • THE AMEN
Matthew 20:28 Luke 1:76 Revelation 3:14

KING OF THE JEWS • PROPHET • REDEEMER
Mark 15:26 Matthew 27:11 Isaiah 9:6

ANCHOR • BRIGHT MORNING STAR
Hebrews 6:19 Revelation 22:16

THE WAY, THE TRUTH & THE LIFE
John 14:6

JESUS CHRIST

2026 September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
September Deacon Steve Baum		1 Noon: Sewing & Crafts Group	2 6:00 BEF grades k-6	3	4	5
6 11:30 CE Board Deaconesses 6:00 BroSis 7 th grade - Adult	7 OFFICE CLOSED  Labor Day	8 Noon: Sewing & Crafts Group 6:30 Trustees	9 6:00 BEF grades k-6	10 9:00 Effie Linguist Circle	11	12
13 HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY 6:00 BroSis 7 th grade - Adult	14 11:15 Prayer	15 Noon: Sewing & Crafts Group	16 6:00 BEF grades k-6	17 9-2 Food Pantry	18 	19
20 11:30 Church Council 5:00 Church picnic at Church 6:00 BroSis 7 th grade - Adult	21 11:15 Prayer	22 Noon: Sewing & Crafts Group 	23 6:00 BEF grades k-6	24	24	26
27 3:30 Deacons 6:00 BroSis 7 th grade - Adult	28 11:15 Prayer	29 Noon: Sewing & Crafts Group	30 6:00 BEF grades k-6			



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



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