

**First Baptist Church**  
**434 Baltimore Street**  
**Waterloo, IA 50701-2699**



## ***The Messenger*** **May 2017**

“Team Leadership” by Joe Greemore

“To win the game, you need the whole team.” – Jim Putzman, author of *Church Is a Team Sport*

Gonzaga was unstoppable. Oregon played like an NBA team. Kentucky was too deep to slow down. But only one team claimed the “Outlast the Madness” title on Monday April 3, 2017. Second year in a row to reach the NCAA Men’s Basketball Championship Game. Not their first time to win it all.

There’s something about a team whose storied program boasts a whopping 7 national championships (5 of them during my lifetime, 3 under coach Williams). There’s something about a coach whose record between two schools is 816 wins to 216 losses, including 9 Final Four appearances and 3 National Championships (all of the latter with the Tarheels). There’s something about the will, sheer determination, and raw grit to play your tail off, make the adjustments, and win the game no matter the opposition, shadow or no (cf. 2016 at-the-buzzer loss to Villanova).

There’s something *surpassing great* about the name of Jesus, a name that promises no matter what happens, we have the victory – over death, over division, over condemnation (Romans 8). One of my all-time favorite hymns is, “There’s Something About That Name,” whose refrain is reverently repeated, “Jesus, Jesus, Jesus...”

Don’t get me wrong – I enjoy a good wrestling match, buzzer-beater, or Hail Mary as much as the next person, but Jesus’ enduring promises transcend all that. “And the things of earth will grow strangely dim” (from *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*). It’s difficult, and perhaps ill-advised, to conceive of faith as merely a game, but anyone who has played on a sports team or served with others knows the insights to life those experiences can bring; no less true of sports to faith. They provide a portal to reality in ways that more individualized activities sometimes fail to.

Perhaps that’s why at First Baptist Church we call our ministry groups “teams.” We have come to realize through our past success and our hopes for the future that being successful at the highest levels and at the interpersonal level is about more than any one individual or small group, that success for us means participation and support from everyone at every level, means helping your neighbor and considering others more than self; the greater the synergy, the greater the success. This month, FBC holds its annual Ministry Team Leadership Retreat at the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa. I hope you will join me in praying for what God has in store for our church and its wonderful leaders, whether you are currently serving on a team or serving from a distance. For we all have the opportunity to serve in this championship, and we’ll need the whole team to win. Thanks be to God (1 Cor. 15:57)!



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We are a Blue Zones church!

**Sunday:**  
**Sunday School - 9:00 am**  
**Worship - 10:15 am**

**Rev. Joe Greemore**  
*Pastor*

**Rev. Carol Teare**  
*Pastor*

**Susan Price**  
*Office Manager/  
Christian Ed. Director*

**Don Huff**  
*Lay Minister*

**Dr. Randall Harlow**  
*Organist/ Accompanist*

Office Hours:  
Monday-Thursday  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Come Worship With Us**

**May 7 - Holy Communion**

Message by Pastor Joe; Music by Adult Choir  
(for text, see *Narrative Lectionary* on p. 4)

**May 14 - Mother's Day & Baptism**

Message by Pastor Joe  
Music by Bells of Praise & Children's Choir

**May 21 - Graduate & Youth Sunday**

Message by FBC Youth  
Music by Band of Light

**May 28 - Message by Pastor Joe**

Music by Jeff McKelvie, trumpet

**Team Meetings & Leadership Retreat**

Please note the following dates for upcoming church leadership gatherings:

Leadership Retreat - Sunday, May 7, 12 to 2:00 p.m. at Community Foundation of NE Iowa in Cedar Falls

**NO Monday Team Meetings in May**

Team Meetings - Monday, June 12, 6:15 p.m.

**Choir BBQ**

**Wednesday, May 3 at 6:00 p.m.**

The adult choir will celebrate the end of the choir season with a BBQ Potluck at the Teare home on Wednesday, May 3rd at 6:00 p.m. Meat & drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. Sign up under *Activity #3*.

The choir's final Sunday in the loft is May 7th. Many thanks to every singer for their time, talent, and dedication!

**COME - SEE and HEAR**

**Wednesday, May 17, 5:30 p.m.**

Come join the end-of-the Year Celebration for **all women and AB girls of the church**. It will be held at 5:30pm on Wednesday, May 17th, in the chapel. We will have a salad potluck in the chapel with drinks provided by ABW. There will be a devotion and short Memorial Service for the four women who have passed away this past year. Our **special speaker will be Dwayne Price** discussing what does *Mental Health* entail and the lack of Community Resources currently available. Please join us and if you need a babysitter, contact Marcia Street and one will be provided. Sign up under *Activity #2* for reservations.

**Community Meal**

Wednesday, May 31st, 4:30-6:00 p.m.  
Invite your friends & neighbors to our meal.  
Sign up to help prepare, serve, and clean up.  
Salads and desserts are also needed!

**May Birthdays**

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 4 - Roxane Baldwin     | 19 - Rye Lange         |
| 5 - Larry Moser        | 20 - Diane Burrell     |
| 5 - Verner Nelson, III | 20 - Bob Jenkins       |
| 6 - Elijah Price       | 21 - Sheleah White     |
| 7 - Shirley Baldwin    | 22 - Dianne Van Gorder |
| 7 - Oliver Eason       | 23 - Chris lehl        |
| 8 - Samantha Satterlee | 24 - Addyson Greemore  |
| 10 - Marshall Walker   | 26 - Erma Cowlshaw     |
| 11 - Dennis Johnson    | 26 - Karen Hoppes      |
| 12 - Maxine Stone      | 26 - Clare Palmer      |
| 16 - Carly Turner      | 31 - Jayda Haywood     |

**May Anniversaries**

- 14 - Becky Twaites & Joe Kendall  
19 - David & Liz O'Malley  
21 - John & Kim Chandler  
31 - Rye & Anne Lange

**Worship Acolytes**

- May 7 - Jade Chandler  
May 14 - Sheleah White  
May 21 - Rachel Price  
May 28 - Dakota Hoepfner

**Worship Leaders**

- May 7 - Terri Anderson  
May 14 - Carol Teare  
May 21 - Youth Group  
May 28 - Samantha Satterlee

**Greeters**

- May 7 - Bob & Patty Jenkins  
May 14 - Jean Nelson & Marcia Street  
May 21 - Shirley Baldwin & Youth Group  
May 28 - Chuck & Patty Stilwill

**Coffee and Fellowship**

- May 7 - Trustees Team  
May 14 - Diaconate Team  
May 21 - Christian Education Team  
May 28 - Unity Circle

**Thank you** to Chuck & Pat Stilwill for providing season tickets for our church children to experience great community theatre at the Black Hawk Children's Theatre. The four shows we will see in the 2017-2018 season are *A Wrinkle in Time*, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, *The Princess and the Pea*, and *Winnie the Pooh*.

**Thank you** First Baptist Family, We are marveling and reflecting on the meaningful dedication service for Gloria. Thank you to all of the pastors, staff, and congregation for the special music and litanies. Thank you for the book and candle and the special quilt from the Quilters. We will treasure these keepsakes and talk often with Gloria about his important start of her faith journey.

Love, The Lange Family

**Thank you** for the Baby Bible for Chloe and coloring book for Everly. It is such an exciting time and we feel so blessed to have the church supporting our family. Thank you for all your love and blessings!

Love, Bryce, Kristin, Everly, and Chloe Anderson

**Thank you** to Pastors Joe and Carol for the beautiful celebration of Gene's life. Thank you to those who contributed salads and desserts for the luncheon. We really appreciated all the visits, cards, and prayers we received during his illness.

Judy Thompson

**Thanks** for the cards and Easter Lily. It was so kind of you to remember me.

Helen Hannan

**Thank you** for the visits, cards, phone calls, and prayers as Yeoman beings a therapy program and is doing much better.

Erma & Yeoman Cowlshaw

**Condolences to family and friends of ...**

- Gene Thompson who passed away March 28th.
- Frank Lemper's brother, Tim who passed away last month.
- Allen Krueger who passed away April 24th.

**YOU ARE HERE  
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

The One Great Hour of Sharing theme, *You Are Here*, emphasizes that God is near as an orientation for our lives. By loving one another in truth, feeding those who are hungry, clothing those who are naked, and welcoming strangers *we are here* for our neighbors whether in West Virginia, Nicaragua, Louisiana, Lebanon, or Plainfield, Iowa. 2016 OGHS provided help for flood relief, tornado and hurricane disasters, and asylum seekers. "I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was hungry and you gave me food, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:35.

Join the Mission Team April 30 - May 21 by bringing your OGHS offering to help neighbors here and around the world deal with natural disasters. Our 2017 goal is \$1,500. Please give generously to show that you want to walk side by side with God to help others.



**Church Officers & Ministry Teams  
2017-2018**

**Ministers**

Rev. Joe Greemore & Rev. Carol Teare

**Church Moderator**

Marshall Walker

**Finance Committee**

Steve Harty, Bob Jenkins, Gene Van Gorder

**Church Historian**

Steve Harty

**Diaconate Team**

**Expires 2018** - Don Huff, Sue Harty, Wini Dewey, Debbie Foust

**Expires 2019** - Jean Vaux, Dan Bravener, ***Brenda Murray, Bruce Foust***

**Expires 2020** - ***Lizzie Zondo, Deb Isaacson, Nancy Shaw, Terri Anderson***

**Trustees Team**

**Expires 2018** - Dave Schlette, Larry Moser

**Expires 2019** - Chris Iehl, Dwayne Price, ***Toby Teare***

**Expires 2020** - ***Rye Lange, Bob Jenkins***

**Christian Education Team**

**Expires 2018** - Samantha Satterlee, ***Jessica Turner***

**Expires 2019** - Shelby Greemore, Patty Jenkins

**Expires 2020** - ***Jenna Hendrix, Kristin Stanford, Mike Shaw***

**Mission Team**

**Expires 2018** - Shirley Baldwin, David Palmer

**Expires 2019** - Marcia Street, Karen Hoppes

**Expires 2020** - ***Marshal Iehl, Diane Burrell***

\*names in ***BOLD ITALIC*** were elected on April 9th, all others are serving in a continuing capacity.



**2017 Graduates**

Help us congratulate and recognize our 2017 graduates in worship on Sunday, May 21st.

Shyanne Cobb - will graduate from Waterloo East High on May 31st. Shyanne is the daughter of Kristal Boyd and the granddaughter of Donna & Randy Schmitz.

Neil Van Gorder - will receive his Doctorate in Physical Therapy from Daeman College in Buffalo, NY on May 20th. Neil is the son of Dianne & Gene Van Gorder.

**Youth Sunday & Graduation Recognition  
Sunday, May 21**

Come to FBC on Sunday, May 21st when we recognize and congratulate our graduates and the FBC youth lead our worship service.



**FBC History**

Gordon Vaughan was a member of FBC for over 19 years. He served in France and Germany from 1916 to 1918 quitting school during his junior year to join up.

In June and July of 1918, his letters reflected an optimism about the war ending. He writes about putting together 10 Francs and buying eggs, potatoes, and jam and having a feast with his friend. His last letter dated July 14, 1918 is received by his parents on August 26th. They are told that he was killed in action on July 26th just four months and fifteen days before the Armistice on November 11, 1918.

Steve Harty, Church Historian

# May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
OGHS received 4/30-5/21	1  7:30 pm NA	2  6pm Masons 6:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry	3 Noon Bible Study 4pm Baptism Class 4:30 Bells of Praise 5-7 Friends Club & Youth 5:30 Mom's Group 6:00 Adult Choir BBQ	4  6:00 pm NA	5 Noon Church Women United @ Westminster	6 2pm Matinee for kids
7 9:00 S. School 10:15 Worship Noon Leadership Retreat Noon Coalition @ Sacred Heart 1:00 WCCC	8  7:30 pm NA	9 10am Staff Noon-Quilters	10 Noon Bible Study 4:30 Bells of Praise 5-7 Friends Club Party & Youth Group	11  6:00 pm NA	12	13
14 Mother's Day 9:00 S. School 10:15 Worship 1:00 WCCC	15  7:30 pm NA	16 Noon-Quilters	17 10am Staff meeting Noon Bible Study  5:30 pm Women's Spring Event	18  6pm NA	19	20
21 Graduate/ Youth Sunday 9:00 S. School 10:15 Worship 1:00 WCCC	22  7:30 pm NA	23 Noon Quilters	24 Noon Bible Study	25  6:00 pm NA	26	27
28 10:15 Worship 1 pm WCCC	29 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>  7:30 pm NA	30 10am Staff Noon Quilters	31 Noon Bible Study  4:30 Community Meal			

### Narrative Lectionary

On the Sundays from Sept. 11th through May the texts follow the sweep of the biblical story, from Creation through the early Christian church.

#### Readings for May:

May 7 Acts 8:26-39 Ethiopian Eunuch Baptized  
May 14 Acts 15:1-18 Council at Jerusalem  
May 21 Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21 Living by Faith  
May 28 Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29 One in Christ



### May Book of the Month

*The Pilgrim's Progress*  
(from this World, to That Which Is to Come)  
by John Bunyan

This Christian classic, written nearly 340 years ago (1678) by an imprisoned Englishman, follows the pilgrimage of young Christian to the Celestial City. Reminiscent of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, the work is regarded as one of the first English novels, an allegory for the Christian journey presented in a series of dream sequences. The book has never been out of print since its publication. Its author, John Bunyan, wrote this timeless classic while spending time in a county prison for partaking in religious services outside the established church of his time, the Church of England. I first encountered *The Pilgrim's Progress* while perusing the shelves of my undergraduate library; the exotic language and poetic nuance of its style have yet to leave or cease to inspire me. I invite you to journey into a Christian imagination whose centuries old plot is as fresh today as when first written.

-Pastor Joe



### SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL "Walking Through the Beatitudes" Intergenerational Class in the Chapel 9:00 a.m. on the 2nd & 4th Sundays In June, July, & August

Join us this summer for an intergenerational time of learning about the Beatitudes with Pastor Joe. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Sundays starting June 11th.

June 11 (Children's Day in worship)  
June 25 (Outdoor Service & Indoor Potluck)  
July 9  
July 23  
August 13  
August 27



### All-Church Summer Activities

Sunday, June 18 - Father's Day Bucks Baseball at 2:05 p.m. Reserve your tickets by May 7th and don't forget to get an extra one for your dad!

Sunday, July 9 - Pool Party at Gates Pool, 1:30 p.m. Grab your swim suit, towel, & snacks and meet at Gates Pool for a fun afternoon in the sun.

Wednesday, August 30 - Community Meal BBQ 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the church parking lot with food, fellowship, and activities for all ages.



### Church Women United May Friendship Day

"Kindling Fires of Love"

Friday, May 5, 2017

12:00 p.m. Luncheon

Westminster Presbyterian Church

See Marlene Bown for your \$7 ticket.

### White Cross Report

Thanks to all who gave to the White Cross April Communion Offering and the Bake Sale in February. AB Women's Ministries will be sending \$400 to El Salvador for their needs with a health care center and senior citizen home. We will also send \$400 to AMOS health project in Nicaragua. The rest of the money raised is going to pay postage costs to send 70 roller bandages abroad. When you give to White Cross it makes a difference in so many lives.

thank you!

### Summer Kids Programs

**Friends in Fun and Fellowship (FFF)** is our annual summer program for church, neighborhood, and community children in kindergarten through 5th grade. FFF will run weekday mornings from **June 19 to July 7 (except July 4)**. Applications for classroom teachers are being accepted now. Contact the church office for more information. Look for volunteer opportunity sign up in the coming weeks during FFF for the church office and helping the classroom teachers.

**Vacation Bible School (VBS)** will be co-hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church and FBC from **July 31 to August 4 from 5-8 p.m. with dinner included**. This year VBS will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church. Volunteers are needed for this one-week event. Contact the church office for more information.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Fellowship Hosts: During the summer months, volunteers are needed to provide light refreshments during fellowship time following worship. Please sign up as a family, a couple, or a group of friends. The sign-up sheet is located on the table near the church office.

Nursery Attendants: Our paid nursery attendants from U.N.I. have all gone home for the summer so our children would love to see you in the nursery during the worship hour this summer. Please sign up on the sheet located in the hallway near the church office.

FFF (Friends in Fun & Fellowship) Helper: Adult assistance is needed in our learning centers during the 3-week summer FFF program. Our annual kids program begins June 19 and ends July 7. Each day, Monday through Friday (except July 4), a volunteer is needed to assist the learning center teacher.

### Teacher & Leader Recognition Sunday, May 7, 2017, 10:15 a.m.

All Sunday School teachers, Children's Church leaders, Wednesday program leaders, and Bible study teachers are asked to come and be recognized for their faithful leadership this year. We thank God for these important people who plan, instruct, and guide us toward a relationship with Christ. Support these teachers and leaders with your words of encouragement and attendance on May 7th.

**Irving Elementary** needs your help at their annual Falcon Fest on **Thursday, May 25th** from 5:30-7:30 p.m. They are also needing several dozen cupcakes for the Cake Walk. If you are willing to help, please contact Susan in the church office. Thank you for all you've done this year for our Partner School!



