

First Baptist Church
434 Baltimore Street
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The Messenger **February 2019**

Take a Trip!

This year, our family enjoyed a couple of memorable Disney movies: *Christopher Robin* and *Mary Poppins Returns*. Can you guess the common thread between these two great continuations of classic stories? A hint: as Lao Tzu is credited with having said, “The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.” Both movies highlight the incredible blessings and joys of travel, whether by train, car, balloon, or bath tub. Granted, they stretch one’s imagination beyond the limits of the real and possible, but does not faith do the very same? In doing so, they challenge us all to find anew the joys of childhood, to rediscover the wonder of the infinite possibilities a single day may offer.

At the end of this month, five Greemores plan to travel to Florida for a family weekend getaway where I will attend an MMBB conference. We hope to experience some wonder of our own as we embark on a time of fantastic exploration and discovery. We look forward to connecting with Rich and Dorette Heideman, our dear friends the Andersons who live in (of all places) Winter Garden, FL (a far cry from wintry Waterloo!), and clergy from around the denomination and nation. Susan Price will be taking a time of much-needed sabbatical renewal during the summer months, Pastor Carol will be able to enjoy time this summer at Holiday Lake at the Teare/Nelson cabin, and members of our church leadership and family already have plans in place for some incredible destinations. The joys we might experience during travel are too multitudinous to count, and one of the amazing things is, not so much as a ticket or passport may be required!

Whether your journey takes you to Timbuktu or the local Kwik Star, *travel is a mindset*. As we travel, we join in spirit with delighted pilgrims, the optimism of children, and adventurous adults, setting sail for new destinations of learning, expanded perceptions, or growing appreciation. This month and year, make sure you take time for a renewal trip. Plan to travel with dear ones or read a book that engenders imagination from the comfort of your living room. Because part of a healthy, vibrant spiritual life is having a mindset willing to redefine the impossible.

Perhaps you are due for a trip to *Fantasia*, *Avonlea*, or *Tomorrowland*. Maybe you long to retrace the steps of your forebears in an ancestral land. In doing so, I wonder if your trip will cross over from imagination into reimagined history, crossing paths with Simon Peter, Paul, Mary, Ishmael, Jonah, or the Queen of Sheba on their voyages of faith. Wherever your travels may take you, book that trip, and take it soon! *Bon voyage!*

Your fellow traveling companion; Pastor Joe

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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

Jenna Hendrix
Youth Coordinator

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



Striving to serve our neighbors, community, and world with open hearts and open doors for over 161 years.

Come Worship With Us

- Feb 3 - Holy Communion**
Text: 1 Corinth. 13:1-13
"A More Excellent Way" by Pastor Joe
Music by Sanctuary Choir
- Feb. 10** - Text: Luke 5:1-11
"Because You Say So" by Pastor Joe
Music by Sanctuary Choir
- Feb. 17** - Text: Luke 6:17-26
"Blessings and Woes" by Pastor Joe
Music by Celebration Choir
- Feb. 24** - Message by Pastor Carol
Music by Sanctuary Choir

SUPER BOWL SNACK SALE

Don't buy your Super Bowl snacks at the grocery store! Come to FBC on **Sunday, Feb. 3rd**, and buy many different snacks and other items as we raise funds and awareness for the June mission trip to Puerto Rico. We will be selling Chex mix, trail mix, puppy chow, seasoned pretzels, caramel corn, dill crackers, cookies, candy, etc. You may buy goodies before and after worship.

Several people from our church will be heading to Puerto Rico June 8-15, 2019 to participate in hands-on efforts to rebuild homes, communities, and lives following recent hurricanes.

Celebrate the Cowlishaws

Yeoman and Erma Cowlishaw will be celebrating their **79th** wedding anniversary on February 6th. Then on February 25th, Yeoman will celebrate his **99th** birthday! Help them celebrate both occasions with a card, phone call, or visit this month.

Yeoman & Erma Cowlishaw
600 Park Lane, #142
Waterloo, IA 50702
319-291-8194

Sweetheart Dinner: Sunday, February 17th

Are you tired? Need a break from work or kids? Want a delicious dinner without having to cook or clean up?

Then sign up now for the Sweetheart Dinner!!!

The youth are hosting this wonderful fundraiser for adults to get away and enjoy a night out on Sunday, Feb. 17th from 5 to 7pm. Childcare is provided as the youth serve you a 3-course Italian meal, complete with dessert! And believe or not, this meal is only \$8 per/person, or \$14/couple! This is an opportunity you won't want to miss!!

Call the church office or sign up under **Activity #3** on your worship attendance card for reservations.

What are you waiting for?!? Deadline to sign up is Sunday, Feb. 10th so sign up now:)

Meet & Eat

Sign up now to Meet & Eat with church friends on either Saturday, February 23rd at the home of Toby & Carol Teare **or** on Sunday, February 24th at Perkins Restaurant at Noon.

Sign up under **Activity #1** for the Saturday date and **Activity #2** for the Sunday date. Please indicate how many are attending as there is a 10 person cap for the Saturday gathering.

Church Business Meetings in 2019

In keeping with our church bylaws, business meetings will be held on the following dates in 2019:

- * Sun., Feb. 10 - Annual Financial Report
- * Sun., Apr. 28 - Annual Election of Officers, Staff, and Ministry Teams
- * Sun., June 9 - Annual Program Report
- * Sun., Dec. 22 - Annual Meeting to Adopt the 2020 budget

February Birthdays

- 5 - Winnie Riley
- 5 - Hazel Zondo
- 8 - Barbara Clemons
- 20 - Jean Nelson
- 25 - Yeoman Cowlshaw
- 27 - Bishop Barnes
- 27 - Jason Stanford

February Anniversaries

- 6 - Erma & Yeoman Cowlshaw **79 years!**
- 8 - Carol & Toby Teare
- 9 - Patty & Chuck Stilwill
- 12 - Shirley & Robert Jones

Worship Leaders

- Feb. 3 - Beverly McCusker
- Feb. 10 - Don Huff
- Feb. 17 - Sue Harty
- Feb. 24 - Anne Lange

Greeters

- Feb. 3 - Margaret & Phil Kauten
- Feb. 10 - Kristin Stanford & Lizzie Zondo
- Feb. 17 - Sharon King & Bobbi Jo Schaffnit
- Feb. 24 - Patty & Chuck Stilwill

Coffee and Fellowship

- Feb. 3 - Christian Education Team
- Feb. 10 - Diaconate Team A
- Feb. 17 - Mission Team
- Feb. 24 - Trustees Team

CONGRATULATIONS...

To Shanna & Dan Bravener on the birth of their daughter, Cloie Ann on January 7th.

To Kent Isaacson on his new position at Green Iowa AmeriCorps as Team Support Coordinator with Energy & Community in Cedar Falls, IA.

Please contribute regularly to the **communion offering** on the first Sunday of each month. The funds received help your Diaconate Team and Pastors Joe and Carol reach out to people in need in our congregation and the community.

Team Meetings

Monday, Feb. 11, 6:15 p.m.
Administrative Council meets at 7:30 p.m.
Please make every effort to attend your C.E., Mission, Diaconate, or Trustees meeting.

Our next meeting night is March 11.

Community Meal

Wednesday, Feb. 27, 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!

Please sign up to help on the church hallway board.

Financial Report (as of 12/31/18)

Checking/Savings \$55,497.95
RBC \$53,420.12
Foundation \$51,675.14
December Contributions \$20,507.88
December Expenses \$18,540.29

You're invited!

Join us for the
Summit by the Sea!
American Baptist Churches USA
Biennial Mission Summit
June 21-23, 2019
Virginia Beach, VA

We are excited that the ABC 2019 Biennial Mission Summit will feature an all new Biennial Academy offering continuing education and spiritual growth opportunities for both clergy and lay leaders.

Bring the whole family! Virginia Beach is a top family-friendly destination. VBS-style classes will be offered for elementary school ages, along with an all new youth track for middle and high school students. Day care will also be available.

Mark your calendars now!

January Team Meetings

Christian Education

- ◆ Youth will host a Valentine Dinner on Sun., Feb. 17th at 6pm as a fundraiser for youth activities.
- ◆ Children's Choir will participate in a community concert on Sat., April 6th.
- ◆ Pastor Carol & Susan Price will lead a 8-week book study on Wednesday at noon beginning Jan. 16 - March 6th.

Diaconate

- * We helped a Congolese family with clothing, school supplies, and money.
- * Meet & Eat is Feb. 23 @ Teare's home and Feb. 24 @ Perkins.
- * Soup Therapy Lunch is Sun., March 10th.

Missions

- Super Bowl Snacks for Sale on Sun., Feb. 3 as a fundraiser for the Puerto Rico mission trip.
- America For Christ offering will be received March 10-31 with a goal of \$1,600.
- Church Garage Sale will be held May 3-4.

Trustees

- ⇒ Church Workday is Feb. 9th.
- ⇒ Plans to update and improve unisex bathroom are being made.
- ⇒ Updates to elevator need to be done this year.

AB Women's Ministries

- ◇ There were only 20 pledges this year for a total of \$940. We pay dues for 70 women from FBC.
- ◇ Area Spring Rallies will be held on Sat., Apr. 27 at both Dayton Oaks & Forest Lake Camps.
- ◇ We are asked to send a \$600 gift card to Kodiak, Alaska for our White Cross quota. We are asking the two Circles and FBC congregation to help us meet our quota.
- ◇ March Communion offering will go towards White Cross also.
- ◇ Saturday, June 1st is our region conference here at FBC.

AmazonSmile

What is AmazonSmile? - It is a simple and automatic way for you to support First Baptist every time you shop, at no cost to you.

How do you shop at AmazonSmile? - Simply go to smile. amazon.com from the web browser on your computer.

How do you select First Baptist to support when shopping on AmazonSmile? - On your first visit to smile. amazon.com, you need to select First Baptist Church 434 Baltimore to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. AmazonSmile will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile. amazon.com will result in a donation.

Can you use your existing Amazon.com account?
- Yes, you use the same account.

Which products are eligible for charitable donations? - Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on the product detail page.

How much of your purchase does Amazon donate?
- The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from eligible purchases.

Please consider this easy way to help support FBC!

Church Row Needs Your Help!

The Veteran Affairs and The Church Row Historic Neighborhood Association are working together to completely remodel a home and make it available to a deserving, caring veteran family at an affordable price. The home is located at 1417 W. 4th St., just down the street from our church. Volunteers are needed to help complete the remodel. Please call Veteran Affairs at 319-291-2512 if you'd like to help.



Mission Moment

The following is a letter from Drs. David & Laura Parajon, Global Servants in Nicaragua:

Dear Friends at FBC,
When conflict broke out in Nicaragua last April, our daily lives became very difficult. We knew we needed help fast as the mission trips we count on had to be canceled.

Your church responded with a money gift of \$500. This has been one of the hardest years for AMOS and the communities we serve. Though there is no longer daily violence, we still feel significant emotional and economic impacts amid the ongoing national crisis. Your support strengthens our commitment to helping provide care for moms, babies and vulnerable families can continue to have access to life-saving health care.

We thank God for you and are so grateful for all of you.

David and Laura

Children's Matinee "Charlotte's Web"

Sunday, February 17 at 2:00 pm

We have 15 free tickets for the matinee of the Black Hawk Children's Theatre production of "Charlotte's Web", a classic story of friendship, selfless love, and bravery. If you are interested in attending, please contact Susan Price for your free ticket.

Partner in Education

Please continue to support our partner school, Irving Elementary, with your prayers and also by donating the following items:

- * Hy-Vee receipts
- * Milk Moola caps from Kwik Star
- * Box Tops for Education
- * School Supplies
- * Winter Hats & Mittens
- * Kleenex & Hand Sanitizer

AB Women's Ministries

Kodiak Baptist Mission in Kodiak, Alaska is in need of Bibles, construction paper, boys & girls sweatpants, and children's mittens. The women and young girls of FBC support this mission by sending needed supplies for the children in Kodiak. This year, we are able to send gift cards instead of the items listed due to postage costs. If you'd like to contribute towards the gift card and support this mission, please give your money to Debbie Foust before March 1st. Thank you for your help and for meeting the needs of the Kodiak Baptist Mission.

SAVE THE DATE!

Church Women United

Friday, March 1st at 1pm
Payne AME Church

White Cross Blizzard Event

Saturday, March 9, 2019
10:00 a.m. to Noon
Male and Female, Young and Old!
Come and win a Dairy Queen Blizzard!

AB Women's Ministries Spring Rallies

Saturday, April 27
Dayton Oaks & Forest Lake Camps
Stay tuned for more details!

Church Garage Sale: May 3 & 4

Held at the Van Gorder residence
PLEASE save garage sale items for this mission trip & AB Women's Ministries fundraiser and price your items before the sale.

Mid-AB Women's Conference

Saturday, June 1
Hosted by FBC Waterloo
All women and AB Girls are invited!

Celebrating Black History
From Seasons of the Spirit

February begins the month-long observance in Canada and the United States of Black History Month (also known as African-American History Month). The purpose of the observance is to recognize the rich and varied contributions Africans have made to the culture and history of North America and the world. February was chosen because it is the birth month of abolitionist Frederick Douglass and President Abraham Lincoln. Early promoters of Black History month hoped that a special observance of African-American contributions might encourage people of all ethnic backgrounds to examine their roots which could lead to a coming together of racial groups out of mutual respect. The month's premise of mutual respect and cooperation between races can be appreciated worldwide. Within the church, emphasis might be placed on the discussion of racial justice issues. *How should the church be addressing issues such as affordable housing, racial profiling, the impact of immigrants and refugees, and integrating persons of different backgrounds into communities? What are some tangible ways for your congregation to be involved?*

Student Scholarship Applications

The Christian Education Team will begin accepting applications for student scholarships for the 2019 fall semester. Student Aid Fund was established for use at accredited schools and colleges and will be awarded to students who are active at First Baptist Church. Deadline for accepting applications is April 30, 2019. Contact Susan Price for an application.

Beulah Clark/First Baptist Church Scholarship

One of our beloved members, Beulah Clark, passed away in 2017 and named FBC as a beneficiary to establish and administer a scholarship fund. The scholarship is for any member of FBC attending post high school education in the health field. Applications are now being accepted and can be obtained from the church office until April 30, 2019.

See Where Your Mission Dollars Went!

Mission Team 2018 Disbursements:

United Mission	\$8,000
Ottawa University	\$300
Central Baptist Seminary	\$800
Bacone College	\$300
Murrow Indian Children's Home	\$700
Dayton Oaks Camp	\$920
Forest Lake Camp	\$620
AMOS Medical Program - Nicaragua	\$500
Milwaukee Christian Center	\$142
Kyle & Debby Witmer - Global Servant	\$300
Jae Stockton - Global Servant	\$350
Jon & Amanda Good - Global Servant	\$242
Friendship House	\$360
Rainbow Acres	\$300
Love INC	\$300
Habitat for Humanity	\$200
Salvation Army	\$200
NE Iowa Food Bank	\$342
House of Hope	\$200
America For Christ	\$1,803.96
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$1,784.75
World Mission Offering	\$2,040.49
Retired Ministers & Missionaries	\$1,335
Love Gift	<u>\$373.18</u>
	\$22,413.38

Carried Forward for 2019
 Puerto Rico Mission Trip - \$1,500

thank you!

February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9:30 am ABW Board meeting
3 Super Snacks for Sale! 9:00 S. School 10:15 Worship 12:00 Church Row Coalition @ FCC	4 9:30 am Staff 7:30 pm NA	5 Noon-Quilters 6pm Masons 6:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry	6 Noon Lunch & Learn 4:30 Bells of Praise 5:00 Dinner 5:30-6:45 Friends Club, Youth Group & Mom's 6:45 Adult Choir	7 6:00 pm NA	8	9 8am Church Workday
10 9:00 S. School 10am Business Meeting 10:15 Worship	11 9:30 am Staff 6:15 pm Team Meetings 7:30 Admin. Council 7:30 pm NA	12 Noon-Quilters	13 Noon Lunch & Learn 4:30 Bells of Praise 5:00 Dinner 5:30-6:45 Friends Club, Youth Group & Mom's 6:45 Adult Choir	14 6:00 pm NA 7pm Unity Circle	15	16
17 9:00 S. School 10:15 Worship 2pm Charlotte's Web matinee 5-7pm Sweetheart Dinner	18 9:30 am Staff 7:30 pm NA	19 Noon Quilters Noon Pastors Lunch	20 Noon Lunch & Learn 4:30 Bells of Praise 5:00 Dinner 5:30-6:45 Friends Club, Youth Group & Mom's 6:45 Adult Choir	21 Noon Friendly Stars Circle 4pm PIE 6:00 pm NA	22	23 6pm Meet & Eat - Teare home
24 9:00 S. School 10:15 Worship Noon Meet & Eat @ Perkins 6-7:30 pm Youth Night @ Price home	25 7:30 pm NA	26 Noon Quilters	27 Noon Lunch & Learn 4:30 Bells of Praise 4:30 Community Meal 5-6:45 Friends Club, Youth Group & Mom's 6:45 Adult Choir	28 6:00 pm NA	Pastor Joe in FL 2/24-2/27	