

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

In the bulb, there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree...

Penned by Natalie Sleeth, one of my beloved hymns, *Hymn of Promise* (#515 in *Worship and Rejoice*), begins this way. It's a call to creative imagination, to join our limited perspective with a divine perspective. This time of year, many of us are thinking about harvest: the growing seasons past, upon us, and soon to come. Some of our flowers and hostas have begun to wither, but the corn fields reach for the heavens! Wild strawberries have ended their season, having gone dormant for another year, while beans, pumpkins, squash, zucchini, and gourds swell to their prime.

Apples from the orchard are most delicious (we grow rhubarb in our garden, a great admixture with the strawberries!), and I'm always one to enjoy a delicious pie. Sugar, flour, cinnamon, eggs, butter, maybe a secret ingredient or two, and of course, the guest of honor, zesty apples – *et voila!* Naturally, the pie doesn't itself make. It takes a skilled hand, preparation, mixing, kneading, timing, baking, cooling...but eventually, Shelby has made a thing of beauty! (Actually, I tried my hand at a Mile High Lemon Chiffon Pie under the expert guidance of Chef Bob this year, and it was delicious!)

From a certain, divine perspective, we gain insight into how God, together with our faith, is making a masterwork of our lives. A little timing, preparation, kneading, heating up, cooling down; with a divine perspective, we find that challenges can be used for our benefit, how sour circumstances can actually sweeten personalities. The hymn concludes:

*In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity;
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

Maybe we can't fully see all the incredible things in store for us, but we have a taste! Through Jesus Christ, life is all the sweeter. As we think about our 'end,' we are reminded of the promise of new beginnings, new seasons of growth. Such a season is upon us now: a time of celebration, growth, learning, renewal, deepening our faith roots, asking probing questions, pruning unhelpful weeds or unnecessary areas of growth. Let's prayerfully craft a culture where questions are welcome, growth is encouraged, minds are prized, bodies are sacred, spirits are nurtured, emotions are healthy. Let's plant seeds that will raise a harvest of righteousness for the whole world to enjoy.

Loving God, grant us the desire to love as you first loved us; brings your good, pleasing, and perfect purposes to completion in and through the work, worship, community, and delight we share. We pray through Jesus' name. Amen. – Delightedly yours, Pastor Joe



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We are a Blue Zones church!

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

First Baptist Staff

Rev. Joe Greemore
Rev. Carol Teare
Susan Price
Dr. Randall Harlow
Don Huff

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

*Pastor Joe's Office Hours Beginning this month, Pastor Joe will be out of the office on Mondays; he would love to meet with you, so contact him today to set up a visit!

Pastor Joe can be reached at 319-231-4669.

Come Worship With Us

Sunday at 10:15 a.m.

Rev. Joe Greemore, Lead Worship Pastor

Sunday, Sept. 1 - Ocean Sunday

Holy Communion

Hebrews 4, NRSV: "A Promised Rest"

Music by Jeff McKelvie

Sunday, Sept. 8 - Flora & Fauna Sunday

Fall Kickoff

Ps. 104: 14-23, "The Symphony of Creation"

Music by Sanctuary Choir

Sunday, Sept. 15 - Storm Sunday

Psalms 29, "The Power of the Unknown"

Music by Sanctuary Choir

Sunday, Sept. 22 - Cosmos Sunday

Proverbs 8: 22-31, "Celestial Seasoning"

Music by Celebration Choir

Sunday, Sept. 29 - CROP Walk Sunday

Luke 16: 19-31, "What a World!"

Music by Band of Light

Fall Kickoff

Sunday, Sept. 8th at 9:00 a.m.

The Christian Education Team will host our fall kickoff on Sun., Sept. 8th for all ages. Sunday School classes for children, youth and adults will begin at 9:00 a.m. Join us for root beer floats following worship!

Blessing of Backpacks, Teachers & Bibles

Sunday, Sept. 8th at 10:15 a.m.

Bring your backpack, briefcase, purse, lunch bag, or diaper bag to be blessed during worship. We also invite all teachers to be present for the blessing. New Bibles will be presented to first and sixth graders in worship too.

Everybody Has Music Inside

Join a choir in September and discover the *JOY* of singing! The first adult Sanctuary Choir rehearsal is Wed., Sept. 4th, 6:45-8:15 p.m. The first Sunday in the choir loft is Sunday, Sept. 8th, 9:50 a.m. warmup. All are welcome and needed!

Celebration Children's Choir and Preschool Choir will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 11th for their first rehearsals.

Celebrating Our Spiritual Gifts

Sunday, Sept. 15 to Sunday, Oct. 6

9:00 a.m. in the chapel

For those who wish to explore or refine their gifts; encourage the ministry of others; promote the mission of the church, join us for this 4-week offering. Registration and class materials will be available on Sunday, Sept. 8th at 9:00 a.m.

Journeys with Joe

Museum Day on Saturday, Sept. 28

9:00 a.m. at Sullivan Brothers / Grout Museum

Please meet at FBC at 9am on Saturday, Sept. 28th for our first outing. We'll tour the local historic Grout Museum. Cost is \$8.50 per adult, \$5 per child, or \$24 per family with lunch included - museum members are free; just RSVP under *Activity #2* on your attendance card in worship or call the church office. We will conclude by 12:15 pm.

Cedar Valley CROP Walk

Sunday, Sept. 29th

1:30 p.m. Registration / 2 p.m. Walk

Hosted by Bethlehem Lutheran, Cedar Falls

Join our church family in helping end hunger one step at a time by participating in the annual CROP Walk. The *September Communion Offering* will go to CROP Walk with a portion to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank and a portion to Church World Service hunger relief programs.

September Birthdays

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| 3 - Nonalee O'Malley | 20 - Rex Iehl |
| 5 - Gene Gonzales | 21 - Chuck Stilwill |
| 6 - Nick Hembree | 22 - Emily Myers |
| 7 - Kristal Boyd | 23 - Josie Turner |
| 8 - Helen Hannan | 24 - Steve Harty |
| 9 - Margaret Kauten | 25 - Terri Anderson |
| 10 - Reta Clark | 26 - Debbie Foust |
| 12 - Renea Roster | 27 - Zach Turner |
| 12 - Jessica Turner | 28 - Shyanne Cobb |
| 14 - William Iehl | 30 - Alex Chandler |
| 17 - Caleb Taylor | 30 - Kim Chandler |
| 19 - Corbany Greemore | |

September Anniversaries

- 4 - Paula & Larry Nielsen
- 11 - Wini & Keith Dewey
- 13 - Kristin & Bryce Anderson
- 17 - Shanna & Dan Bravener
- 18 - Shirley & Jim Baldwin
- 22 - Chelsea & Adam Faucher

Worship Leaders

- Sept. 1 - Susan Price
- Sept. 8 - Don Huff
- Sept. 15 - Kristin Stanford
- Sept. 22 - Sue Harty
- Sept. 29 - Shelby Greemore

Greeters

- Sept. 1 - Dianne & Gene Van Gorder
- Sept. 8 - Marshal Iehl
- Sept. 15 - Fran Lemper
- Sept. 22 - Patty & Chuck Stilwill
- Sept. 29 - Shirley Baldwin

Coffee and Fellowship

- Sept. 1 - Jenkins, Stanford, & Zondo Families
- Sept. 8 - Christian Education Team
- Sept. 15 - Diaconate Team
- Sept. 22 - Mission Team
- Sept. 29 - Trustees Team

Financial Report (as of 7/31/19)

Checking/Savings \$64,107.77
RBC \$61,171.80
Foundation \$59,985.68
July Contributions \$15,698.61
July Expenses \$21,244.20

THANK YOU...

I had an amazing week at camp once again! This year I went to Forest Lake's Impact Camp which is taken care of by FBC Bedford. I loved all the counselors for how much they talked and listened to you. They were also really funny, I may add. I saw most of my old friends and saw two that were in my very cabin the first year I attended. I was also in the same cabin with Josie Turner and had so much fun with her as well. The food was great, I didn't get sun burnt or bug bites, and the praying and worship that came out of this week was also really amazing. I really just want to thank you for your contribution so I could go to camp this year.

Sincerely,
Sophia Lange

Thanks to all the members of First Baptist Church and in particular the thoughtful ladies of the Prayer Shawl Ministry! Pastor Joe delivered the shawl on Tuesday, August 6th.

Gratefully, Ray Iehl

Gigantic thanks to Kristin Stanford and Lizzie Zondo for all their hard work wading through the Community Meal freezer! For defrosting, cleaning and organizing, I am deeply grateful. Thank you from the bottom of my heart not just the bottom of the freezer.

-Patty Stilwill

HELP! Our Community Meal needs you. We have all been preparing and serving meals to residents of the Cedar Valley for over ten years. But right now funds are running low. Anything you might be able to donate would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Patty Stilwill

Team Meetings

Monday, Sept. 9, 6:15 p.m.

Please make every effort to attend your church leadership meeting this month followed by Administrative Council at 7:30 p.m.

Community Meal

Wednesday, Sept. 25, 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.

August Team Meetings

Christian Education

- * Shelby Greemore & Abi Agan will co-direct the youth group this year.
- * The youth will host a bake sale on Sun., Oct. 20 to raise funds for the November Youth Event.
- * Sunday School kickoff is Sept. 8th with root beer floats during fellowship time following worship.

Diaconate

- Sept. Communion Offering will go to the CROP Walk.
- Meet & Eat dates are Sept. 28 & 29. Hosts are needed for both dates.
- Planning Invite A Friend Sunday for Oct. 20.

Missions

- ◇ Our community meal account is getting very low so we need people to give to this ministry.
- ◇ Supporting the Sept. 29 CROP Walk.
- ◇ Started planning the World Mission Offering for October..

Trustees

- ⇒ Received a bid to fix the roof leak in the balcony.
- ⇒ Thanks to Chris Iehl for designing and installing a new door in the unisex bathroom for the utility closet.
- ⇒ 2020 Mandatory elevator updates have been completed.

ABWM

- * Program books will be printed and distributed to all women in the church this month.
- * IA East Fall Event will be held on Oct. 19 in Cedar Rapids.
- * We will host Church Women United World Community Day on Friday, Nov. 1st.
- * White Cross event will be held here on Sat., Nov. 16th at 10am.

13th Month Offering Total: \$1,140.00 was received for the 165th Anniversary of First Baptist Church of Waterloo! Thank you for helping us celebrate this special occasion.

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!

So far this year, we have received \$34.95!!

Back to School Supplies Needed

We are collecting school supplies, Hy-Vee receipts, and Box Tops for Education for our Partner in Education, Irving Elementary School. Place your donated items on the table near the church elevator on the main floor.

Please keep all students, teachers, and administrators in your prayers as they begin a new school year.

American Baptist Women's Ministries

AB Women's Ministries is starting a new program year. Soon all women and young girls will receive a booklet which shares information about the budget, how pledges are used, and ways you can get involved through Quilters, Unity or Friendly Stars Circle, Sisters in the Spirit, Mom's Group, Girls of Faith, or Prayer Shawl Ministry. Our mission as a Christ-centered organization is to encourage and empower women and girls here at FBC and around the world. Get involved this fall!

Invite a Friend Sunday is Coming! Let's CELEBRATE!!

Invite a Friend Sunday is **October 20th**. This is your opportunity to CELEBRATE the blessings of First Baptist and invite a friend or neighbor to join you in church.

You will hear more about Invite a Friend Sunday in the coming weeks, but begin thinking about who you know in your neighborhood, work, or friend group that does not seem to be regularly attending a church. Maybe they are just waiting for an invitation from someone like you!!! Maybe they have never come, because they don't know that FBC Waterloo is a great place to learn about Christ our Savior, to make good friends who will always be around to help, and to join in reaching out to people in our community and the world to offer friendship or a helping hand. Maybe they would love to be in Sunday School, worship, choir, or bells, or have their kids active in a Wednesday evening program that supplies food for their minds and bodies.

CELEBRATE First Baptist in October by inviting a friend on October 20 or before! Cards will be available to handout to friends with information about our services and location.

Enjoy a Meal with Friends!!

Enjoy a relaxing time and get better acquainted with members of First Baptist (and maybe even learn something new). "Meet and Eat" groups are being planned at **6:00 PM, Saturday, September 28**, or **12:00 noon, Sunday, September 29**. Members of FBC will host a meal and invite 6-15 guests for a fun filled time of good food and conversation, and a chance to learn more about the people you see on Sunday mornings. You may choose whether to go to a host's home on Saturday evening, September 28, or join a host and/or hostess at the Pizza Ranch at noon on Sunday, Sept. 29. If you choose to go to a home on Saturday evening, you will be asked to help with the meal by bringing a salad, vegetable or dessert. Your host will call you the week before to confirm what you would like to bring to dinner. Please sign up under **Activity #1** on your attendance card in church or call the church office at 234-1537. Please indicate whether you wish to go to a home on Sat. or to Pizza Ranch on Sun. The deadline will be Monday, Sept. 23rd.

Another Meet and Eat will be planned in the spring. If you are interested in helping to host one of these "Meet and Eat" events, either in Sept. or in the spring, please contact Wini Dewey, or Dianne Van Gorder.

Stone Soul Picnic Sunday, Sept. 8th, 12:30-5:00 p.m. Gateway Park in Cedar Falls

The Stone Soul Picnic is an organization whose mission is to raise awareness of childhood hunger in Northeast Iowa. This free, family friendly event features musical entertainment, picnic style food, and kid's activities. If you would like to donate to this organization, send your donations to Stone Soul Picnic, 3505 Carlton Dr., Cedar Falls, IA 50613.

September 2019

Region Youth Event (RYE) 2019

November 1-3, 2019

Church on Northland in Cedar Rapids

For students in grades 6-12.

Registration is \$55 per person BEFORE Oct. 15.
(\$60 after Oct. 15)

**Come join us for Worship, Small Groups,
Workshops, Service Projects, Ice Arena/
Broomball, and a Weekend of Fun!!

Speaker: Adam Sieff

Music: Orchard Hill

Rhythms of the Spirit

November 11-15, 2019

Dayton Oaks Camp

Do you struggle for balance between prayer and activity? Do you long for a more quiet center, time for silence and reflection? This 5-day conference, offered in a retreat style, is a unique opportunity to explore and practice the transformed life together.

Leadership Team: Bill Englund, Carol Teare,
Jennifer Davidson, Brad Berglund

Download registration form at
www.rhythmsofthespirit.com or contact
Jacqueline Saxon, Region Executive Minister at
515-278-1411 or exec@mid-abc.org.

Prayer Team

A prayer team is starting on **Wed., September 11th** from 6:15-6:45 p.m. and will finish in time for adult choir practice. Our next scheduled prayer time is **Sept. 18th** and will continue on the first and third Wednesdays each month. We will pray the scriptures and personal prayers when asked. If you can't attend, feel free to put your written prayer requests in the office or Marcia Street's mailbox in the church hallway.

Church Officers & Ministry Teams 2019-2020

Ministers - Every Member of the Church

Lead Worship Pastor - Rev. Joe Greemore

Church Moderator

David Palmer

Church Clerk

(OPEN)

Finance Team

Steve Harty, Bob Jenkins,
& Gene Van Gorder

Church Historian

Steve Harty

Christian Education Team

Expires 2020 - Kristin Stanford

Expires 2021 - Candi Newman

Expires 2022 - Anne Lange, Jessica Turner,

Jane Nelson

Youth Coordinators - Shelby Greemore & Abi Agan

Youth Rep - Sophie Lange

Diaconate Team

Expires 2020 - Lizzie Zondo, Debra Isaacson,

Terri Anderson, Wini Dewey

Expires 2021 - Wanda Hoepfner, Jeff McKelvie,

Dianne Van Gorder

Expires 2022 - Shirley Jones, Beverly McCusker,

Sharon King

Mission Team

Expires 2020 - Marshal Iehl, Jim Girres

Expires 2021 - Keith Dewey, Clare Palmer

Expires 2022 - Karen Hoppes, Debbie Foust

Trustees Team

Expires 2020 - Bob Jenkins, Rye Lange

Expires 2021 - Rick Anderson, Gene Van Gorder

Expires 2022 - Robert Jones

Korczak's Children

Black Hawk Children's Theatre Production

Friday, Sept. 27, 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Korczak keeps 200 Jewish children in his orphanage alive and hopeful in the face of deprivation and terror. ***This play is recommended for ages 10 and above due to subject matter.***

Reserve your free ticket today by contacting Susan in the office.

**Anne & Sophia Lange are cast members!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10 am Business Meeting 10:15 Worship	2 OFFICE CLOSED 7:30 pm NA	3 9:30am Staff Noon Quilters 6pm Mindfulness 6pm Masons 6:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry	4 9:15am ABWM Board Meeting - F. Village 6:45pm Adult Choir	5 6pm NA	6	7
8 9am Sunday School 10:15 Worship Noon Church Row Coalition - FCC 12:30 Stone Soul Picnic-Gateway Park	9 6:15pm Team Meetings 7:30 Admin. Council 7:30 pm NA	10 9:30am Staff Noon Quilters 6pm Mindfulness	11 5pm Dinner 5:30-6:45 Friends Club, Youth & Mom's Group 6:15 Prayer Team 6:45 Adult Choir	12 6pm NA 6:30pm NOW 6:30 Unity Circle	13	14
15 9am S. School 10:15 Worship	16 7:30 pm NA	17 9:30am Staff Noon-Quilters Noon Pastors Lunch 6pm Mindfulness	18 5pm Dinner 5:30-6:45 Friends Club, Youth & Mom's Group 6:15 Prayer Team 6:45 Adult Choir	19 Noon Friendly Stars Circle - F. Village 6pm NA 6:30pm NOW	20	21
22 9am S. School 10:15 Worship	23 7:30 pm NA	24 9:30am Staff Noon Quilters 5:30 Stewardship Committee meets 6pm Mindfulness	25 4:30 pm Community Meal 5:30-6:45 Friends Club, Youth & Mom's Group 6:45 Adult Choir	26 6pm NA	27 7pm BH Children's Theatre play	28 9am Journeys with Joe to Museum 6pm Meet & Eat
29 9am S. School 10:15 Worship Noon Meet & Eat 2pm CROP Walk - Bethlehem Luth., Cedar Falls	30 7:30 pm NA		Spiritual Gifts Class 9/15-10/6, 9:00 a.m. Sundays in the chapel			