



Returning to Live Worship Update

The Administrative Council met on August 17 and had a thorough discussion of the Covid-19 statistics and cases in our state and county. By consensus, it was determined that it would not be safe to return to live worship at the present time. Even though this was a difficult decision, the safety of our people remains the highest priority. The Council members will continue to monitor the situation with careful consideration to how schools and colleges manage the pandemic. The Council will meet again for reevaluation on September 15, 2020.

-Pastors Leonard Harmon, Carol Teare and members of the Administrative Council (David Palmer, Marshal Iehl, Anne Lange, Dianne Van Gorder, Clare Palmer, Dwayne Price, Susan Price, and Marcia Street)

The Next Right Thing

(A Simple, Soulful Practice For Making Life Decisions)
Beginning September 2nd, 12:15-1:00 p.m.

What is the next right thing for you? If you don't know or wished for some help to make the best decisions for your life, come join our **Zoom Lunch and Learn** in September.

We will meet by Zoom, bring our lunch and discuss "The Next Right Thing" by Emily P. Freeman. When we have a decision to make, what we want more than anything is peace, clarity, and a nudge in the right direction. If you have trouble making decisions because of either chronic hesitation or decision fatigue, Emily P. Freeman offers a fresh way of practicing familiar but often forgotten advice: simply do the next right thing. This simple, soulful practice will help you

- clear the decision-making chaos
- quiet the fear of choosing wrong
- find the courage to finally decide without regret or second-guessing

Whether you're in the midst of a major life transition or are weary of the low-grade anxiety that daily life can bring, Emily helps create space for your soul to breathe so you can live life with God at a gentle pace and discern your next right thing in love.

Order your copy today and join us. Sign up to join this class by contacting the church office by phone or email waterloofbc@yahoo.com.



Upcoming Camp Events

Ladies Retreat - September 12th at Forest Lake Camp. Registration fee \$30, includes meals & program materials. Optional Friday night lodging available for attendees with at least a 2-hour commute. Contact the camp at forestlake@mid-abc.org or call 641-684-8908.

Men's Retreat - September 25-27 at Dayton Oaks Camp. Begins 7:30 pm on Friday and ends 4:00 pm on Sunday. Registration fee \$150, includes lodging, meals & activities such as hiking, shooting, fishing, 4-wheeling, & relaxing. Contact the camp at mabcamp@lvcta.com or call 515-547-2417.

Thank You...

Dear FBC Family,
 Thank you so much for all the cards and calls you sent and made while I was in the hospital. I appreciated the prayers and support you have to Gene and me. I certainly felt your love and caring.

-Dianne Van Gorder

While in the middle of Indiana we were transported to Waterloo for a wonderful service shared by friends in a familiar and warm sanctuary. The music was uplifting and the children's story hit two 85 year old children right where they needed help. Please tell Anne Lange and Randall Harlow that they did an incredible job on the flute and organ. It's amazing to see how far Carol has grown in her life and ministry. Thanks for the magic carpet of music and message.

-Maynard & Ruth Hatch

September Birthdays

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

September Anniversaries

9/11 - Wini & Keith Dewey
9/13 - Kristin & Bryce Anderson
9/17 - Shanna & Dan Bravener
9/18 - Shirley & Jim Baldwin
9/22 - Chelsea & Adam Faucher

In Sympathy...

We extend condolences to Zach Turner & family on the passing of his sister on July 28.

We also extend condolences to Craig Twaites & family on the passing of his brother on August 2.

2020 M-ABC Region Biennial Gathering

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 3rd** as plans are currently underway for our VIRTUAL Region Biennial Gathering. This year we celebrate 50 years as an ABC Region serving churches in Iowa and Minnesota. This year's theme is "Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow." Keynote speaker is Rev. Soozie Whitten-Ford.

Not only will technology bring our celebration to you, but also allow greater access to speakers and more. It will also let us listen to special music and participate in breakout discussion groups.

We also want to celebrate our history and we need your help in gathering those tidbits of Region history. Contact the Region Office at exec@mid-abc.org if you have items to share or know of a "historian" in your church.

Watch for more details in the upcoming weeks. Go to the region website at www.mid-abc.org for all the region news and events.

Happy Anniversary!

The children of Jim & Shirley Baldwin would like to invite the church family in helping them celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary, September 18, 2020 by dropping a card in the mail for them. *Please no gifts*, just kind words and celebration in cards. Mail your card to their home at 319 Lulu Street, Waterloo IA, 50701.

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Sundays:

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*[YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com)
Find us at our new channel **FBC Waterloo Iowa**



Striving to serve our neighbors, community, and world with open hearts and open doors for over 165 years.

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Office Hours:

Monday, Wed., & Thursday
9:00 am-1:00 pm

Thank you for your support!

Please continue to contribute regularly to support the work of the church, including the communion offering. Mail your tithes and offerings to First Baptist Church, 434 Baltimore Street, Waterloo, IA 50701.

If you want to save a stamp and you do online banking, set up a recurring payment of your offering mailed directly to FBC.

Financial Report (as of 7/31/20)

Checking/Savings \$67,137.86
RBC \$53,135.96
Foundation \$63,816.53
July Contributions \$26,647.00
July Expenses \$15,090.99