

You Are Invited to Worship With Us!

Sunday, August 1 - Message by Rev. Singer. Music by Andrew Nielsen.

Sunday, August 8 - Message by Rev. Singer. Music by Anne Lange.

Sunday, August 15 - Message by Rev. Singer. Music by Neal Petersen.

Sunday, August 22 - Message by Rev. Singer. Music by Band of Light.

Sunday, August 29 - Message by Rev. Singer. Music by Jim Girres.

Sunday, September 5 - Message by Rev. Singer. Music by Marcia Street.

Tithes and Offerings

Please continue to contribute regularly to support the work of the church, including the communion offering. Make out a separate check for the regular offering from special offerings such as communion and mission offerings.

Please mail your tithes and offerings to First Baptist, 434 Baltimore St., Waterloo, IA 50701.

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

Financial Report

(as of 6/30/2021)

Checking/Savings \$66,782.90
June Contributions \$12,352.34
June Expenses \$18,862.51
RBC \$79,131.98
Ameriprise \$83,403.60

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**10:15 a.m. Sunday
Worship**

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The Messenger - August 2021

Vacation Momentum

Remember the last day of school? You've cleaned out your desk, and now are watching the clock and counting down with the rest of the class until the bell rings and everyone cheers. You are young and so ready for summer. Then, do you remember, just about eight weeks later, sitting at home bored and ready for school to start so you could see your friends? It was like contentment was always the goal in front of us, never a companion.

In the pages that follow in our August Newsletter we are starting the ball rolling for fall programming and looking forward to all we are going to do together in worship and ministry. But the greatest gift that you can offer your new Pastor, even though we are all looking forward with anticipation to all that God is going to do in and through us, is to sit back and enjoy this summer. The practice of gratitude, the ability to sit back, relax, and appreciate all that God has given to us, and to just be grateful and content, is a great place to begin.

Our future ministry begins with our present gratitude. So enjoy today: the heat of summer, the rolling thunderstorms, beautiful sunsets and early evening walks. Let's plan and anticipate but also appreciate each day with all that it brings. I've always been one who has planned extensive vacations for our family (usually involving traveling to visit the rest of our family), and the one thing that can be certain is the plan isn't always what happens. But it's the things that weren't supposed to happen that are most memorable. I don't remember, years later, most of the things that went according to plan, but I do remember a number of spontaneous things we did along the way, because we were committed to enjoying today!

So enjoy today without undue worry about tomorrow, as Jesus said, "each day has enough trouble of its own." Let's enjoy August (and even this tail end of July) together, for like those last days of school we experienced as kids, today is unique and special and worth celebrating.

-Pastor Jon



Are You Ready?

Wednesdays at FBC are coming back! We have something for everyone. Children and Youth will experience choir and group activities while Mom's Group will meet to discuss their busy lives and families.

Wednesdays at FBC begin September 8 with dinner for all ages, Children's Choir, Friends Club, Youth, and Sanctuary Choir rehearsal.

Wednesday Schedule:

5:00 p.m. Dinner for all ages
5:30 Mom's Group, Youth Group, Children's Choir
6:10 Friends Club (K-5th grade)
7:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

Sunday Connect begins September 12 at 9:00 a.m. for all ages with a light breakfast and an introduction to *Connect*. Mark your calendar now and make every effort to do something new this fall by checking out the offerings for all ages during the 9:00 hour each Sunday.

COMING IN OCTOBER: "Mental Health and the Church" co-hosted by a variety of people.

CHURCH ROW HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 3rd from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Washington Park, W.3rd & South St., Waterloo
Food, Drinks, Games, Live Music, Face Painting, Prizes, and Much More!
Please bring your lawn chairs.

Block Party

Sunday, August 29th from 4:00-7:00 p.m.
Washington Park, Waterloo
Bring your lawn chair and enjoy an evening of music and fellowship. Windsong will be performing with music ranging from pop, jazz, rock, and top 40 hits. Popcorn will be provided.



The Time for Singing Has Come!

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals
begin Wed., Sept. 8th at
7:00 p.m.

Our choir will be back in the loft this fall leading worship and lifting their voices in song.
Please join us and bring a friend.

All are welcome! Rev. Carol Teare, Director.

We will lead worship on Sept. 12 and 19th.
Mark your calendars now.

Prayer Shawl Ministry will begin meeting on the first Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in Room 20 starting August 2. Contact the church office or Shirley Baldwin for more information.

Quilters meet every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in Room 20.

ABWM Board Meeting is Wednesday, August 4th at 9:30 a.m. in Room 20. *Be on the lookout for Friendly Stars & Unity Circle meetings coming up in September.*

American Baptist
**Women's
MINISTRIES**

Worship Leaders:

Aug. 1 - Dwayne Price
Aug. 8 - Clare Palmer
Aug. 15 - Dave Schlette
Aug. 22 - Dianne Van Gorder
Aug. 29 - Heidi Gruis

Ministry Teams will meet on Monday, August 9th at 6:15 p.m. followed by Administrative Council at 7:30 p.m.

August Birthdays

1 - Shirley Jones	23 - John Chandler
1 - Jackson Stanford	24 - Jean Vaux
2 - Brenda Murray	26 - Susie Walker
10 - Patty Jenkins	27 - Randy Schmitz
10 - Donna Nelson	28 - Keenen Boyd
12 - Maynard Hatch	28 - Joan lehl
15 - Charlie Jarchow	28 - Verner Nelson
16 - Donna Penne	29 - Toby Teare
20 - Andy Jenkins	

August Anniversaries

7 - Winnie & Walter Riley
8 - Diane & Chris lehl
13 - Samantha & Cam Satterlee
16 - Patty & Bob Jenkins **52 Years!**
18 - Beverly & Robert McCusker **65 Years!**
29 - Jonene & Earl Baugh

YOUTH GROUP EVENT

Monday-Tuesday, August 2-3 Overnight at Holiday Lake. All students starting 6th to 12th grade in the fall are welcome! Contact Abigail Agan at 641-891-4645 for more information & questions.

2021 Community Meals will be Different

Due to Covid and social distancing precautions the Advisory Council has recommended that our monthly Community Meals begin in September as a drive-up and take-home meal. We will need several individuals to be lead organizers for 2 or 3 meals during the year. We plan to keep the menu simple and each meal will be prepacked before distribution. Individuals who organize and prepare the meal may choose the menu they want to prepare. It could be ham salad sandwiches and chips, spaghetti and veggies, or baked chicken and potatoes. About 8 helpers will be needed each month to prepare, pack and hand out the meals. Volunteers will be needed to provide bars or cookies or possibly salads each month. Please be thinking how you can be a part of this mission and contact Dianne Van Gorder or Wini Dewey if you are ready to help.

Condolences

We offer our sincere condolences to the family of Erma Cowlshaw who passed away at the age of 100 on June 26.

Thank You

Dear FBC and C.E. Team,

I am very grateful to you for the many ways you have supported me in returning to school. I am so thankful for your thoughtful interest and conversations about how my classes are going and your support has given me encouragement when I sorely needed it! I am also thankful to receive financial support from First Baptist's scholarship fund and the Beulah Clark memorial scholarship. I am applying these funds towards my final health science pre-requisite courses (Microbiology and the CNA certificate course) at Hawkeye Community College and towards my first semester as an official nursing student.

Please accept my deep gratitude and I will be keeping you in my prayers and would appreciate your prayers in the upcoming school year!

-Anne Lange

FFF Teachers and Helpers,

Before we all go off, all I need to say is thank you! This summer was so fun! We learned that God loves us no matter what (Mrs. Susan). We made arts and crafts with big messages (Mrs. Candi & Abi). Then we learned new games to play (Mr. Dakota). So thank you for spending your time to deal with us ALL the time. But THANK YOU to the people who gave us snacks (Mrs. Debbie) and breakfast and lunch. Thanks to the volunteers for their time. Because of FFF, not only do we all have a special bond but have made friends. My mom told me that FFF was going to be like school the first time I came here, but it was better! It was fun!! There's no notebook needed, no math zone and we go on field trips on Friday. Nothing can change my mind about the amazing FFF.

-Denaya Williams (5th grade at Irving Elem.)

Hello First Baptist Church,

I first want to thank you for paying money so I could go to church camp and I am have so much fun. God bless you all!

-Max Lange