

**You Are Invited to Worship With Us at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday!**

**Rev. Jonathan Singer, Pastor**

Sunday, Aug. 7 - Holy Communion. Dr. Melody Steed, organist. Worship Leader: Kristin Stanford.  
Sunday, Aug. 14 - Music: Anne Lange, flute; Dr. Melody Steed, organist. Worship Leader: Don Huff.  
Sunday, Aug. 21 - Music : Dr. Robin Guy, pianist. Worship Leader: Chris Iehl.  
Sunday, Aug. 28 - Music: Band of Light & Dr. Melody Steed. Worship Leader: Sandee Harmon

**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 6/30/2022)

Checking/Savings \$38,205.30  
June Contributions \$8,675.00  
June Expenses \$14,485.11  
Foundation \$184,689.23

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**Body Builder**

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**First Baptist Staff**

Rev. Jonathan Singer  
*Pastor*

Susan Price  
*Office Manager*

Rev. Carol Teare  
*Minister of Music*

Dr. Randall Harlow  
*Organist/Accompanist*

Dr. Melody Steed  
*Children's Choir Director*

Candace Newman  
*Children's Ministries Director*

Bishop Barnes  
*Custodian*

**Church Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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

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# The Messenger - August 2022

## Best Laid Plans

I was all ready for church last Sunday when our son Noah let us know that he had tested positive for COVID. As you all know, Carol Teare (who was our planned organist for the day) stepped in with a wonderful message, and Dave Schlette and Lizzie Zondo made it a wonderful worshipful morning. I sat at home, unable to even watch because of our current internet limitations (thank you, Mediacom), and thought about how these are often the times when God does something unexpected, when our plans are derailed. Best laid plans.

I received the Covid call earlier in the week this time that our guest organist (while Dr. Randall Harlow is away on a Fellowship Grant overseas) Steve Peters caught Covid and will not be able to play. So, the Band of Light became the Band of Lite! We are the vacation selection, with a different playlist than we planned as we play on Sunday. So, I decided I would sing and play a special music piece, and as a tenor it's in my range when my voice is in good form. Some days, my voice isn't. So I have the song for Sunday in two keys...just in case. Best laid plans.

Sometimes God has plans that are different than ours. I think of Phillip in the book of Acts, moved by the Spirit to go roadside in the middle of nowhere and encounters someone (an Ethiopian eunuch) right there who needs him. It's an amazing story of human availability and Divine Timing. Best laid plans.

Make your plans as this Summer wanes into Fall, but when they are derailed or adjusted, see those changes as opportunities for God to do somethings unexpected and wonderful. Be ready and expectant to encounter God in new ways and let's see what happens!

With expectancy,

Pastor Jon



**Retired Ministers & Missionaries Offering**  
**“Transformed by Generosity”**  
**2 Corinthians 3:18**  
**Goal \$1,000**

The Mission Team is collecting the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) during the month of August. The American Baptist denomination is strong today because of those who have devoted themselves to following God’s call.

This offering is a “thank you” to retired pastors and missionaries in our American Baptist family. Please write a letter to one of your former pastors and let them know how much their ministry meant to you. You can also write to a former missionary or share your own personal story with our church family by emailing it to the office.

Please support by giving whatever amount you can towards our goal of \$1,000. Even small gifts make a difference. Thank you!

**National Night Out** will be held on Tues., August 2nd from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Washington Park, on the corner of W. Park Ave. & Washington Street, Waterloo. NNO is an annual, community-building event hosted by churches and businesses in the neighborhood. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the food, games, and fellowship!

**You Are Needed**

Are you looking for a way to help behind the scenes? Then we have a place for you! From our Sound Booth to our Video Screen Operator, we have areas of serving on a weekly or monthly basis. Get started serving by contacting the church office at 319-234-1537 or waterloofbc@yahoo.com.

**Team Meetings & Administrative Council**  
**Monday, August 8**

6:15 p.m. All Team members gather in the Chapel  
 7:30 p.m. Administrative Council meets

**Community Meal BBO**

**Wednesday, August 31, 5:00-6:00 p.m.**

Please sign up on the hallway board to help with this important ministry. Volunteers are needed to prepare & serve the food and donate salads.

**Welcome, Melody!**

We are excited to announce a new addition to our music ministry staff. Dr. Melody Steed will begin directing our children’s choir in September. Melody has been a friend of our congregation for several years, singing with our adult choir for cantatas and serving as substitute organist. She is currently teaching music at Cunningham Elementary School and has vast experience in music education and church music. You’ll see Melody on the organ bench in August. Be sure to welcome her warmly!

**It’s a New Season of Singing**

Adult and children’s choirs will begin on Wed., September 7. Please save the date and join the choir this fall. All are welcome and wanted.

Rev. Carol Teare - adults  
 Dr. Melody Steed - children



**OVERNIGHT YOUTH GROUP TRIP TO HOLIDAY LAKE!**

**August Birthdays**

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

**August Anniversaries**

- 7 - Winnie & Walter Riley  
 8 - Diane & Chris lehl  
 13 - Samantha & Cam Satterlee  
 16 - Patty & Bob Jenkins **53 Years!**  
 18 - Beverly & Robert McCusker **66 Years!**  
 29 - Jonene & Earl Baugh

Dear Friends,  
 Our family has been on the road, traveling to churches and meeting folks like you. We wanted to thank you for joining our Missionary Partnership Network by supporting us in our call to serve in Thailand. You can keep up to date with us by following us at [www.facebook.com/lembkeministry](http://www.facebook.com/lembkeministry). We ask that you keep our ministry partner in Thailand, the KKBBS and our family in prayer as we travel.

-Yuree, Eric, & Harper Lembke, Global Servants  
 Kawthoolei Karen Baptist Bible School & College

**Region Biennial Gathering**  
**Friday-Saturday, Sept. 30-Oct.1**  
**FBC Pella, IA**

Plans are underway for our Region's Biennial Gathering happening Friday, Sept. 30 - Saturday, Oct. 1 to be held in person at FBC Pella, IA. The Biennial is for all church staff, officers, ministry team leaders, and congregation members. Please make plans to attend as there will be region business to attend to and we will need church delegates to vote, exciting guest speakers, workshops, worship, & fellowship. More information will be coming in the next couple of months as the planning team gets to work on our first in-person gathering since 2018!

**THANK YOU...**

We want to express our gratitude for the prayers and well wishes for Acacia during her NICU stay. She was finally able to come home on June 23 after 55 days in the NICU. She has since doubled her birth weight and is now 6lbs 2oz, we are overjoyed to finally have her home and can’t wait until she can meet everyone! Thank you all again for keeping our family in your thoughts and prayers.

-Michael Price & Jacquell Song

Dear First Baptist Church,  
 I would like to thank you so much for the church scholarship to horse camp this year! Max and I had so much fun being in nature and in the heart of God’s creation. Riding horses was so much fun and I learned so much. Forest Lake has been my all time favorite camp to go to and I was happy to be back after so long. I love going to chapel there and memorizing Bible verses. The experience is amazing and it means a lot.

-Sophie Lange

Dear First Baptist Church,  
 Thank you so much for the scholarship to Forest Lake. I loved going horseback riding. I learned how to brush, saddle, and ride a horse. I also liked meeting new friends. I really connected with God outdoors and saw His many amazing creations.

-Max Lange

Dear FBC family,  
 Thank you very much for all the calls, cards, and prayers as I have been dealing with cancer. My scans last week were good. Prayers have been answered!

-Gwen Ramsey

First and foremost, we want to give a shout out to all the church volunteers and youth volunteers who participated in FFF this year. The church has wonderful young people who are great leaders and role models for younger generations. It is great volunteers like these that make the FFF program run successfully.

-Candi Newman & Briana Borchert, co-directors  
 Taneya Hill & Dakota Hoepfner, FFF staff