

**You Are Invited to Worship With Us at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday!**  
**Rev. Jonathan Singer, Pastor**

Sunday, Sept. 4 - Rev. Pat Geadelmann, guest in the pulpit. Music: Marcia Street, flute.  
Worship Leader: Don Huff.  
Sunday, Sept. 11 - Music: Sanctuary Choir. Worship Leader: Clare Palmer.  
Sunday, Sept. 18 - Women's Sunday. Guest Speaker: Rev. Cindy White Music: Sanctuary Choir.  
Sunday, Sept. 25 - Music: Children's Choir & Band of Light. Worship Leader: Rye Lange.

**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 7/31/2022)

Checking/Savings \$45,477.65  
July Contributions \$21,369.72  
July Expenses \$12,979.37  
Foundation \$173,559.36

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*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**  
**9:00 a.m. Sunday School**  
**10:15 a.m. Worship**

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# The Messenger - September 2022

## CHANGE IS COMING, ARE YOU READY?

Ready or not, change is coming! As I write this, Sara and I are preparing to drive to Massachusetts where both Noah and Jeremiah are attending college. We will then officially be empty-nesters. Fly, little birds, Fly!

The truth is change happens. Be it the aging of our parents, the developing lives of our children, the tumultuous weather in Iowa, the transition from Summer to Fall, or the changing face we look at each morn in the mirror (yikes!) navigating change is one of the greatest tasks we have as the people of God.

The temptation for us can be to fear and resent change and nostalgically look back to an idealized past, but we can't face our future looking backward. We have been given a great gift, an opportunity to create something new together. At this moment there is so much that is new in your life. Grown from what was and matured from who you were, you are a new creation, as Paul proclaims, being remade by Christ. John's Revelation confirms this, reminding us, "I make all things new!"

As we enter this Fall, this time of change, remember that are being remade for this moment. Our church community is being remade as well as we continue to work together and imagine who else we would welcome into our midst, how we can minister to the changing needs of our community, and what new songs of joy we can share with each other.

So, I invite you to jump in with me and with both feet. Do it boldly! We have new friends serving in ministry with us: Welcome Candace Newman and Melody Steed! Our youth group is doing new things, partnering with other youth groups in our community for shared ministry! Our Choir and Band of Light are singing new songs, and they would love to have your voice join them.

Embrace with me this new day we are making together. Change is coming? We are ready!

With anticipation,

Pastor Jon





### Music Ministry Department

All music groups will begin their weekly rehearsals on

**Wednesday, September 7th.**

5:30-6:10 pm Celebration Choir (PreK-5th grades)  
Dr. Melody Steed, director

7:00-8:15 pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal  
Rev. Carol Teare, director

Band of Light praise team typically leads music in worship once a month with rehearsals scheduled by Pastor Jon.

Please contact the church office or one of the directors if you are interested in joining a group.

### Women's Sunday September 18

Rev. Cynthia White, co-pastor at Davenport FBC will be the guest speaker for Women's Sunday. She will be addressing our theme, "Let the Walls Fall Down". Our choir will be singing and Kristin Stanford will give the children's story. Come and celebrate with our women what God is doing to further His kingdom through American Baptist Women's Ministries (ABWM). This is the Sunday to wear either teal for AB GIRLS or purple for ABWM. Thanks for all who give pledges, special offerings, and attend circle meetings.

### Area IA East Fall Event

**Date:** Saturday, September 24

**Place:** Cedar Rapids Church on Northland

**Speaker:** Toya Richards, newly endorsed Global Servant to serve in Cape Town, South Africa. Come to hear her story and enjoy fellowship with other ladies.

**Registration fee:** \$10 (payable at the door)

Please sign up under **Activity #1** on your worship attendance card if you are interested. Contact the church office to register. Registration due 9/19/22.

### Christian Education News

We will begin our fall program year on Wednesday, September 7th for all children, youth & adults! Sunday Connect begins September 11th at 9am.

- \* Friends Club (grades K-5th) will begin on Wednesday, September 7th at 5:00 pm.
- \* Youth Group (grades 6-12th) will also begin on Sept. 7th at 5:00 pm.
- \* Mom's Group begins Wed., Sept. 7th from 5:30-6:45 pm.
- \* Sunday Connect will begin on September 11th at 9:00 am for children, youth and adults.

### Wednesday Schedule beginning Sept. 7:

- 5:00 pm Dinner for all ages
- 5:30 pm Youth (6-12 grade), Mom's Group, Children's Choir rehearsal (K-5th grade)
- 6:10 pm Friends Club (K-5th grade)
- 6:45 pm Youth & Children are dismissed
- 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

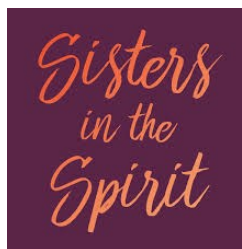
Candi Newman, Children's Ministries Director  
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### Sisters in the Spirit Fall Retreat

**Friday, September 16**

You are invited to a time of retreat and refreshment at Holiday Lake on Friday, Sept. 16th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Pastor Carol invites all women to sign up and come for a day of fun, fellowship and friendship.

Please sign up under **Activity #4** in worship, call the church office, or contact Carol (319-231-4464) to reserve a space at the lake!



### September Birthdays

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| 3 - Nonalee O'Malley | 24 - Steve Harty     |
| 7 - Kristal Boyd     | 25 - Terri Anderson  |
| 9 - Margaret Kauten  | 26 - Debbie Foust    |
| 12 - Renea Roster    | 27 - Jeremiah Singer |
| 12 - Jessica Turner  | 27 - Zach Turner     |
| 20 - Rex Iehl        | 28 - Shyanne Cobb    |
| 21 - Chuck Stilwill  | 30 - Kim Chandler    |
| 23 - Josie Turner    |                      |

### September Anniversaries

- 13 - Kristin & Bryce Anderson
- 17 - Shanna & Dan Bravener
- 18 - Shirley & Jim Baldwin **62 Years!**
- 22 - Chelsea & Adam Faucher

### Team Meetings & Administrative Council

**Monday, September 12**

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

### Community Meal

**Wednesday, Sept. 28, 5:00-6:00 p.m.**

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

### An Unforgettable One Woman Show

**Saturday, September 10th 7:00 p.m.**  
**Waterloo East High School**  
**"Daughter of the Struggle"**

*Daughter of the Struggle* is living history by Ayanna Gregory, daughter of Civil Rights activist, Dick Gregory. This one-woman show will take you on a journey through the personal sacrifices of the Gregory family and the families of other freedom fighters. Come and experience Ayanna's poignant stories and captivating songs.

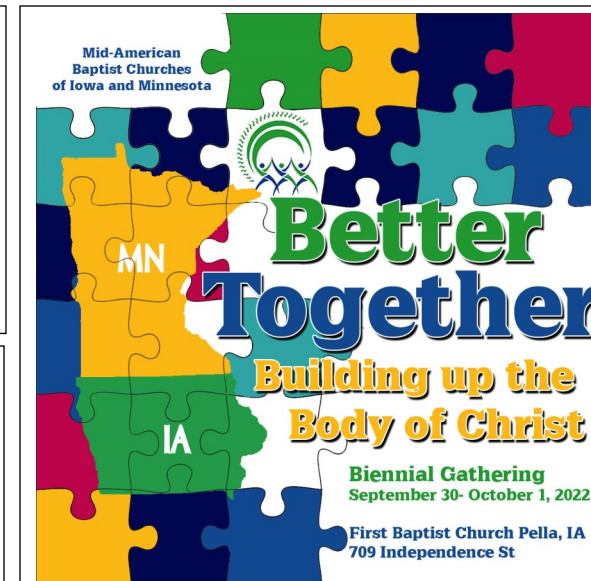
### THANK YOU...

I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with the Community Meals. Just like it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a congregation to support a church.

-Wanda Hoepfner

### THANK YOU...

Karen Hoppes, Debbie Foust & Marcia Street were able to take your donated items to the Milwaukee Christian Center July 26. We toured the facility and were able to meet the staff who shared their part in making this a thriving, helpful ministry to Latinos, African Americans and first generation Asian refugees. We filled boxes of food which will be handed out for their food security program and met young men who are part of Youth Build and are remodeling a home. We visited the Youth Day Camp where children's artwork was displayed and an impressive wall mural on a city building. Thank you for your prayers & support!



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

Register today for the Biennial Gathering in Pella. Worship, workshops, fellowship & a special lunch on Saturday as our region celebrates 52 years! A short business meeting will take place Saturday morning and it's important to have 4 delegates from our church present. Registration forms & schedule can be found on the hallway table. Please let the church office know if you'd like to be a delegate. Registration due by 9/22/22.