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


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 6/30/2023)
Checking/Savings $111,997.45
June Contributions $25,483.43
June Expenses $20,818.86
Foundation $180,297.01
Office Hours: 10am-1pm Mon-Wed or by app’t

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The Messenger - August 2023

Getting through the Dog Days

Unless you are part of the Lange family, who have a new puppy and are very happy, we are now bracing ourselves because we are entering the “dog days of summer.” In my mind it’s a time that hot and hard, and makes me think of working like a dog, which makes little sense, because most of the dogs I’ve known spend most their time napping.

It turns out during these last days of July entering August, the Romans and Greeks noted that the “Dog Star” Sirius appears prominent at the head of the constellation Canis Major and is the brightest star in the night sky. It turns out Sirius isn’t a lone star but two different stars whose light we see combined. This binary star is composed of a main sequence star and a white dwarf star (not to be confused with Red Dwarf, which is also a star and a TV show I used to watch on PBS). The two shine together as one, and are moving closer to earth as the universe and galaxies shift. In sixty thousand years it will, actually seem brighter, so mark your calendars!

As we rest more and do a little bit less doing these impossibly warm and doggy days, give this a think. How much of what you have accomplished in your life has been aided by a partner, companion, friend, teacher or mentor, or colleague. We don’t shine on our own, but in the presence of one another. Having returned from Puerto Rico and had the wonderful experience of a visit to a rain forest, a kayaking trip through a luminous bay at dusk, the amazing music, sermons, and resources at the American Baptist Churches Biennial, I then experienced a COVID truncated vacation with a time of unexpected isolation when we returned home. It got me thinking about the gift we are to one another. We shine and make others to shine by coming alongside them. For most of us, we don’t even notice it, certainly don’t want to notice it about ourselves, but at times fail to notice how much we shine.

In the sweet music we make together, be it using our voice or playing an instrument. We shine.

In all the different ways we use our gifts together in community, from worship to mission: We shine.

In the letters and emails we write, the encouraging words we speak lifting others up: We shine.

In the way that we care for our children and our parents, the way we love your spouses: We shine.

In the games we play, the teammate we are, or the way that we cheer others on: We shine.

In our welcome to our friends, but even more to those friends we haven’t met yet: We shine.

Jesus said “…let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven” Matthew 5:16

In these brightest and hottest days of Summer, when the Dog Star shines. Remember that we shine as well…together.

Gratefully in need of sunglasses…
Pastor Jon
In August of 2024, First Baptist Church will be celebrating their 170th anniversary. From our one room log cabin church, (Jefferson Street) to our present location at 434 Baltimore Street, we have ministered to the community and beyond. A celebration is being planned and we welcome anyone interested in participating to contact the church office.

**Outdoor Community Meal BBQ**

**Wednesday, August 30, 4:30-6:00 p.m.**

Please sign up on the hallway board to help with this important ministry.

Volunteers are needed to set up, prepare & serve the food and donate dessert.

**Body, Mind, Spirit, Voice!**

After a well-deserved summer break, our children’s and adult choirs will be back leading worship and begin rehearsals on Wed., September 6th. The first Sunday in the loft for the adult choir will be Sunday, Sept. 10th. All are welcome & invited!

**August Birthdays**

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

*Help celebrate Maynard’s 88th Birthday and Verner’s 89th Birthday!

Maynard Hatch: 9895 Hoosier Village Dr., #1018, Indianapolis, IN 46268
Verner Nelson: 514 Columbia Circle, Waterloo, 50701

**August Anniversaries**

7 - Winnie & Walter Riley
8 - Diane & Chris lehl
13 - Samantha & Cam Satterlee
16 - Patty & Bob Jenkins 54 Years!
18 - Beverly & Robert McCusker 67 Years!
29 - Jonene & Earl Baugh

**Team Meetings & Administrative Council**

Monday, August 14
6:15 p.m. All Team members gather in the Chapel
7:30 p.m. Administrative Council meets

**You Are Invited to a Birthday Brunch!**

Saturday, September 2 at 11am

You are invited to a brunch to celebrate Margaret Kaunten’s 75th birthday on Saturday, Sept. 2nd at 10:00 a.m. in the church social room hosted by her family. Make your reservation under Activity #1 in worship or call the office no later than Aug. 30.

**Church Row Neighborhood Garage Sale**

First Congregational Church is holding a Parking Lot Sale on Saturday, Aug. 12th from 8:00-11:30 a.m. and they need our help. This is NOT a fundraiser but rather an opportunity to share with the community. There will be activities for kids, coffee & cookies, and tables of items for sale. All money raised will be given to a neighborhood project.

You can drop off items on Friday, Aug. 11 between 3:30-7:30 p.m. at First Congregational Church. Volunteers are also needed to help with the set up on Saturday at 7:00 a.m. and with the sale.

Contact Gina Greene at 319-404-8840 / ggreneen124@gmail.com if you are interested in supporting this Church Row event.

**170th Anniversary**

The Present Church - built in 1924

The Present Church - 1854

**National Night Out** will be held on Tues., August 1st from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Washington Park, 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!

**Dog Days of Summer Event**

Wednesday, August 9, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

All FBC Children and Youth are invited to a fun event on Wed., August 9th from 5:30 to 7:30 for a Dog Days of Summer Cook-out. We will have a mini-BBQ followed by outdoor games. Come help celebrate the end of Summer and get ready to ring in the Fall of 2023.

Volunteers are needed to help cook and serve the kids. We are serving hot dogs, salad, chips, fruit, and cookies. If you can help, please call Candi at 319-939-5510.

See you then!!