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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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First Baptist Church is an open and caring family of faith where worship is central and faith engages both heart and mind. We are warmly ecumenical, delight in our diversity, and cherish our Baptist heritage of freedom. We are called by Christ to share God's love with the campus, community, and the world.

As we seek to follow the way of Jesus, we welcome all people to fully participate in our fellowship: all ages, colors, backgrounds, political affiliations, and physical and mental abilities; male and female, gay and straight, rich and poor, single and married. We are all God's children, and all are welcome here.

Congratulations, Graduates!

Congratulations to graduates in our church and extended church family!

Peter Smith will graduate from Iowa State on May 11. Peter is a native of Virginia and graduated from high school in Gig Harbor, Washington. He will receive a Bachelor of Liberal Studies Degree.

Peter is a middle distance runner on the Iowa State Track and Field team. Most recently, he had a standout showing at the Drake Relays. Peter won the unseeded 1,500m with a three-second personal record of 3:42.32. And along with the other members of the ISU men's 4x800m relay, Peter was named Cyclone Athlete of the Week after the team won the 4x800m Drake Relay title with a time of 7:22.53, the no. 8 time in the world this year!



We have been glad to have Peter as part of our FBC family while he has been at Iowa State. He writes, "I'll go to basic training in late July at Fort Moore, Georgia with no idea where I'll end up afterward. 'Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path' - we are only shown what is right in front of us, rarely ever an end goal in mind, but to remain in God's will is the safest place by leaning on Him daily."

Our congratulations, best wishes and prayers go with Peter! We will recognize him in worship this Sunday, May 5.

Shannon Foley will receive an Associate of Applied Science degree in Mechatronics from South Central College in Mankato, Minnesota.

Kaylee Foley will receive a Bachelor of Business Administration from Minnesota State University—Mankato.

Shannon and Kaylee are granddaughters of Buck and Marilyn Peterson and daughters of Cynthia and Garth Foley. Following graduation they will go on a family trip to Ireland. They will be working this summer and continue their schooling in the fall.

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Spring Graduates—continued

Alex O'Connor will graduate from the University of Missouri—Kansas City School of Dentistry with a DDS. He and his wife Alyssa are moving to Louisville, Kentucky where Alex will be in a pediatric dentistry residency program at the University of Louisville.

Alex is the son of Annalee, grandson of Joyce and Lee Davidson, and great-grandson of John and Elaine Anderson. Alex is an Iowa State graduate and was active at FBC while an undergrad and was a member of our Puerto Rico mission team. In his younger years he was a camper and later counselor at our Music Camp.



Elijah Phomvisay Accepted to Drone Training Program

Elijah Phomvisay has been accepted into the spring cohort of the Drone Pilot Advanced Training Program at the Oneonta Job Corps Academy in Oneonta, New York. This is a 4 month program that begins May 13. Elijah has taken Job Corps training in Ottumwa as well as courses at Indian Hills Community College. Congratulations and our prayers and best wishes to Elijah!

Thank You from American Baptist Home Mission Societies

Dear Friends,

On behalf of American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS), thank you for your generous gift of \$1,047.00 in March 2024 in support of the America for Christ Offering 2024. Your financial support ABHMS is making a transformational difference across the United States and Puerto Rico.

Your generous giving allows ABHMS to provide scholarships for American Baptist students and ministry leaders; to support our work with intercultural Ministries by providing resources and training that foster sharing and learning across cultures; to help those who are interested in chaplaincy and specialized ministries; to support churches, seminaries, colleges, church leaders and children living in poverty across the United States and Puerto Rico.

Sincerely yours,
Dr. Jeffrey Haggray

Christian Education Worker Recognition Sunday, May 12

We are so thankful for all of those who serve in the ministry of Christian Education in our church. Folks give of their time by teaching Church School classes, working with our youth, leading music in Church School, caring for our children, and leading special times of study, and coordinating all of this work. We will recognize our Christian Education workers in worship on May 12. For all who take part in this ministry, thank you for all you do!

Phyllis Schrag Preaches on May 19

We welcome our own Phyllis Schrag to our pulpit on May 19. Phyllis is an educator, quilter, thespian, singer, Sunday School teacher, grandmother, and more! A native of South Dakota, Phyllis has preached for us several

Summertime Prayers

The Board of Deacons invites you to participate in “Summertime Prayers.” We are asking members and friends to submit prayers that will be compiled and distributed for devotional use over the summer months.



“Summertime Prayers” is a way to continue our individual and collective engagement in worshipping God. Prayer is an essential part of the worship experience. Through this effort, it is hoped that meaning can be found that helps us as we go about daily routines.

The submitted prayers may be general in nature or more specific if you desire. You might use a prayer you have written for worship as a worship leader. Some examples or prayers you might submit:

- prayers for healing
- prayers for strength in the midst of crisis
- prayers for our government
- prayers for peace
- prayers for summer travel
- prayers for times away and times of renewal
- prayers reflecting on the beauty of nature
- prayers for our church
- prayers of gratitude and thanksgiving
- or any other prayers as you are led by the Spirit.

As you consider this opportunity, give thought to how this activity can enrich your life and bring joy to others. There is not a specific length for prayers.

Writers can provide multiple prayers. We are hoping for participation by all ages. Prayers should be submitted to the First Baptist Church office by **May 15** and thus available for the summer months. For more information, please contact Larry Schrag or Barbara Woods.

Come for a Visit with Frances Perkins!







Our very own **Phyllis Schrag** will speak as Frances Perkins in a program at KHOI Community Radio **Monday, May 13, at 7 pm** in Studio C located at 622 Douglas Ave, in Ames, Iowa.

Using PowerPoint™ and addressing the audience costumed as Perkins, participants will learn about the behind the scenes influences she had on Franklin D. Roosevelt’s New Deal. Frances Perkins was the first woman to serve in the Cabinet; she was appointed Secretary of Labor in 1933 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Beginning with her awareness of women’s working conditions through the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire, the influence of social reformer, Jane Addams, as well as the important work of Florence Kelley, founder of New York’s National Consumers League, and Perkins work with New York’s Governor, Al Smith, the events preceding Perkins rise to a level of influence for human causes in FDR’s administration will be brought forth.



MAY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>2-3p PD Singing</i>	2 10a Virtual Coffee Shop <i>2-3p PD Dance</i> 4:15p Pastoral Relations Comm. 7p Deacons Meeting	3	4 
5 9a Choir 9:45a Worship/ Communion 10:45a Church School	6 <div style="background-color: #ffffcc; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">ISU Finals</div>	7 8a Men's Breakfast <i>2-3 PD Boxing</i>	8 <i>2-3p PD Singing</i>	9 10a Virtual Coffee Shop <i>2-4p PD Dance</i>	10	11 9a Church Work Day
12 9a Choir 9:45a Worship 10:45a Fellowship 11:00a Church School 	13	14 7p Trustees	15 	16 10a Virtual Coffee Shop	17	18 <i>3p Ames Youth Choir Concert</i>
19 Pentecost Sunday 9a Choir 9:45a Worship 10:45a Church School	20	21 8a Men's Breakfast	22	23 10a Virtual Coffee Shop	24	25
26 9a Choir 9:45a Worship 10:45a Church School	27 	28	29	30 10a Virtual Coffee Shop 7p Deacons Meeting	31	



Serving this month

May 5:

Worship Leader Phyllis Schrag
Ushers Julie Johnston, Aaron Stegemöller

May 12:

Worship Leader Jan Thompson
Ushers Jere Maddux, Bob Parrish

May 19:

Worship Leader Randall O'Brien
Ushers Jerilyn Logue, Tom Logue

May 26:

Worship Leader Stephanie Goodman
Ushers Stephanie Goodman, Larry Schrag

Birthdays of the Month

Catherine Parrish	6
Antorniece Lee	9
Roberta Ridley	11
Maxwell Keat	21
Dick Gee	25
Michael Thompson	28
Beth Douglass	29

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Stephanie and Brian Keat	5
Elizabeth and Aaron Stegemöller	19
Martha and Tom Gleason	29
Rita and Bob Parrish	29



Saturday, May 11 – 9 am
Lots of yard work!
Please join us!

Financial Report through 3/31

Income	
Pledges	62,519
Parking and building rental income	13,222
Non-pledged offering and other income	3,643
Memorial gifts	1,740
Mission offerings	1,167
Total	\$82,291
<i>2024 pledges rec'd in 2023</i>	6,700
<i>Total incl. pledges rec'd in 2023</i>	<i>\$88,991</i>
Expenses	
Budgeted items	73,483
Memorial funds	1,825
Total	\$73,483
Budget for 3 months	\$69,861

Maydews Birthday/Anniversary Celebration

On Saturday, June 8 from 2:30-4:30, there will be a celebration at Northridge Village for Nancy's 80th birthday as well as Nancy and Gary's 60th wedding anniversary. If you would like to attend, please RSVP Ed Maydew by May 18 by maydewed@gmail.com or calling 919-768-221. Congratulations Nancy and Gary and Happy Birthday Nancy!

Senior Moments

Be sure to tune in to KHOI Community radio 89.1 FM and listen to Senior Moments. This month's programs, which air each Saturday at 11:00 AM, feature interviews you won't want to miss. Each episode offers a different twist on what senior adults do as they live and thrive right here in central Iowa.

May episodes include:

May 4 - Susan Seidel Zawacky and Kent Johnson

May 11 – ISU Farmhouse Museum audio tour

May 18 – Peggy Faden and Betty Baker

May 25 – Joshua Thompson, Memorial Day guidelines at our cemeteries



Coming in June!

June 2 – Ice Cream Social

Following our longtime tradition, the Christian Education Committee will serve ice cream following worship as we kick off the summer. Join us for a fun and tasty gathering!

Summer Camp News

Our region has two camps: Forest Lake, just south of Ottumwa, and Dayton Oaks, near Dayton (45 minutes northwest of Ames). Both offer a variety of summer camps for children, youth, and families. Last summer we had youth attending both camps.

Our church will pay half the cost of camp for any youth, or more if there is a financial need. There is information and a list of the camp weeks for each camp on the bulletin board. For more information see Pastor Dave or a Christian Education Committee member.

June 23 – Outdoor Worship, Cookout, and... a Car Show!



On June 23, we will have worship outside with a cookout to follow. Bring a chair if you can, and a dish to share – burgers and hot dogs will be provided.

And yes, you heard that right: we will have an FBC Car Show! There are members with antique (ish) cars, muscle cars, electric cars, convertibles, and otherwise cool and interesting vehicles. But this is not just for collectible-type cars! Bring any means of conveyance you want for our car show. Your SUV, sedan, hatchback, minivan, station wagon, hybrid, gas guzzler, econobox, practical people mover, pickup truck, motorcycle, bicycle, scooter, skateboard or roller skates would be perfect. It is all about having a fun day. Mark your calendars now!



GOOD NEIGHBOR'S 3RD ANNUAL *Block Party*

All are Welcomed!

**FREE
EVENT**

We welcome one and all to Good Neighbor's 3rd Annual Block Party!

Come on down to Good Neighbor and enjoy some pizza, cookies, drinks, games for the kids, and some great music by local band The Cherry Pickers!

Its a Great Way to kick off the Summer!

EVENT DETAILS:

We'll bring the food, drinks, chairs and music!
You bring the Party Spirit and dancing shoes!
This is a FREE family-friendly event; all ages are welcome!



**May 19th
2024**

**Sunday
4pm-7pm**

**613 Clark Ave,
Ames IA**

**Live Music / Free Food / Kids' Activities /
Lots of Fun for All Ages / Summer Memories**



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Our Church Staff:

Rev. Dr. David Russell	Pastor
Mindy Phomvisay	Director of Music
Emma Phomvisay	Music Intern
Elizabeth Stegemöller	Choir Accompanist
Sierra Livengood	Office Manager
Kathy Greiner	Custodian



Worship Sunday mornings 9:45 in person or on ZOOM

Details for connecting via ZOOM at fbcomes.org