



The Spire

First Baptist Church, Ames, Iowa

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Worship Sundays 9:45 am

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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.

Pastor's Word

It was a brutal winter, with extreme cold, lots of snow and a blizzard to boot. (And that would be a snow boot.) After 179 consecutive days with snow on the ground (OK, that's a slight exaggeration), there are finally signs of spring. The giant snow pile in the church parking lot is still hanging on, but we are hoping it will be gone soon.

It seemed to me to be past the time when the crocuses should have been coming up at our house. When the snow finally melted, I could see daffodils peeking out from the ground, but no crocuses. My working theory was that they had already emerged, shriveled, and died under all the snow. Or that it came time to emerge, but they saw all of the snow and just said, "Forget it." But I was set straight by folks with more gardening knowledge who said that it all depended on the ground temperature, and the crocuses would show up. So I looked yesterday, and sure enough, the first couple of crocuses have just made it out of the ground.

The bigger springtime story at our house has to do with our maple tree, struck by lightning last summer. The strike had such power that not only were many of our electronic devices fried (as well as those of several of our neighbors), but tree roots were literally blown out of the ground. An arborist told us that at least 2/3 of the tree would die, and that prognosis seemed to be borne out when the leaves of 2/3 of the tree began turning red in early August while the rest of the leaves changed color in October, as usual. So I was amazed yesterday to see leaves budding on pretty well the entire tree. It's too early to know if the tree will make it, but there is hope.

The themes of spring – of renewal and rebirth and growth - fit so well with the great celebration of Easter. Even when it may seem otherwise, God is still there. Even in the dark moments, God is working to bring forth life. Even when there is decay and the threat of loss, there is hope. And even on the other side of death, we have the promise of resurrection.

I hope you will join us for worship this month as we remember the excitement of the triumphal entry, the supper shared in the Upper Room, the darkness of the cross, and the great joy of resurrection.

Blessings,

Pastor Dave





April 7

Worship Leader: Jere Maddux
Ushers: Bob Parrish, Kent Johnson
 Jan Thompson, Wallace Sanders
Sound System: Bob Parrish

April 14

Worship Leader: Joyce Davidson
Ushers: Larry Schrag, Nancy Maydew
 Wilson Korges, Beth Douglass
Sound System: Tom Logue

April 21

Worship Leader: Susan Russell
Ushers: Dianne Borgen, Jerilyn Logue
 Tom Logue, Jon Pritchard
Sound System: Kent Johnson

April 28

Worship Leader: Aaron Stegemöller
Ushers: Scott Anderson, Julie Johnston
 TJ Nugent, Jere Maddux
Sound System: Tom Logue

April Flowers: Joyce Davidson



Zoe Russell	2
Lorene Hoover	5
Becca Whitaker	7
Jacelyn Rudderow	9
Rosemary Coffey	18
Elijah Phomvisay	20
Neil Logue	22
Alissa Parrish	26
Dawn Doerr-Johnson	28



Fred and Dianne Borgen 4

Mark your calendar! Our 20th annual Music Camp is set for July 8-12.

Campers grades K-6 (completed) will enjoy a week packed with music, learning, friends, and fun! Additional information will be coming soon!



Order Information for Easter Flowers



We will be decorating our sanctuary with a variety of flowers for Easter Sunday, April 21. This year's flowers will be a bit different than in previous years. We will be ordering Easter lilies, at a cost of \$12 each, and also some floral bouquets. The large bouquets are \$12 each and medium bouquets are \$8 each. As before, if you'd like to dedicate your flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please include that information. There is a sign-up sheet on the hallway bulletin board near the east entrance. If you have questions, please contact the office. Make your checks payable to First Baptist Church with "Easter Flowers" in the memo line and place it in the offering plate or leave it in the church office. The deadline to order is Tuesday, April 16.

Spring Graduate Information Request



Are you or do you know of anyone who graduates this Spring? If so, please let the church office know. We will be honoring college and high school graduates in late April. Please phone the church office 292-9612 or email us at office@fbcame.org.

In celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary, Fred and Dianne Borgen will be hosting April's Fellowship Time. Please join in the celebration on Sunday, April 14, immediately following worship.





**12th Annual
FBC Cook-Off
Sunday, March 3, 6:00 pm
Theme: "Around the World"**

- Grand Prize: Tina Sanders
Mexican Lasagna
- 2nd Place: Stephanie Goodman
Taco Soup
- 3rd Place: Phyllis Schrag
Nigerian Betrothal Gift
- 4th Place: Dave Russell
Pastelon (Puerto Rican Plantain Lasagna)
- Special Recognition: Luke Rustin
Rice and Pigeon Peas

Lenten Reflection and Worship

A **Faith and Film** event will be held Sunday, March 31, 6:00 pm. We will watch the movie "Wonder" together and reflect on the themes of the film as it relates to our faith.



During Holy Week, our **Palm Sunday** service with palm procession will be April 14 at 9:45 am. **Maundy Thursday** service will be April 18 at 6:30 pm.

Godspell Performance April 14

We will be purchasing group tickets to attend the musical Godspell by ISU Theater on Palm Sunday, April 14. The performance will be at Fisher Theater. Godspell is based on the Gospel of Matthew, which we have been reading from on Sunday mornings since January. Discounted adult tickets are \$22.50; tickets for college students and younger (subsidized by the church) are \$5. You may order tickets by signing up on the bulletin board or calling or emailing the church office. Tickets must be ordered by 10 am on Tuesday, April 2. Come and enjoy a wonderful musical performance with your friends from First Baptist!

Easter Breakfast will be April 21 at 8:30 am with **worship** following at 9:45.

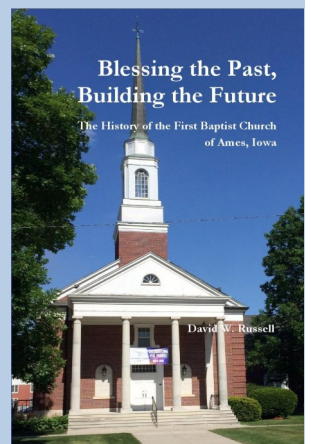
This year, our **Easter Cantata** will be presented on the Sunday following Easter, April 28, at 9:45 am. The choir will present "Upon This Rock" by Pepper Choplin.



Our cook-off was well attended! We enjoyed a wide variety of delicious dishes and raised a total of \$882.20 toward our Puerto Rico mission trip. Along with funds raised at our breakfast buffet and extremely generous donations from church members, we have reached our fundraising goal! Thank you all for your generous support of our mission efforts. Our mission team of 14 people will be in Puerto Rico June 8-15.

New History of First Baptist Church

What connection do evangelist Billy Sunday, retail magnate J.C. Penney, the first mutual health insurance program in the country, and the Delaware Indians have with First Baptist Church? Learn about all of this and more in *Blessing the Past, Building the Future: The History of the First Baptist Church of Ames, Iowa*. Pastor Dave has edited and revised the articles he wrote for our 150th anniversary, adding new



information and many photographs. If you would like a copy, please contact the church office or sign up on the bulletin board. We will take orders through April 14. Copies are \$10 each and you may pay for your copy when you pick it up. After this initial order, anyone can buy additional copies directly from the publisher.



April is Food Shelf Month at FBC!

Mid-Iowa Community Action, Inc. (MICA) serves a variety of families in many different ways – all their families have their own unique needs. We collect items and money twice a year in February and September. We all know times are hard and some families are facing a trip to the Food Shelf when they have never before needed to and may have even donated in other years. First Baptist has a strong tradition of supporting the work the Food Shelf does.

Most Needed Items!

Hamburger Helper

Rice

Rice mixes

Potato mixes

Soup

Other items needed:

Non-perishable, unopened, and unexpired food items - Bring things that YOU would enjoy eating.

Jell-O, hot cocoa packets, juice, pasta, pancake mixes, syrup, tomato products such as paste and chunks, coffee, tea and canned chicken, peanut butter, tuna, flour, sugar, canned beans – this provides protein for some families

Personal hygiene items – bath soap, shampoo, women's supplies, shaving crème and deodorant, toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels

Household supplies –dish soap, cleaning products

Infant needs – diapers of all sizes and wipes, baby food

Money – Mica likes to give food vouchers to be used for milk, eggs, meat and fresh vegetables and fruit.

MICA's food pantry is entirely community funded. With financial aid they are able to shop for items that they are out of, often at reduced prices that are given to food shelves across the country.

If you would like your gift to appear on your church statement, write the check to our church (FBC) and write MICA in the memo line.

CCJ Fundraiser

The Center for Creative Justice will hold its French Toast fundraiser here at First Baptist on Tuesday, April 23, 5-7 pm. For \$5 you get all-you-can-eat French Toast and sausage and help support CCJ, which offers probation services in Story County. Without the services provided by CCJ, many offenders would simply receive a fine and/or a jail sentence with little or no rehabilitative effort and no supervision. CCJ helps offenders get their lives back on track while strengthening our community and reducing crime. You can purchase tickets in advance from Dave Russell or Jere Maddux, CCJ Board members (if you can't attend, you can still buy a ticket!).



Community ID Program



Many community residents, including many citizens, do not have the necessary requirements to receive a driver's license or state-issued ID card. This is an issue in dealing with businesses, health care providers, social service agencies, law enforcement and more. AMOS congregations in Story County are launching the Central Iowa Community ID card, a photo ID that is reliable proof of the holder's identity and residence. The first ID card drive is Saturday, March 30, at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, 2900 Hoover Ave., Ames. Doors open at 9 am and orientation from Ames Police and other community leaders begins at 10:00. Plan to devote several hours between orientation, paperwork, and photos. The card costs \$8 (cash only) and has a life of two years. Please phone (515) 599-8149 or go to <https://sites.google.com/view/communityid/home> for information. A flier is posted on the bulletin board.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 (March) 9:45a Worship 11a Church School 11p Student Lunch 6p Lenten Film "Wonder"	1	2 8a Men's Break- fast, Perkins 4p Music & Move- ment	3 2p PD Discussion Group 3p PD Singing Group	4 6:30p Choir 6:30p Deacons	5	6
7 9:45a Worship/ Communion 11a Church School	8	9 4p Music & Move- ment 7:15p Trustees	10 11:30a Women's Lunch, Mandarin 3p Parkinson's Singing Group 6:30p Choir	11	12	13
14 9:45a Worship 11a Fellowship Time 11:15a Church School 2p "Godspell" at Fish- er Theater	15	16 8a Men's Break- fast, Perkins 4p Music & Move- ment	17 3p Parkinson's Singing Group	18 6:30p Maundy Thursday Service 7:15p Choir	19	20
HOLY WEEK						
21 8:30a Easter Breakfast 9:45a Easter Worship 	22	23 4p Music & Move- ment 5-7p CCJ French Toast Feed	24 11:30a Women's Lunch, Perkins 3p Parkinson's Singing Group 6:30p Choir	25 6:30p Deacons	26	27 1-4p Choir 6p Phi Kappa Psi event
28 9:45a Easter Cantata 11a Church School	29	30 4p Music & Move- ment	<p style="text-align: center;">Church Office Hours</p> <p>Monday—Closed Tuesday—9am-Noon & 1-4pm Wednesday—9am-1pm Thursday—9am- Noon & 1-3pm Friday—8am-Noon</p>			



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Our Church Staff:

Rev. Dr. David Russell	Pastor
Mindy Phomvisay	Director of Music
Patricia Izbicki	Accompanist
Janelle Keltgen	Office Manager
Kathy Greiner	Custodian
Hanna Saville	Child Care
Emily Tonn	Child Care



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| April 7 | Instrumental Ensemble in Worship—9:45 am |
| April 14 | Palm Sunday Worship—9:45 am
“Godspell” at Fisher Theater, 2:00 pm |
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