



The Spire

First Baptist Church, Ames, Iowa
Celebrating 150 Years!

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 200 Lynn Ave.
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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.

Worship at the Hoggatt School

Sunday, June 3 9:45 am



Picnic lunch follows at Inis Grove Park

On Sunday, June 3, our 9:45 morning worship service will be held at the Hoggatt School, on the grounds of Meeker Elementary (300 20th Street). This is the one-room school where Squaw Creek Church, the earlier incarnation of First Baptist, met from about 1862-66. We will be outside, so bring a lawn chair! We will have a number of canopy tents to provide shade. A representative of the Ames Historical Society will be on hand to answer questions about the school. Following the service, we will head to Inis Grove Park for a picnic lunch at the Shagbark Shelter off of 24th Street, north of the tennis courts. Hot dogs (veggie dogs too) and beverages will be provided; please bring a dish to share. We will have some "old-time" games and activities such as a sack race, croquet, and more.

150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday, June 30-Sunday, July 1



Sign up at church, call the church office at 515-292-9612, or register online at www.fbcomes.org. See page 4 for more details.



June 3

Ushers: Bob Parrish*, Kent Johnson
Julie Johnston

June 10

Worship Leader: Jon Pritchard
Ushers: Julie Johnston, Nancy Maydew
Sound System: Tom Logue

June 17

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

June 24

Worship Leader: Joe Parrish
Ushers: Scott Anderson, Julie Johnston,
Jere Maddux, Tiffany Nugent
Sound System: Tom Logue

June Flowers: Phyllis Schrag

Photo Board



A board with photos of members and friends is located just outside of the sanctuary by the library. We are updating the board with photos of new members and friends and newer photos for those who wish. Becca Whitaker will be taking photos.



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| Tom Gleason | 1 |
| Mya Logue | 7 |
| Dianne Borgen | 9 |
| Susan Russell | 15 |
| Jocelyn Wilson | 15 |
| Tyler Anderson | 23 |
| Wallace Sanders | 24 |
| Wilma Robinson | 26 |
| Serena Parrish | 27 |
| Erin Johnson | 29 |

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| Nancy & Gary Maydew | 2 |
| Tom & Jerilyn Logue | 9 |
| Katy & Harris Seidel | 9 |
| Gretchen & Scott Anderson | 14 |
| Mindy & Aiddy Phomvisay | 15 |
| Pat & Howard Johnson | 15 |
| Mary & John Anderson | 17 |
| Helen & Jim Sassaman | 17 |
| Michelle & Neil Logue | 22 |
| Jan & Michael Thompson | 30 |



Online Payments Now Available



Online payments and contributions may now be made from our website through PayPal. Those who register for our 150th Anniversary Celebration or for Music Camp can register online. Those who do so will receive an invoice through PayPal and can then pay online or mail their payment to the church. We are offering this option for convenience, and expect that it will be especially helpful for Music Camp registrations for folks who do not attend First Baptist.

FBC Coffee Mugs are here! For only \$5, you can make your morning cup of coffee even better! The mugs will be available during Fellowship Time.



Dear FBC Family,

ISU Facilities Planning and Management (FP&M) will be holding a fundraiser from 11:00-12:30 on Thursday, June 7 for Ron and Sheryl Kamps, who are facing a difficult medical expense. Sheryl is an administrative assistant in the English department, and Ron works for FP&M. Here are the details:

- Who: ISU Facilities Planning and Management on behalf of Ron and Sheryl Kamps.
- What: A fundraiser to help cover a medical expense--\$2 slices of pizza and name-your-price baked goods.
- When: 11:00-12:30, Thursday, June 7
- Where: The FP&M Vending Room, General Services Building, ISU Campus. (Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/eNs3x8Zu6A82>.)

There will be very limited seating at this event, so plan to take your lunch to-go.

Best, Dale Grauman

THE ROGER WILLIAMS CLUB

Iowa State College (ISC) and First Baptist Church (FBC) evolved from the swamp flood plain along the Skunk River over the same years. The first class at ISC met from 1869 to 1873. FBC was founded in 1868 with the first church building constructed in 1872. The first ISC class was required to attend chapel after breakfast in 1869, led by one of the professors appointed by the first ISC president.

A formal relationship between ISC students and First Baptist Church began in 1917 when an FBC student organization was formed. A president and vice president were elected. In 1927, Theta Epsilon, a women's student Christian group was organized. In 1929 the Roger Williams House was erected, funded by the national Board of Education, Northern Baptist Convention. (The house was named for Roger Williams, founder of the First Baptist Church in America, in Providence, Rhode Island). Reverend R.B. Davidson was in charge of the work. The house at 120 Lynn is pictured in the 1929 *Bomb*, the ISC Yearbook.

The Great Depression years were difficult. College enrollment decreased. Some sororities closed for a few years. However, by 1933 student attendance at the Roger Williams House had doubled. In 1940, sixty Roger Williams Club (RWC) students are pictured in the ISC *Bomb*. In 1942 RWC members numbered 110. Students sustained the senior choir. In 1944 two pages of the *Bomb* were dedicated to the RWC, 26 women committed to the Theta Epsilon, 47 students to RWC. Harris Seidel and Kathryn Bell Seidel were pictured. In 1946, thirteen men and twenty women were included in the *Bomb*, revealing the impact of WWII.

Following are notable dates and statistics related to student religious activities:

- 1948 RWC pictured in the *Bomb*; 50 students; no Theta Epsilon picture
- 1949 Roger Williams House sold as student ministry was incorporated into new church being built on Lynn Avenue
- 1954 45 RWC members pictured in the *Bomb*
- 1957 47 RWC members pictured in the *Bomb*
- 1959-60 No formal *Bomb* picture
- 1962 FBC's Covenant House at 304 Lynn Avenue pictured in the *Bomb*
- 1965 Last Baptist Student Fellowship (formerly RWC) report included in FBC annual report
- 1966 Last year the *Bomb* contained a section on student religious activities.

Student participation in the RWC, First Baptist Church, was vigorous from about 1930 to the mid 1950's. Excerpts from the 1948-49 annual FBC report provide an example of the RWC activities. Sunday evening programs included "Anticipating Alter-ations" and "The Dynamics of Christian Living." Members of the RWC attended conferences at Shurtleff College in Illinois; Green Lake Conference Center in Wisconsin; the Ecumenical Students Conference in Lawrence, Kansas; and seminars in Washington, DC and New York.

Deputation teams conducted worship services at Mount Pleasant, Plainfield, Storm Lake and Sac City. The social committee planned the "Sweetheart Banquet," Sunday night buffet suppers for 25 cents and quarterly parties.



Members of the Roger Williams Club, 1949. Alvarita MacBride (Rita Parrish's mother) is in the front row on far left end. Howard Johnson is fourth from left in the front row.

The RWC included undergraduates, graduate students and married couples. Several African-American students supported the Club including Eddie Easley, who became a faculty member in economics at Drake University. Another received a Ph.D. in Education to become Dean of Students at a school in the south. Ten RWC members who were active during the 1930 to 1958 years eventually became pastors after receiving degrees in agriculture, engineering and other areas. Three couples who were active in the RWC are current members of First Baptist Church: Harris and Katy Seidel, Jim and Helen Sassaman, and Howard and Pat Johnson.

The decline of interest and support of students in religious activities, and the loss of University and faculty advocates for Religion in Life Week at ISC provide a commentary on the change of people's values from about 1940 to 1960.

Howard Johnson, who wrote this article, served as president of the Roger Williams Club in 1949. He received bachelor's and master's degrees from ISC in Agricultural Engineering, an MS in Hydraulic Engineering from Iowa, and a doctoral degree in Ag/Civil Engineering (Soil Mechanics) from Iowa State. He retired as Department Chair of Agricultural Engineering in 1988. He met his wife, Patricia Larsen Johnson, in the Roger Williams Club. Pat was enrolled in the Cradle Roll at FBC in 1930 and is a lifelong member of our church. She is a 1952 graduate of Iowa State and was an instructor in Family and Consumer Sciences.

In celebration of our 150th anniversary we will be highlighting a story from FBC history each month. These stories are available on our website at www.fbcames.org.

First Baptist Church 150th Anniversary Celebration June 30-July 1

Saturday, June 30

Choir Reunion: Gathering 3:15, Reunion/Rehearsal 3:30

All current and former choir members are invited to join us for a reunion! This will be a chance to see old friends, meet new friends, and celebrate the musical tradition of our church. We will rehearse music for Sunday morning, including an anthem by Mark Grizzard commissioned for the occasion.

Celebration Dinner/Program - Social Time 5:00, Dinner 5:45 with program to follow

We invite everyone to join us for a Celebration Dinner in our Fellowship Hall, with a catered meal. The program will include a celebration of our history with memories of past and current members, including former ministers. Cost for the meal is \$14/person or \$35/family.

Sunday, July 1

Worship, 9:45 am



Our guest preacher is Rev. Soozi Ford. Formerly the Associate Executive Minister for Mid-American Baptist Churches, Soozi now serves as Executive Minister for the American Baptist Churches of Indiana/Kentucky. Soozi has been a frequent guest here in years past and we are delighted that she will be with us for our celebration.

Plan to join us as we celebrate our anniversary! Pastors including Dave Nethercott, Jim Boardman, and Joann Jacobs will be joining us. Interim Executive Minister Gary Grogan will be with us as well, and Steve Linn will accompany our Anniversary Choir. Attendees from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Washington, DC, West Virginia, Illinois, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, and California have already registered.

Because of the catered meal, we are asking for advance registration. You may [register online from our website](#), at the church, or contact our office. Registration deadline is Sunday, June 24.



Worship in June

Worship this month will include a focus on our church's history in a run-up to our 150th Anniversary Celebration June 30-July 1.

June 3: "Roots" – Hebrews 12:1-2.

We will worship at the Hoggatt School, our first meeting place, and remember our roots as a frontier congregation.

June 10: "Faith" – Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-12

We will look at the early years of First Baptist, some notable people and events along the way, and a move to Campustown.

June 17: "Doing Good" – Mark 12:28-34, Galatians 6:7-10.

We will look at all the ways the First Baptist has been a force for good in the Ames community and beyond, and hear Paul's words: "Let us not grow weary in doing good."

June 24: guest preacher, Rev. Brenda Martin.

Brenda is an ABC minister who works for Lutheran Services of Iowa in Des Moines. She serves regularly as a supply and interim pastor, and we welcome her back to First Baptist.

One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing is an offering that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time. Many denominations join together in One Great Hour of Sharing and today, projects are underway in more than 100 countries.

Through One Great Hour of Sharing we embrace refugees of war or natural disaster around the world as our own. We say "where you go, we will go." This offering places us side-by-side with those in need. By supporting One Great Hour of Sharing, we answer God's call for us to bring wholeness to a fragmented world.

We will receive the offering through the month of June—please give generously.

Blessing the Past, Building the Future First Baptist Church 150th Anniversary Capital Campaign

Capital Campaign Update

Changes continue on our building and grounds. New carpeting has been installed in our nursery rooms. The new carpeting upstairs and downstairs looks great! We are anticipating repair and interior finish work around the new exterior doors on the east side of the church.

We have had a series of changes and setbacks on the parking lot project. Following changes in both the application of new city policies and in recommendations by our contractor, the plan is now to overlay the existing parking lot with minimal milling of the current lot. This will include removing existing timber parking bumpers, repair of areas on south of the church where a tree had been, new lot striping and new parking bumpers. The work may begin as early as next week and take about 2 days. We will get the word out when we know of the exact dates. While the lot is being repaved, parking will be available in the Alpha Chi Omega sorority parking lot across the street from the church.

The plan for extensive new plantings that the city had previously required was determined by the city to not apply to our situation, as our existing plantings and mature trees met the new landscaping guidelines. We still plan on new/improved landscaping of the property, but have had to wait until the city requirements were clear before proceeding.

As previously reported, we will do exterior painting and repair to the window trim and area above the porch on front of the church, and fascia board painting/repair in several areas.

Work continues and plans are evolving. Stay tuned!



New carpet in the lounge

JUNE

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  <p> Monday—Closed Tuesday—9am-Noon and 1-3pm Wednesday—9am-1pm Thursday—9am-Noon and 1-3pm Friday—8am-Noon </p> | | |  | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 9:45a Worship @ Hoggat School 11a Picnic Lunch @ Inis Grove Park (Shagbark Shelter) | 4 | 5 8a Men's Breakfast, Perkins | 6 3p Parkinson's Singing Group 6:30p Anniversary Choir Rehearsal | 7 4:30p Women United | 8 | 9 |
| 10 9:45a Worship 11a Fellowship Time | 11 | 12 7p Trustees | 13 11:30a Women's Lunch, Mandarin 3p Parkinson's Singing Group | 14 | 15 | 16  |
| 17 9:45a Worship 11a Fellowship Time 2p Prayer Shawl Circle | 18  | 19 8a Men's Breakfast, Perkins | 20 3p Parkinson's Singing Group | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 9:45a Worship 11a Fellowship Time July 1 9:45a Worship 11a Fellowship Time | 25 | 26 | 27 11:30a Women's Lunch, Perkins 3p Parkinson's Singing Group 6:30p Anniversary Choir Rehearsal | 28 6:30p Deacons | 29 | 30 3:15p Choir Reunion/Rehearsal 5:00p Anniversary Dinner Social Hour 5:45p Anniversary Dinner/Program |





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Our Church Staff:

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| Rev. Dr. David Russell | Pastor |
| Mindy Phomvisay | Director of Music |
| Patricia Izbicki | Accompanist |
| Janelle Keltgen | Office Manager |
| Kathy Greiner | Custodian |

MUSIC CAMP

**July 9-13, 9-11:30 am
First Baptist Church
200 Lynn Avenue, Ames**

A fun, hands-on experience for grades K-6 (completed).

Everyone is welcome!

Campers will present a concert at the end of the week!

**Info and online registration available at www.fbcames.org
or phone 515-292-9612.**

