



The Spire First Baptist Church, Ames, Iowa

Worship Under the Trees

Join us as we kick off the fall with our annual Worship Under the Trees service on Sunday, August 27, 9:45 am! Our regular 9:45 worship service will be out on the front lawn, and we will have a great meal to follow. Beverages and barbecue will be provided. FBC “regulars” are asked to bring a dish to share; newcomers and students, please come as our guests! Bring a lawn chair or blanket if you wish (folding chairs will also be available). Card tables are needed for the meal and volunteers needed at 8:30 to set up – please contact the church office if you can help.

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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.



Parking Lot Improvement Forum

We have received estimates both for resurfacing of portions of our parking lot and for a completely new parking lot (tear out of old lot, surface preparation, pouring concrete curbing, and then blacktop of the lot). During the Fellowship Time on August 13, we will have a brief forum to present the options and give an opportunity for questions and feedback. We will not be voting on a project on that day but gauging interest and getting direction as we formulate a possible capital improvement project to coincide with the church’s 150th anniversary.



Worship Leaders

August 6:

Worship Leader: Jere Maddux

Ushers: Bob Parrish*, Kent Johnson
Jan Thompson, Wallace Sanders

Sound System: Bob Parrish

August 13:

Worship Leader: Michael Thompson

Ushers: Michael Thompson*, Jill Grauman,
Nancy Maydew, Kaylinn Taggart

Sound System: Tom Logue

August 20:

Worship Leader: Kaylinn Taggart

Ushers: Dianne Borgen, Jerilyn Logue
Tom Logue, Jon Pritchard

Sound System: Kent Johnson

August 27:

Worship Under The Trees
Ushers: Scott Anderson*, Julie Johnston
Jere Maddux, Tiffany Nugent

Flowers for August: Nancy Maydew



Lorrie Whitaker	7
Scott Anderson	13
Gary Maydew	13
Jim Sassaman	20
Johnie Hammond	22
Gabe Whitaker	22
Bob Parrish	24

August Anniversaries

Marilyn and Buckley Peterson	1
Irene and Wayne Shireman	16



New Staff Members

We are delighted to welcome two new staff members!

Janelle Keltgen began as our new Office Manager on July 5. She served as Office Manager for a United Methodist congregation in Champaign, Illinois before moving to Ames. Janelle and her husband John are members of Collegiate United Methodist. She has three grown sons living in Illinois. Janelle's regular office hours will be 9-3 Tuesdays, 9-1 Wednesdays, 9-3 Thursdays, and 8-12 on Fridays. If you have not already met her, please stop by and welcome Janelle to First Baptist!

Kathryn Greiner started as our new custodian on July 24. She comes to us with experience in cleaning and currently is employed by the Ames School District as custodian at Northwoods Preschool Center. Kathy is the mother of five, and her youngest will be married on August 5. She will be working 10-12 hours/week and will primarily be in the building in late afternoons/early evenings and on Saturdays. If you have the chance to meet Kathy, please welcome her to our church!

Kathy takes over for **Aaron Stegemöller**, who served as our custodian over the last year. Aaron is working full-time in maintenance at the Madrid Home. He continued working here on limited hours until Kathy started here. Thank you to Aaron for his work as our custodian, and all of his contributions as a member of First Baptist!



Let's Welcome A Guest Preacher

The Rev. Dr. Gary Grogan will be our guest preacher on August 6. A retired American Baptist minister, Gary served as our regional Executive Minister. We have always appreciated his ministry with us and are delighted to welcome him again to First Baptist.



Guest Preacher

Music Camp Report

This year's Music Camp was a great success! Held each morning from July 24-28, 34 campers enjoyed a week packed with music and fun activities. Special guests include Lao dancers who performed and told the campers about the dance and its meaning, and Stan the Pan Man, who plays steel pans (steel drums). Stan explained the history of music in Trinidad and Tobago and campers had a great time playing tamboo bamboo instruments, making a conga line, and having a limbo party.

A special feature this year was the chance to visit the public piano at the corner of Chamberlain and Welch in Campustown. This is the piano that our campers painted last summer. Our group sang a song at the piano and then were met by Joe Smith, who plays the bagpipes. We marched back to the church, following the bagpipes!

The Camper's Talent Show was great fun, as campers sang, played instruments, told jokes, did gymnastics, demonstrated tae kwon do, did hula hoops, and more. The campers performed music they learned during the week in a musical at the closing program on Friday.

A big thanks to all of the staff who helped make Music Camp a great week for our children and children of the community. Staff included: Mindy Phomvisay and Dave Russell, directors; Janelle Keltgen and Susan Russell, registration; Rita Parrish, Elijah Phomvisay, Tana Tesdall, Adriana Detrick, Elizabeth Stegemöller, Kyle Tesdall, Emma Phomvisay, Isabelle Hindt, and Lorrie Whitaker, counselors; Jeanine Cole, Dianne Borgen, Nancy Maydew, Rosemarie Starrett, and Bob Parrish, kitchen.

(see more Music Camp photos on the back page)



Choir Begins August 23

Our choir will begin rehearsals again on Wednesday, August 23 at 6:30 pm. We invite new members to join us! Our choir will begin singing in worship again on Sunday, August 27 at our Worship Under the Trees service.

150th Anniversary News

The year 2018 will mark the 150th anniversary of First Baptist Church. The highlight of our year-long celebration will be a Homecoming/150th Anniversary Celebration on July 1, 2018. Rev. Soozie Whitten Ford, former Associate Executive Minister for our region now serving as Executive Minister for Indiana/Kentucky, will be our guest speaker. Plans are for a celebration meal, choir reunion, and more. Lots of details to come later, but mark your calendars now!



Biennial Report

The ABC Biennial/Mission Summit was held June 30-July 2 in Portland, Oregon. Jere Maddux, Beth Douglass, and Dave and Susan Russell attended from our church. American Baptists are said to be the most diverse Protestant denomination, and that diversity really shows at the biennial. Through times of worship especially, we experienced the variety of cultures and traditions that makes up our American Baptist family and were reminded that such diversity mirrors the full image of God. We celebrated as Josue Gomez-Menedez was elected as the first president of the denomination from Puerto Rico.

Pastor Dave was part of a pre-biennial event, "American Baptists Bike," which highlighted wellness and care for the environment. The plan was to set the record for largest number of clergy on bicycles. (Since the record is not listed in Guinness, this would be the new record.) The count was reported to be "greater than 50 and less than a thousand."



Parkinson's Disease Choir Festival

Our church will be hosting a Parkinson's Disease Singing Festival on Saturday, August 12. Choirs composed of individuals with Parkinson's Disease from Waverly and Ames will sing, and a massed choir will rehearse during the afternoon and perform at the closing concert.



Everyone is invited to attend the concert at 6:30 pm. Mindy Phomvisay will direct the mass choir and Patricia Izbecki will be the accompanist. The Singing Festival was planned by Dr. Elizabeth Stegemoller. The Parkinson's Singing Group and Music and Movement group that meet at our church are a part of her research and outreach to the community.

Parking Reminder



ISU classes are back in session Monday, August 21, which means (among other things) that our parking lot is a busy place. Numbered parking places are rented to students. If you are here for choir rehearsal or another midweek event, please park in one of the church parking spots in back of the building. If needed, the CCJ spots on the south side of the church are also generally available in the evenings. All parking spaces are available on Sunday mornings.

Hymn Sing September 3

Our worship service on September 3 will feature a hymn sing. We will be singing all kinds of music including old favorites and new songs. Plan to join us for a great morning!



Habitat for Humanity Offering



We will receive our annual Habitat for Humanity Offering on Sunday, August 20. Our church supports the work of Habitat in helping to provide decent housing for God's people in need through prayer, hands-on volunteering, and financial support. The offering will support the work of Habitat for Humanity of Central Iowa.

Students Volunteer at First Baptist

On June 28, high school students here in Ames for the 4-H State Conference volunteered at First Baptist as one of many service projects in our community. Because of threatening skies, they worked indoors, aligning pews and doing some deep cleaning in the sanctuary. On August 19, students from Destination Iowa State, a program for new students, will have the chance to participate in service projects in the neighborhood. Some of these students will be volunteering here at our church. We are thankful for all of the students who have volunteered and will volunteer with us!



WelcomeFest Help Needed



FBC will have a table at WelcomeFest on Thursday, August 24, beginning at 5:30 pm. This is a chance to reach out to ISU students and let them know about our church. We will be giving away goodies and information about our ministry. If you can help staff the table, please see Pastor Dave.



AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8a Men's Breakfast, Perkins	2	3	4	5
6 9:45a Worship Rev. Gary Grogan preaching 11a Fellowship Time	7	8 7p Trustees	9 11:30a Women's Lunch, Mandarin 7p Christian Education	10	11	12 6:30p Parkinson's Disease Singing Festival
13 9:45a Worship 11a Fellowship Time	14	15 8a Men's Breakfast, Perkins	16	17	18	19
20 9:45a Worship Habitat Offering 11a Fellowship Time 3 rd Sunday Lunch (Grandpa Noodle Gallery) 2p Prayer Shawl Circle	21	22	23 11:30a Women's Lunch, Perkins 6:30p Choir	24 5:30p ISU Welcome Fest	25	26 2-4p Destination Iowa State Service Project
27 9:45a Worship Under the Trees Lunch following worship	28	29 5:15p Pastoral Relations Committee	30 6:30p Choir	31 6:30p Deacons		



**More
Music Camp
Photos**



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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
Kyndal Reimer	Child Care
Mareika Thompson	Child Care