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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.

The Spire First Baptist Church, Ames, Iowa

Pastor's Word

I am continually amazed by the students who come to study at Iowa State and who make such rich contributions to the life of our church. Students bless us with their talent, energy, enthusiasm, and many gifts. One of the blessings of being a smaller congregation is the opportunity to get to know one another on a personal level, and it is always a joy to see the interactions between college students and adults as well as college students and younger children. Students serve as ushers, deacons, choir members, and more. Students have a big impact on our congregation; beyond all of the talents that they share, we are brought into a deeper appreciation for and conversation with the concerns of the campus community, simply by the gift of their presence.

Students certainly have an impact on our church, and at the same time, our church has an impact on students. We provide a "home away from home" and a caring community, as well as an opportunity to grow in faith. Opportunities including mission trips provide a chance to put faith into action and experience a bigger world. Our church represents a safe place to reflect on their faith in light of the challenges faced by emerging adults. The many students who returned for our anniversary celebration last summer speaks to the way that First Baptist plays an important role in the lives of college students.

I am thinking about students especially just now as graduation approaches. We want to congratulate our spring graduates and pray for God's blessings on them as they take the next step in their journeys. Please take the opportunity to congratulate our graduates, and to continue to connect with all of our students.

- Pastor Dave

Congratulations, Graduates!

Gabi Huntington will receive a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Iowa State, with a learning technologies minor and endorsements in special education and reading. She is student teaching this semester at Meeker Elementary. Gabi will move to Avondale, Arizona (Phoenix area) in early July, where she will be teaching kindergarten in the fall. A native of Perry, Iowa, Gabi has been a part of our choir throughout her time at ISU.

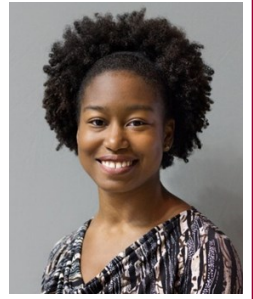


Christian Loaiza is also a native of Perry. He will graduate with a Bachelor of Music Education degree. He has also been student teaching this semester and spent the first part of the semester as a student teacher in instrumental music at Ames Middle School. Christian has been a member of our choir and has frequently played flute in worship. He plans to be an instrumental music teacher.

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Aisha Washington hails from Algonquin, Illinois. She is in the Honors Program at ISU and will receive a Bachelor of Science in Statistics, with a minor in Economics and Data Science. At Iowa State she was in the Cantamus Women's Choir, the Statistics Club, and co-founded the Women's Alliance for Cyber Security. She has accepted a position as a Business Intelligence Analyst at Hewlett Packard in Corvallis, Oregon. Aisha has been a participant in our college class/student lunch group.



Graduates in our wider FBC family include:

Connor Young, who is graduating from the University of Iowa Medical School and will begin residency at Loyola University in Chicago in July. Connor plans to specialize in cardiology.

Lauren Young, graduating from Iowa State University with a psychology major and biology minor. She is taking a gap year to work in various medical areas before taking the MCAT in May applying to medical schools.



May 5

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

May 12

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

May 19

Children/Youth Sunday

Sound System: Kent Johnson

May 26

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

May Flowers: Beth Douglass

Celebrating in May

Birthdays:

Catherine Parrish	6
Antorniece Lee	9
Roberta Ridley	11
Maxwell Keat	21
Amari Martin	23
Dick Gee	25
Michael Thompson	28
Beth Douglass	29

Anniversaries:

Stephenie & Brian Keat	5
Elizabeth & Aaron Stegemöller	19
Judy & Jim Demarest	21
Martha & Tom Gleason	29
Rita & Bob Parrish	29



Christian Education News

Music Camp



Our 20th annual Music Camp is set for July 8-12, from 9:00-11:30 am each day. Music Camp is for grades K-6 (completed), and includes choir groups, special musical guests, a camper talent show, great snacks, new friends, and lots of fun!

Brochures with a registration form are available in the narthex or church office, and you can register on the church website at fbcames.org.

Music Camp is a major outreach of the church to children in our community. We need your help to have a successful camp. You can help by:

- Volunteering to serve as a counselor/helper (no musical skill necessary)
- Volunteering to work on the kitchen crew
- Donating needed snack items
- Spreading the word to friends, neighbors, grandkids, etc.
- Attending the closing program to support our campers

Summer Church Camp



Our region supports two camps, Forest Lake (just south of Ottumwa) and Dayton Oaks (near Dayton, about 45 minutes northeast of Ames). Both offer a variety of camps for different age groups over the summer months. There is more information on the camps

posted on the bulletin board. Our church will pay half of the cost of camp for anyone who would like to go. See Rita Parrish, CE Committee chair, or Pastor Dave for more information.

Our annual **Youth and Children's Sunday** is May 19. Our youth and children will be leading worship that day, and you do not want to miss it! We will also be **recognizing Church School teachers and Christian Education workers** that morning. May 19 will also mark the last day of Church School for the year. Plan to join us on May 19!

Summer Schedule for Fellowship Time

With Church School done for the school year, we will have fellowship time after morning worship service every Sunday. A sign-up sheet is available in Fellowship Hall on the kitchen door. You are welcome to co-host with someone else. Anything light can be served as well as coffee, water, and lemonade/punch. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Woods at email jaguar@isunet.net or 515-232-9979 Your willingness to host fellowship time is appreciated.

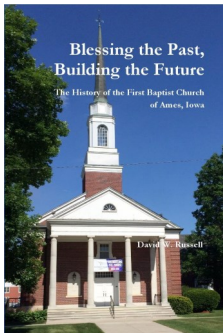


The Christian Education Committee will sponsor an **ice cream social on Sunday, May 26** following worship. Ice cream and all manner of toppings will be provided. The Ice Cream Social marks the beginning of fellowship time following worship each Sunday through the summer months.

Coming June 2!

Worship at McFarland Park with a cookout, fishing, and more! Watch for more details.

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 ordered a copy, you may pick it up in the church office. Each book is \$10. We have a few "extras" available for purchase, or you may place an order directly from the publisher at lulu.com.

We Care Bags



Thank you to all who support our College Students! We Care bags are given to our college students to fortify them as they study for and take their finals. Some of the things included in the bags were candy, trail mix, cookies, and crackers and something to hopefully relieve a little stress (this time Play-doh and a cookie cutter). Thank you to Jack and Donna Cleasby, Wallace Sanders, Irene Shireman, Janelle Keltgen and Jenna McCarley. And thank you to everyone in our congregation as we encourage and support our future leaders. Catherine Parrish, coordinator

Puerto Rico Mission Trip/Sister Church Update



A group of 14 people from our church will head to Puerto Rico June 8-15. They will be working as part of the “Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Puerto Rico” effort of American Baptist Churches USA. Our group will not know exactly where on the island they will be working until shortly before the trip, as this will depend on the work previously completed by other groups and where we are needed at the time. Groups have been making repairs on homes and church buildings including framing, drywall, roof repairs, painting, landscaping, electrical, cleanup work, and more.

Sunday June 9 will be our group’s free day, and we plan to travel to Mayaguez, on the west coast, to worship with our sister church there. We recently heard from that church, Iglesia Bautista de Mayaguez. Pastor Samuel Santiago gave a report about their recent mission trip to the Dominican Republic. This was the first mission trip the church had ever taken. Pastor Samuel wrote, “Our mission was to work with children in various communities and to provide supplies like clothing and food to those families. Before the trip we send two palettes full of clothing for children and hygiene supplies. And we brought with us 27 big suitcases filled with more clothing, hygiene supplies, toys for the children, and a few other things. Everything we brought was used or given to the people in the communities and churches we visited. We had the opportunity to visit a leprosarium and an orphanage. Both places marked our hearts in so many levels that this email doesn't provide enough space to explain it.”



Iglesia Bautista de Mayaguez youth mission team

Additional photos of their mission trip are posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Facility Updates

Exterior trim and woodwork on the front of the church has been painted and the front doors and ramp door have been painted.

Dan’s Landscape graded a section of the front yard to alleviate standing water on the sidewalk. Dan’s also trimmed a number of trees, trimmed the hedge around the CCJ yard, and cleaned up the area behind the parking lot on the east side, at the south end of the lot. They added soil and planted a prairie mix on the area.

With a crumbling concrete window well around a kitchen window, the window was bricked up and the well will be filled in by JRM Construction. In the course of working on repairs to window wells around two nursery windows, it was discovered that the damage to the concrete was greater than realized before excavation, and the (relatively) simple repair that was planned will not work. We are determining whether to brick in these below ground windows or pursue other options, including partial blocking and installing smaller replacement windows.

These facility updates are part of our “Blessing the Past, Building the Future” capital campaign.



Ames Children’s Choirs in Concert



The Ames Children’s Choirs will present their Spring concert on Saturday, May 11 at 3:00 pm here at First Baptist. Refreshments will follow in the Fellowship Hall. ACC includes three different choirs for children ages 7-18.

Ames Ecumenical Housing Wins Award

The Ames Human Relations Commission presented its "Home for Everyone" award to Ames Ecumenical Housing at the City Council meeting on April 9. The award recognizes a worthy individual or organization that has made a contribution to providing safe, quality, and equitable housing opportunities that enhance the quality of life for members of the Ames community.



Ames Ecumenical Housing (AEH) received the award for the Keystone and Stonehaven buildings. Begun by a coalition of churches including First Baptist, AEH began offering affordable housing to older and physically challenged individuals with limited financial resources in 1985. Residents pay no more than 30 percent of their income for rent, with HUD subsidizing the balance. It is estimated that more than 1,000 people have benefited from Ames Ecumenical Housing's efforts over the past several decades.

First Baptist continues to support this effort. Johnie Hammond represents our church on the agency's board. Our church, led by Johnie, nominated Ames Ecumenical Housing for the award. Youth and Shelter Services was also a recipient of this year's award.

Iowa Religious Media Services to Close



Iowa Religious Media Services, a shared ministry of six denominations in Iowa, will be closing this summer. The Iowa United Methodist Conference, by far the largest denominational partner, ended financial support at the end of March due to budget constraints. We will be able to check out resources through the end of June. We have used IRMS resources including a parachute for

Music Camp, videos used in planning and training, and especially videos used in Church School classes. Plans are still in process, but IRMS is hoping that the library of resources will go to an ecumenical lending library in a neighboring state that would be open to membership for Iowa churches such as ours. Pastor Dave serves on the IRMS Board of Directors.

News from CCJ

Craig Evans, Executive Director of the Center for Creative Justice, retired from CCJ on April 30. Christy Boyer has been named the new Executive Director. Christy has served at CCJ for 13 years as a Probation Officer, and previously served as Interim Director.






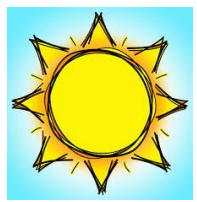


The annual CCJ French Toast Feed was held in the church Fellowship Hall on April 23. Thank you to the many FBC members who turned out to support the mission of CCJ - and enjoy some great food and fellowship!

CCJ rents the former parsonage on the south end of our building, and our church has a long history with the organization. CCJ began with the help of a start-up grant from American Baptist Churches in 1974. The Center for Creative Justice is a unique entity as a private non-profit agency offering probation services to lower-level offenders. Without the services provided by CCJ, these offenders would simply receive a fine and/or a jail sentence with little or no rehabilitative effort and no supervision.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Regular Church Office Hours Monday—Closed Tuesday—9am-Noon & 1-4pm Wednesday—9am-1pm Thursday—9am- Noon & 1-3pm Friday—8am-Noon			1 2p PD Discussion Group 3p PD Singing Group 6:30p Choir	2	3	4 10a Izbicki Studio Recital
5 9:45a Worship/ Communion 11a Church School	6 4:30p Ames Children's Choirs	7 8a Men's Breakfast, Perkins 4p Music & Movement	8 11:30a Women's Lunch, Mandarin 3p PD Singing Group 6:30p Choir	9 4:30p Ames Children's Choirs		11 12:45p Ames Children's Choirs 3p ACC Concert/ Reception
ISU Exams Week						ISU Graduation
12 9:45a Worship 11a Fellowship Time 11:15a Church School 	13	14 7p Trustees	15 3p PD Singing Group 6:30p Choir	16	17	18 9a Nai-Ying Liao recital rehearsal 2p Nai-Ying Liao Piano Studio Recital
19 9:45a Children/Youth Sunday with Christian Ed. Recognition 11a Church School	20	21 8a Men's Breakfast, Perkins 5p Women United	22 11:30a Women's Lunch, Perkins 3p PD Singing Group 6:30p Choir	23 6:30p Deacons		25
26 9:45a Worship 11a Ice Cream Social	27 	28 5p Women United	29 3p PD Singing Group	30	31	June 1 



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Our Church Staff:

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Mindy Phomvisay	Director of Music
Patricia Izbicki	Accompanist
Janelle Keltgen	Office Manager
Kathy Greiner	Custodian
Hanna Saville	Child Care
Emily Tonn	Child Care



June 2—Worship at McFarland Park, 9:45 am

June 8-15—Puerto Rico Mission Trip

June 21-23—Biennial Mission Summit (Virginia Beach, VA)

July 8-12—20th Annual Music Camp