



The Spire

First Baptist Church, Ames, Iowa

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

200 Lynn Avenue
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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.

Fall Schedule kickoff

September 1 – Choir Begins

Choir has started for the year with rehearsals on Sunday mornings at 9am in the lounge. A new choir year is a great time to join the choir! (The rehearsal time may be subject to change.)



September 8 – Worship Under the Trees 9:45, meal follows

Join us as we worship on the front lawn and celebrate the start of the school year. We will have a meal with Hickory Park barbecue following worship. Bring a dish to share – and students, please come as our guests! Bring a lawn chair if you have one (chairs will be available) and we can use some card tables for the meal.

September 15 – Church School classes begin for the fall

After a break for the summer, our classes will begin following worship. We have Church School classes for all ages – check for details elsewhere in the Spire.

September 22 – Pastor Dave's 25th Anniversary at FBC, fellowship follows worship

Pastor Dave's first official day as our pastor was on this day in 1999. We will be celebrating this anniversary during worship and in a time of fellowship to follow!



2001 directory photo



After a summer of services based on questions in the Sermon Suggestion Box, we will be returning to the Revised Common Lectionary this fall. The lectionary is a set of readings for each Sunday of the year and we will follow the lectionary for most Sundays. Through the month of September we will look at scriptures from the book of James.

September 1 - "Doing the Word," James 1:17-27

September 8 - "Playing Favorites," James 2:1-10, 14-17

September 15 - "Word Power," James 3:1-12

September 22 - "Reflecting on Twenty-Five Years"

September 29 - "The Church at Prayer," James 5:13-20



Fall Kickoff September 15: Church School News



On September 15, we begin our regular fall schedule, with Church School at 10:45. On the second Sunday of each month, there will be a Fellowship Time after worship with Church School following. We offer classes for all ages:

Children K-6 will meet in the downstairs classroom with Jan Thompson and assistants. They will be using the "Celebrate Wonder" curriculum and also have Music Time with Mindy.

Youth 7-12 will meet with Becca Whitaker in the youth room upstairs.

College Students/Young Adults will meet in the College Lounge on the second floor. On September 15 they will meet and make plans for the semester, including study, fellowship, and meals together. Pastor Dave and Randall and Kay O'Brien will meet with our student group.

The Library Class will meet (where else?) in the library with leaders Phyllis Schrag and Barbara Woods. This is a Bible Study class using the Salt and Light curriculum. Please note that this class will begin in October.

The Theology Class will meet in the lounge. The class will share leadership and will determine a study topic for the semester.

GREAT DAY OF SERVICE

Our annual **Great Day of Service** is set for Sunday, October 6. We will gather at the regular time of 9:45 am, have a very short worship service in the sanctuary, and then spend the morning in service projects – working both in our building and out in the community. We will conclude with lunch together. One of the projects involves putting together hygiene kits for Church World Service that are distributed throughout the country and around the world as needs arise to victims of natural disasters such as flooding, wildfires, earthquakes, hurricanes, and tornados as well as those who are refugees because of war or political upheaval.

There is a **sign up sheet** on the bulletin board if you would like to help provide some of the items for the kits. Some of these items can be purchased from a gift registry that the church has made on Amazon. You can purchase those items online and they will be shipped directly to the church. You can go to that registry page [here](#), go to Amazon and search for “First Baptist Church of Ames” in gift registries, or use the QR code below.



Regional Gathering

Our Mid-American Baptist Churches Biennial Gathering is set for October 4-5 at the First Baptist Church in Dubuque. The MABC includes around 115 churches in Iowa and Minnesota. The gathering includes inspiring speakers, practical workshops, and fellowship. Several FBC members are involved in regional committees and ministry teams. Lorrie Whitaker is our region’s president-elect. Pastor Dave will be leading a workshop at the gathering on “Ministry to the Virtual Congregation.”

For more information, go to the [region website](#), read the flier on our bulletin board, or see Pastor Dave or Lorrie Whitaker. Registration forms are available online or from the church office.

AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF IOWA AND MINNESOTA

BIENNIAL GATHERING

OCTOBER 4 - 5, 2024

First Baptist Church Dubuque, Iowa
2143 Judson Dr, Dubuque, IA 52001



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

DR. PAM DURSO

President of Central Baptist Theological Seminary,
Shawnee, Kansas



GLOBAL SERVANT SPEAKER

RODNEY RAGWAN

Global Consultant for Theological Education with
ABCUSA International Ministries

Registration and Lodging information can be found at:

<https://www.mid-abc.org/2024-biennial-gathering>

Scan QR code for registration



Join us for Bible study, worship, workshops,
fellowship and celebration luncheon and program

SEPTEMBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>9a Choir</p> <p>9:45a Worship/ Communion</p> <p>10:45a Fellowship</p>	<p>2</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>8a Men's Breakfast</p> <p>10a Pastoral Relations Committee</p> <p>7p Christian Education (Zoom)</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10a Virtual Coffee Shop</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> 
<p>8</p> <p>9:45a Worship under the Trees</p> <p>10:45a Fellowship</p> 	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>2-3p PD Boxing</p> <p>7p Trustees</p>	<p>11</p> <p>2-3p PD Singing</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10a Virtual Coffee Shop</p> <p>2-3p PD Dancing</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9a Choir</p> <p>9:45a Worship</p> <p>11:45a Church School</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8a Men's Breakfast</p> <p>2-3p PD Boxing</p>	<p>18</p> <p>2-3p PD Singing</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10a Virtual Coffee Shop</p> <p>2-3p PD Dancing</p>	<p>20</p> 	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9a Choir</p> <p>9:45a Worship</p> <p>10:45a Pastor Dave's 25th Anniversary Fellowship</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>2-3p PD Boxing</p>	<p>25</p> <p>2-3p PD Singing</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10a Virtual Coffee Shop</p> <p>2-3p PD Dancing</p> <p>7p Deacons</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9a Choir</p> <p>9:45a Worship</p> <p>10:45a Church School</p>	<p>30</p>					



September 1:

Worship Leader: Becca Whitaker
Ushers: Julie Johnston, Aaron Stegemöller

September 8:

Worship Leader: Kaylinn Nugent
Ushers: Jere Maddux, Bob Parrish

September 15:

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

September 22:

Worship Leader: Barbara Woods
Ushers: Stephanie Goodman, Larry Schrag

September 29:

Worship Leader: John Anderson
Ushers: Jan Thompson, Barbara Woods



Katherine Thompson	2
Stephanie Keat	3
Lucy Stegemöller	10
John Anderson	12
Jenna McCarley	19
Ethan Phomvisay	22
Dave Russell	22
Rosemarie Starrett	24
Kent Johnson	29
Barbara Woods	29
Elizabeth Stegemöller	30



Jill and Michael Leininger 6

Happy Anniversary!

September 22, 2024: Please join us for a celebratory fellowship time commemorating the 25th Anniversary of Pastor Dave and Susan and their daughter, Zoe, here in Ames at First Baptist Church!

It also happens to be Pastor Dave's Birthday that very same day so come have some cake!



SAVE THE DATE!

American Baptist Churches USA
BIENNIAL MISSION SUMMIT
July 3-6, 2025 | Omaha, NE

COME SEEK
LIVING WATER

COME SEEK:

- ◆ New Life in Christ through dynamic worship services and learning opportunities.
- ◆ New Connections with other American Baptists. Build your network!
- ◆ What God has to share with you!

Come Seek Living Water

Join the Ames Area Religious Leaders Association for storytelling, dialogue, and authentic personal connection



OPEN BOOK

Read any good people lately?

September 29, 2:00-4:00 pm
Ames Public Library
515 Douglas Ave.
Ames, IA 50010

Space is limited, so register today!
Stop by the library or register online:
amespubliclibrary.org/event/open-book

Imagine a library full of stories—not written in books, but told through the lessons learned by people with real-life experiences. Books are people. They are our neighbors from diverse backgrounds who are willing to share their personal experiences and defining moments. Readers are people like you who are interested in hearing stories that inspire joy, awe, wonder, and disbelief. The conversations that follow will leave you feeling even more like you belong within your community.

This event is in partnership with the Ames Public Library and supported by Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.



**CULTURE
ALL**

Photo Board Update

The board with photos of members and friends located in the hallway outside the sanctuary needs to be updated with new photos. Beth Douglass and Jere Maddux will be taking photos on September 8, when we have our outdoor service. If your photo is not on the board or you/your family's photo needs to be updated, see Beth and Jere. If you are not here on September 8, we can get your photo any Sunday.

We would like to include our Zoom worshipers on the photo board so that those who meet in person will have the faces of their fellow worshipers. If you attend via Zoom, you can email a photo to the church (office@fbcames.org). Please make sure the photo is in landscape format as that is that best fits our photo board.

For those in Ames who cannot get out, we can also come to you to take your photo.

Everybody say, "Cheese!"



Fellowship Time Signup

Through the school year, we will have a Fellowship Time following worship on the second Sunday of each month. You may sign up to provide refreshments for one of our monthly fellowship times on the signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to all who have provided refreshments over the summer months!



The 2024 CROP Walk will be October 13 at Ada Hayden Park just north of Ames. Registration begins at 1 and the walk starts at 1:30. Walkers can choose the shorter loop or longer loop, or any distance they wish to walk in the park. [Click here](#) to register online or make contributions to our FBC team. You can also see our recruiter Julie Johnson for a paper sponsor form. Stay tuned for more details!



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Our Church Staff:

Rev. Dr. David Russell	Pastor
Mindy Phomvisay	Director of Music
Elizabeth Stegemöller	Choir Accompanist
Emma Phomvisay	Music Intern
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