



The Spire First Baptist Church, Ames, Iowa

Summer Worship at FBC

Worship during Pastor Dave’s sabbatical will feature a variety of voices from our congregation and beyond. We think it is an exciting lineup! Here are our guest preachers and special services this summer.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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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.

Randall O’Brien will be preaching on May 1, June 5, and July 3. Randall is an ordained minister and retired religion professor and university administrator who served as provost at Baylor and most recently president at Carson-Newman University in Tennessee. Randall is a Vietnam veteran. Kay and Randall joined our church on the last Sunday before the pandemic shutdown. At FBC, Randall serves as a deacon. We are very thankful that he and Kay have five grandchildren in Ames, because they helped lure them to town!



Our deacons will be leading our service on May 8, featuring lots of great music by **Kent Johnson**. Kent is a Senior Financial Coach at the Evelyn K. Davis Center for Working Families at DMACC and manages the Consumer Credit Counseling Service in Rochester, MN. When he is not deaconing at FBC, you can find Kent playing in the local band Vinyl Vagabonds.

Jeanne Bishop will be our guest preacher on May 15. She is a Cook County public defender and member of Second Presbyterian Church in Chicago with a powerful personal story of forgiveness. Jeanne is a human rights advocate, writer, speaker, teacher and mom. Since the 1990 murders of her sister, brother-in-law, and their unborn baby, she has advocated for forgiveness and reconciliation, violence prevention and reform of the criminal justice system to make it more merciful.





May 22 – It is **Youth Sunday and Music Sunday!** We will recognize our **Christian Education workers** and top it all off with an **Ice Cream Social!** Woo-hoo!



Jim Hinds will be our preacher on May 29. Jim and Ann are well known to many of us (Ann is the daughter of Harris and Katy Seidel). After working for 25 years in engineering and computer support at Northeastern University in Boston, Jim felt a call to ministry. He eventually went to seminary and served as an ABC pastor in Massachusetts. After Jim's retirement, he and Ann moved to Keene, New Hampshire shortly before the pandemic began. They have hardly missed a week as FBC Zoom worshippers since. Jim preached for us previously via Zoom; this time he and Ann will be with us in person!

Phyllis Schrag will be our guest preacher on June 12 and July 17. Phyllis is a retired public-school speech, theatre, English and gifted education teacher. She has appeared in numerous productions at ACTORS Theater in Ames. She will speak and sing the sermon on Sunday, June 12, from Mary Magdalene's point-of-view (adapted with permission from *Women of the Bible Tell Their Stories*, by Mary E. Jensen.) Mary followed Jesus right to the cross and the tomb. She was the first missionary of the risen Christ. The sermon will pose the question, "What does faithful discipleship to Christ mean in our lives?"



John Whitaker will bring the message on June 19. John and Lorrie and their three children Gabe, Daniel, and Becca are all Iowa State graduates and all part of our church during their time at ISU. John and Lorrie farm in southeast Iowa where they are longtime members of Hillsboro Baptist Church. They now live in Polk City. John is a former member of the Iowa House and former Iowa Director for the USDA Farm Service Agency. He is currently Executive Director for the Conservation Districts of Iowa. John is a past president of our ABC region and serves as our chair of Trustees.

Rev. Jacqueline Saxon, Executive Minister for Mid-American Baptist Churches, will be our pulpit guest on June 26. As our regional minister, Jackie has been with us on numerous occasions (most recently participating in virtual trivia nights!) Originally from Rochester, New York, Jackie came to our region in October 2018 from Austin, Texas, where she was Vice President for Student Affairs at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. This summer, Jackie will walk the Camino de Santiago in Spain for the third time! We welcome Jackie back to our church again.



Summer Worship at FBC (cont)



Rev. Dr. Hulitt Gloer will be our guest preacher on July 10. He is Professor Emeritus of Preaching and Christian Scriptures at Truett Seminary at Baylor University, where he and Randall and Kay O'Brien were colleagues. Dr. Gloer now lives in Kansas City (more or less in the neighborhood) and we are looking forward to his visit!

Rev. Gary Martin, our region's Associate Executive Minister, will be with us on July 24. This will be Pastor Dave's first Sunday back with us, but as he will be just back from a conference at Green Lake, Gary will be preaching. Gary is no stranger to our church. He is a graduate of Central Seminary in Kansas City and served at churches in Kansas before moving to Des Moines with his wife Brenda (who has also preached for us on many occasions.) On our region staff, Gary works with churches and ministry teams across our region. He is also owner/operator of Goldfield Trim, specializing in restored handcrafted interiors for antique vehicles. Gary is a life member and Senior Master level judge of the Antique Automobile Club of America and serves as the Chief Judge for the Des Moines Concours de Elegance.



Shared Outdoor Service

We will have our annual shared service with First Christian Church and Ames UCC on July 31. Our front yard has proven to be a better location than the park, so our friends will be joining us here at FBC at 10:00

Commissioning Service for Pastor Dave's Sabbatical

In our worship service on April 24, the church blessed and commissioned Pastor Dave for his time of sabbatical, which will run from May 1 – July 24. Pastoral Relations Committee member Joe Parrish led a litany and Moderator Joyce Davidson led a commissioning prayer as the congregation surrounded Pastor Dave with the laying on of hands.





****MAY****

May 1:

Worship Leader: Kay O'Brien

Ushers: Julie Johnston, Aaron Stegemöller

May 8:

Worship Leader: Deacons

Ushers: Jere Maddux, Bob Parrish

May 15:

Worship Leader: Randall O'Brien

Ushers: Jerilyn Logue, Tom Logue

May 22:

Worship Leader: Youth Sunday

Ushers: Stephanie Goodman, Jon Pritchard

May 29:

Worship Leader: Barbara Woods

Ushers: Jan Thompson, Barbara Woods

****JUNE****

June 5:

Worship Leader: Kay O'Brien

Ushers: Julie Johnston, Aaron Stegemöller

June 12:

Worship Leader: Jon Pritchard

Ushers: Jere Maddux, Bob Parrish

June 19:

Worship Leader: Lorrie Whitaker

Ushers: Jerilyn Logue, Tom Logue

June 26:

Worship Leader: Joyce Davidson

Ushers: Stephanie Goodman, Jon Pritchard



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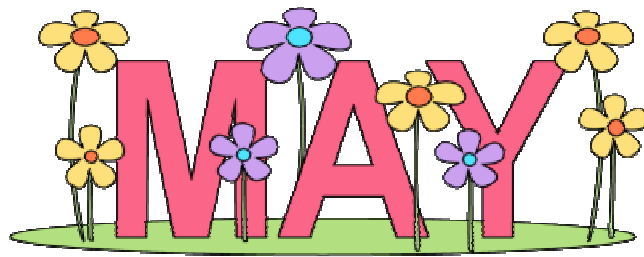
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Roberta Ridley	11
Maxwell Keat	21
Dick Gee	25
Michael Thompson	28
Beth Douglass	29

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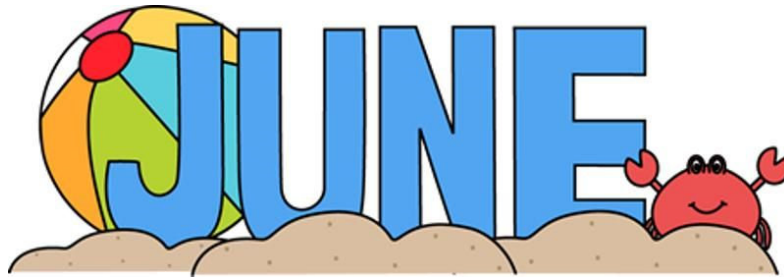
Tom Gleason	1
Mya Logue	7
Dianne Borgen	9
Susan Russell	15
Tyler Anderson	23
Wallace Sanders	24
Serena Parrish	27
Erin Johnson	29



Stephenie and Brian Keat	May 5
Elizabeth and Aaron Stegemöller	May 19
Martha and Tom Gleason	May 29
Rita and Bob Parrish	May 29
Carol and Don Pady	June 1
Nancy and Gary Maydew	June 2
Tom and Jerilyn Logue	June 9
Gretchen and Scott Anderson	June 14
Mindy and Aiddy Phomvisay	June 15
Mary and John Anderson	June 17
Jan and Michael Thompson	June 30



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:45a Worship/ Communion (Rev. Randall O'Brien) 11a Church School	2	3 8a Men's Breakfast	4 10a AARLA (Ames Area Religious Leaders Assoc.) 2p PD Singing No Choir	5 10a Virtual Coffee Shop 2p PD Boxing 5-8p Women United	6	7
8 9:45a Worship (Deacons) 11a Church School 	9	10 7p Trustees	11 2p PD Singing 6:30p Choir	12 10a Virtual Coffee Shop 2p PD Research Forum	13	14
15 9:45a Worship (Jeanne Bishop) 11a Church School	16	17 8a Men's Breakfast	18 2p PD Singing 6:30p Choir	19 10a Virtual Coffee Shop 	20	21
22 9:45a Worship (Youth and Music Sunday) 11a Ice Cream Social	23	24	25 2p PD Singing 6:30p Choir	26 10a Virtual Coffee Shop 7p Deacons	27	28
29 9:45a Worship (Rev. Jim Hinds) 11a Fellowship Time	30 	31				



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12 9:45a Worship (Phyllis Schrag) 11a Fellowship Time	13	14 7p Trustees 	15 2p PD Singing	16 10a Virtual Coffee Shop	17	18
19 9:45a Worship (John Whitaker) 11a Fellowship Time 	20	21 8a Men's Breakfast 	22 2p PD Singing	23 10a Virtual Coffee Shop 7p Deacons	24	25
26 9:45a Worship (Rev. Jackie Saxon) 11a Fellowship Time	27	28	29 2p PD Singing	30 10a Virtual Coffee Shop 		

Welcome, New Members

We welcome three new members who joined our church through baptism on Easter Sunday, May 17. Each of these youth participated in a baptism class that concluded about a week before everything shut down with the pandemic in March 2020.

Lucy Stegemöller is in the seventh grade at Ames Middle School. She is involved in ice skating (with a show this weekend), plays volleyball, plays the French horn and the viola, and is an artist, taking art lessons weekly. Lucy has put her art skills to work at FBC and has participated in several church mission trips. She is also known around here as Paige Turner (she turns pages for our accompanist) and sings in our choir. She loves her new puppy Jazzi and spending time with her family, including dogs Lana and Finn.

Tyler Anderson (in his dad's words) is straight acing his freshman year at Gilbert High School while taking a challenging set of classes including Accelerated Physical Sciences, AP Computer Science and Animal Care. He is in the concert band with his trombone and as a freshman made the competition Jazz Band.

Lucas Anderson is in the seventh grade at Gilbert and will be taking Algebra 1 as an eighth grader next year. He is in jazz band with his saxophone (now tenor sax). Lucas is in track, participated in basketball, and will play baseball this summer.

Tyler and Lucas are both involved in scouting and working toward their rank advancements. They are the fourth generation of their family to be members of First Baptist!
Welcome, new members!



Congratulations to Gabe Whitaker!

Gabe Whitaker was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in the Iowa Army National Guard in March. Gabe has been serving for almost 22 years, joining while he was still in high school. He served in Iraq in 2007-2008 and in Afghanistan in 2010-2011. He is a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College, the Defense Strategy Course through the United States Army War College, the Reserve Component National Security Course through National Defense University, and numerous other military courses. Gabe's awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Army Accommodation Medal (3x), and the Iowa Meritorious Service Medal.

Gabe will also graduate with his Masters in Business Administration in May from a large public university in eastern Iowa. OK, it's the University of Iowa. Congratulations, Gabe!

Update from Linda and Bruce Hanson in Honduras

¡Saludos de Río Chiquito! Greetings from Río Chiquito! We have an update for you!

First, thanks so much for your past prayers and financial support. It's been quite a year and we so appreciate the support!

After meeting yesterday with the president of AIEH, the social branch of the Evangelical and Reformed Church here, we've decided to stay in Honduras through at least the end of the year. Our ministry will continue to be focused primarily on the children and youth of the community. We love them all so much!!

The church here is looking for funding to begin a twice a week feeding program for children of the community. Along with this will be story time (using the donated books we've received), homework help, simple medical care or referral, and a children's devotional. We get to buy the groceries and plan and carry out all the programming.

After the children attend we will be doing follow-up visits to their homes to assess additional needs. We know we will encounter hunger/malnutrition, lack of medical and dental care, safety issues, domestic violence/abuse, poor health literacy (who knew you didn't treat epilepsy with vitamins!) and poor quality housing. Some of these issues can be addressed through education and assistance to access medical/dental care. Others are obviously more complex.

We also hope to begin offering scholarships for children who complete 9th grade to go to high school in nearby Puerto Cortes, improving their future chances to move out of poverty.

This is a great project and we're excited to get working on it! Thanks again, Pastor Dave, for the support we've received from Ames FBC.

¡Bendiciones! Blessings!

Linda

to donate to the Hanson's ministry in Rio Chiquito: <https://donate.globalministries.org/onlinegiving>

(under Project/Partner indicate the donation is to support the ministry of the Hansons in Rio Chiquito.)



One Great HOUR OF SHARING

One Great Hour of Sharing is one of our denomination's four annual special offerings. OGHS supports disaster relief, development projects, and refugee ministries of the American Baptist Churches and its partners. This may include assistance for victims of floods, earthquakes, wildfires, and hurricanes; development assistance to help lift people from poverty, and assistance to provide care and resettlement for refugees. Most recently, OGHS funds have provided relief for victims of war in Ukraine. We will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering through the month of June.

Pastoral Care During the Sabbatical

One of the responsibilities of our deacons is to care for our congregation, and they will be stepping up in this area in particular during Pastor Dave's sabbatical. Deacons regularly rotate as Deacon of the Week. During the sabbatical, volunteers Beth Douglass and Kay O'Brien will be joining them and we will have a designated Care Team for each week. If you have a need or concern or if you know of someone in the hospital, please call one of the on call Care Team for that week or notify the church office. Contact information for the Care Teams will be included in the weekly bulletins and is available from the church office.

WEEK OF	TEAM	WEEK OF	TEAM
5-1	Becca Whitaker Joyce Davidson	6-5	Kent Johnson Barbara Woods
5-8	Barbara Woods Rita Parrish	6-12	Rita Parrish John Anderson
5-15	Randall O'Brien Kent Johnson	6-19	Joyce Davidson Kay O'Brien
5-22	John Anderson Kay O'Brien	6-26	Becca Whitaker Beth Douglass
5-29	Dawn Doerr-Johnson Beth Douglass		

Scenes from Work Day

The storms ended right on schedule at 9 am on April 23 and those who came out for the rather soggy work day cleaned up flower beds, spread mulch, cleaned out window wells, picked up downed limbs and branches, attended to broken parking bumpers, and did some inside cleaning. Thank you to Wes, Lucy, Abby, and Kent Johnson; Bob and Rita Parrish; Gabe Whitaker; and Dave Russell.





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Our Church Staff:

Rev. Dr. David Russell	Pastor
Mindy Phomvisay	Director of Music
Emma Phomvisay	Music Intern
Elizabeth Stegemöller	Choir Accompanist
Charyl Winterink	Office Manager
Kathy Greiner	Custodian

Fellowship Time Following Worship

Beginning May 29 we will have weekly Fellowship Time following worship. You can sign up to host a Sunday on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall.



Worship Sunday mornings 9:45 in person or on ZOOM

Details for connecting via ZOOM at fbcomes.org