



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.

Pastor's Word

What a day! I rode my e-bike to church last Sunday morning. When I arrived, there was already a Camaro and a T-Bird convertible in the parking lot. The crazy idea to have a church Car Show was happening, and turned out to be a wonderful day.

For me, it was an opportunity to share some bad Biblical car puns/ jokes:

On the Day of Pentecost they were all in one Accord
Joshua's Triumph was heard throughout the land
The Chargers are impatient for action
God drove Adam and Eve from the garden in a Fury
He restoreth my Soul

And we sang some automotive-themed verses to "Give Me Oil in My Lamp":

Give me gas in my Ford, keep me truckin' for the Lord
Give me fuel in my Hyundai, keep me rollin' every Sunday
Give me voltage in my Tesla, I will bless ya, bless ya, bless ya

There was a great spirit of joy and fun as we worshipped outdoors on a beautiful morning. We had a cookout with food off the grill along with a potluck of desserts and side dishes. We visited with friends, met some new friends, and enjoyed checking out all of the vehicles brought by members and our extended church family.

Thanks to all who helped to make it a great day. Barbara Woods, Jere Maddux, and Randall O'Brien served as our Car Show Committee. Our Christian Education Committee sponsored the cookout. And a thank you to all who brought a vehicle:

Wes and Erin Johnson – 1960 VW Bug
Sonia Harms – 2022 Bronco
Scott Anderson – 1996 Mustang
Ryan Smith – 2013 Jeep
Barbara Woods – 1976 Camaro, 2013 Camaro
Steve Babcock – 1997 Jeep
Tom and Jerilyn Logue – 1994 Camaro, 1989 Mustang
Jere Maddux – 2019 Tesla Model 3
Randall O'Brien – 2005 Ford Thunderbird convertible, 1929 Ford Model A (reproduction model by Ford in 1980)
John Anderson and Trey – dog cart
Dave Russell – 2022 Serfas E-Dash 500 (e-bike)

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It wasn't really a contest, but we did have a People's Choice Award. We voted for our favorite vehicle and the top vote getter was Wes and Erin's 1960 Volkswagen. It originally belonged to Wes' grandfather, Guy Buttz. Some of you remember Guy and Evelyn. They had this vehicle when they were members of our church in the 1960's-70's. Later it belonged to Wes' mother Linda. And then after sitting in a barn for some time, Wes and Erin restored it. So along with being a great car, it has some family history that also connects with our church.

Following the automotive metaphor from last week, every time we gather for worship can be a spiritual tune-up. I'm looking forward to worshipping with you this Sunday! Walk, ride your bike, take the bus, or drive on over!

Blessings,
Dave

Coming October 4-5

MABC Regional Gathering
First Baptist Church, Dubuque
More details to come!



Serving this month

July 7:

Worship Leader: Susan Russell
Ushers: Julie Johnston, Aaron Stegemöller

July 14:

Worship Leader: Lorrie Whitaker
Ushers: Jere Maddux, Bob Parrish

July 21:

Worship Leader: Erin Johnson
Ushers: Jerilyn Logue, Tom Logue

July 28:

Worship Leader: Kay O'Brien
Ushers: Stephanie Goodman, Larry Schrag



Wayne Shireman	2
Nancy Maydew	3
Adde Stegemöller	3
Chris Parrish	3
Julie Johnston	5
Michael Leininger	6
Jerilyn Logue	7
Rita Parrish	7
Lee Davidson	13
Mary Anderson	15
Joyce Davidson	16
Mindy Phomvisay	19
Aiddy Phomvisay	21
Randy Lambert	23
Jon Pritchard	23
Jan Thompson	23
David Starrett	24
Brian Parrish	29
Randall O'Brien	29

HAPPY
Anniversary!

Stephanie and Brian Starrett	July 4
Serena and Alex Parrish	July 9
Rosemary and Patrick Coffey	July 16
Beth Douglass and Jere Maddux	July 18
Jill and Dale Grauman	July 19
Lorrie and John Whitaker	July 23



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 8a Men's Breakfast	3	4 10a Virtual Coffee Shop 	5	6 
7 9:45a Worship/ Communion 10:45a Fellowship	8	9 7p Trustees	10 2-3p PD Singing	11 10a Virtual Coffee Shop	12	13
14 9:45a Worship 10:45a Fellowship	15 	16 8a Men's Breakfast	17	18 10a Virtual Coffee Shop	19	20 
21 9:45a Worship 10:45a Fellowship	22	23	24 2-3p PD Singing 5:15p CCJ Board	25 10a Virtual Coffee Shop 7p Deacons	26	27
28 9:45a Worship 10:45a Fellowship	29	30 	31 2-3p PD Singing			

**FBC OUTDOOR SERVICE,
CAR SHOW, AND COOKOUT!**



Senior Moments

Be sure to tune in to KHOI radio and listen to Senior Moments Saturdays at 11:00 am on 89.1 FM. The program explores topics of interest with interesting senior adults telling out them.



Saturday programs and guests are listed below:

July 6: features Ames resident Charlie Flick and his work “Feeding Haiti’s Kids” followed by an interview with Caroline Petefish giving tips and suggestions on grand parenting from a distance.

July 13: meet Ames button collector, Ann Olson.

July 20: gives an in-depth interview with Ames life-long accompanist, Connie Sweeney.

July 27: In the final program, listen as Larry Schrag describes 50’s life on a farm in rural SD as well as details of the tornado that destroyed much of their family farm.

The pilot program, Senior Moments, concludes at the end of July. Thank you for your continued interest and support of Community Radio. The goal was to feature senior adults who live and thrive right here in central Iowa. For more information and membership details go to KHOIfm.org.



Executive Minister Jackie Saxon to Preach July 14



Jackie Saxon, our Regional Executive Minister, will preach at FBC on July 14. Jackie serves as the regional minister for the Mid-American Baptist Churches, which includes around 115 churches in Iowa and Minnesota. A native of Rochester, NY, Jackie worked as a Financial Analyst for IBM before entering seminary. Jackie served as Associate Pastor at University Baptist Church in Austin, Texas and Vice President for Student Affairs at Austin Presbyterian Seminary before coming to Mid-America in 2018. We look forward to her message!

Randall O’Brien to Preach July 28



Our own Randall O’Brien will preach on July 28. A retired college professor and president, Randall and Kay have lived in Ames for 5 years. He serves as a deacon at FBC and we look forward to hearing from him again. (Note: photo is a bit dated.)



Thank You!

Thank you to all those who came to our Work Day in June and contributed to our yard and building upkeep over this past month! We trimmed tree branches, pulled lots of weeds, mulched around plantings, trimmed the hedge, and spread diatomaceous earth to ward off insects. After completing repair and painting on the north side fence, Tyler Anderson and other scouts including Lucas continued work on painting the outside railings around the church. A big thanks to all who work hard to care for our facility!



Sermon Request Line

This summer Pastor Dave will be preaching sermons based on suggestions and questions submitted by the church. There is a sermon suggestion box on the table at the front entrance to the sanctuary. It's not too late to get your suggestion in!

Summertime Prayers

Thank you to all who contributed to our summer devotional booklet, **Summertime Prayers**. We hope you are enjoying this resource; it was sent to our mailing list by email a few weeks ago. [Here is a link](#) to the document.

Worship in July

July 7 – “The Moses Nintendo Game” (based on a couple of sermon suggestions)

July 14 – Rev. Jacqueline Saxon, Regional Executive Minister

July 21 – “When the Bible Reads Like Fantasy” (based on a sermon suggestion)

July 28 – Rev. Dr. Randall O’Brien

August 4 – Combined Service with First Christian and Ames United Church of Christ in our front yard. Please note: 10 AM worship time.

Parkinson’s Disease Singing Festival August 10

The Parkinson's Disease Singing Festival will be held on Saturday, August 10th, at 6:30 pm at First Baptist! All are welcome! We are excited to share our favorite music that we sing during group on Saturday with friends and family. It is a concert you do not want to miss!





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Our Church Staff:

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Mindy Phomvisay	Director of Music
Emma Phomvisay	Music Intern
Elizabeth Stegemöller	Choir Accompanist
Sierra Livengood	Office Manager
Kathy Greiner	Custodian



Worship Sunday mornings 9:45 in person or on ZOOM

Details for connecting via ZOOM at fbcames.org