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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

Our church program year ended with a blur of activity. It was a difficult two weeks, with memorial services for Teri Ochiltree and Earl Hammond, a burial service for Elaine Anderson, and the death of former CCJ Executive Director Mark Kubik. Our hearts and prayers go out to all who are grieving.

In the midst of all of that, we hosted the Ames Children's Choirs spring concert. It was great to see our church and parking lot filled to capacity, and to see Mindy (one of the directors) leading a wonderful concert with talented young people including Adde and Lucy Stegemöller, some of our regular Music Camp kids, and a cameo appearance by Emma Phomvisay. While it was a bit crowded, the light and the acoustics of our sanctuary make it a great venue for performances like this and I am glad that we are able to make it available to the community.

And then on May 21, our children and youth led us in a joyful worship celebration. I was impressed by their exuberance and poise and the fact that they were still able to have fun in the midst of it all as they put on skits and acted out Biblical stories. I was also impressed with what they are learning. In two of their skits, they presented alternate versions of the story based on accounts in the various gospels. Some people do not realize that the various gospels are different until they get to seminary! Our kids are learning in Church School. And they decided that while details might be different between Matthew and Mark and Luke, the essential truth of the scripture was the same – and that Jesus is alive!

Amidst all of the activity of recent days, we learned that our Office Manager, Bev Shirbroun, will be leaving us. Her husband Jim, a United Methodist minister who serves at Collegiate Methodist, will be the new pastor at Grace United Methodist in Sioux City beginning July 1. Bev has done a wonderful job for us and we will miss her. We pray for God's blessings on her and her family as they embark on a new adventure.

We have formed a search committee (John Anderson, Dianne Borgen, Susan Russell, and myself) and begun the process of searching for a new Office Manager. This transition comes at a (relatively) good time, as activity slows a bit in the summer. We will likely be without an Office Manager for a few weeks, and during that time we may need some assistance in the office, especially with folding bulletins. We will let you know!

In part because of the transition, this will serve as the *Spire* for June and July. We have a lot coming up this summer! With Spirited Listening, Fellowship Time each Sunday, Music Camp, Green Lake Music Conference, Church in the Park with our friends from the UCC and First Christian, there is a lot to look forward to. Along the way, I hope you will be able to take some time for rest and renewal. I'm looking forward to a baseball game in St. Louis and a trip to Portland for the American Baptist Biennial/Mission Summit, as well as a couple of days at the ocean while there.

Summer blessings,
Dave

One Great HOUR OF SHARING

We often see the pin drop on a GPS map – “You are Here.” The theme for this year’s One Great Hour of Sharing offering is “You Are Here.” Through our faithful gifts, we are present with those who struggle because of natural disaster, war, and economic hardship in places of need all around the world.

You are here - in Nicaragua, where women are given the training and tools to cultivate home gardens to provide nutritious food for their families.

You are here - in West Virginia, where communities rebuild after flooding claims lives and livelihoods.

You are here - in Lebanon, Hungary, Mexico, the United States, and elsewhere around the world, where refugees are receiving food, water, and medicine with dignity, as our partners offer aid and accompaniment.

In times of loss or struggle, after a fire or flood, and when communities struggle to overcome the chronic absence of water, food, or economic opportunity, the church is present through the work of One Great Hour of Sharing. Through your gifts, **you are here**.

We will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering through the month of June. We invite you to give generously.



Nancy and Gary Maydew	2
Bev and Jim Shirbroun	2
Tom and Jerilyn Logue	9
Katy and Harris Seidel	9
Gretchen and Scott Anderson	14
Mindy and Aiddy Phomvisay	15
Pat and Howard Johnson	15
Mary and John Anderson	17
Helen and Jim Sassaman	17
Michelle and Neil Logue	22
Jan and Michael Thompson	30



Tom Gleason	1
Mya Logue	7
Sandra Englehart	8
Dianne Borgen	9
Kay Lambert	10
Lyndsey McCarley	10
Andrew Perrine	10
Susan Russell	15
Jocelyn Wilson	15
Tyler Anderson	23
Wallace Sanders	24
Wilma Robinson	26
Serena Parrish	27



June 4:

<i>Worship Leader:</i>	Joyce Davidson
<i>Ushers:</i>	Bob Parrish*, Kent Johnson Jan Thompson, Wallace Sanders
<i>Sound System:</i>	Bob Parrish

June 11:

<i>Worship Leader:</i>	Joe Parrish
<i>Ushers:</i>	Jill Grauman Nancy Maydew, Kaylinn Taggart
<i>Sound System:</i>	Tom Logue

June 18:

<i>Worship Leader:</i>	Jan Thompson
<i>Ushers:</i>	Dianne Borgen, Jerilyn Logue Tom Logue, Jon Pritchard
<i>Sound System:</i>	Kent Johnson

June 25:

<i>Worship Leader:</i>	Rita Parrish
<i>Ushers:</i>	Scott Anderson*, Julie Johnston Jere Maddux, Tiffany Nugent
<i>Sound System:</i>	Tom Logue

Flowers for June: Barbara Woods

Worship Leaders

July 2:

Worship Leader: Barbara Woods
Ushers: Bob Parrish*, Kent Johnson
 Jan Thompson, Wallace Sanders
Sound System: Bob Parrish

July 9:

Worship Leader: Susan Russell
Ushers: Michael Thompson*, Jill Grauman
 Nancy, Maydew, Kaylenn Taggart
 Lyndsay Whitaker
Sound System: Tom Logue

July 16:

Worship Leader: Dale Grauman
Ushers: Dianne Borgen, Jerilyn Logue
 Tom Logue, Jon Pritchard
Sound System: Kent Johnson

July 23:

Worship Leader: Phyllis Schrag
Ushers: Scott Anderson*, Julie Johnston
 Jere Maddux, Tiffany Nugent
Sound System: Tom Logue

July 30:

Worship at the Park

Flowers for July: Phyllis Schrag



Wayne Shireman	2
Nancy Maydew	3
Chris Parrish	3
Adde Stegemöller	3
Julie Johnston	5
Michael Leininger	6
Jerilyn Logue	7
Rita Parrish	7
Lee Davidson	13
Mary Anderson	15
Joyce Davidson	16
Bev Shirbroun	17
Mindy Phomvisay	19
Aiddy Phomvisay	21
Logan Hemmen	23
Randy Lambert	23
Jon Pritchard	23
Jan Thompson	23
Katy Seidel	24
David Starrett	24
Brian Parrish	29



Stephanie and Brian Starrett	4
Serena and Alex Parrish	9
Rosemary and Patrick Coffey	16
Jill and Dale Grauman	19
Lorrie and John Whitaker	23

Spirited Listening

On Pentecost Sunday, June 4, our church will engage in small group conversations we are calling "**Spirited Listening.**" As a part of the AMOS House Meeting campaign, we are inviting everyone to participate in a small group conversation centered around the question, "What keeps you awake at night?" We will listen to one another's stories and listen for God's Spirit at work. Besides taking part in the larger AMOS process, we are looking forward to these conversations as a way to better know and support one another as a church family. There will be a separate group for elementary and middle school aged students. We will meet following worship and then share a noon meal together. We hope you will join us! We look forward to seeing you on June 4!

Christian Sympathy



Our Deepest Sympathy

Our love and prayers are with Johnie Hammond and family in the loss of Earl Hammond, who died on May 10. Earl had been a member since

1953. A service was held at our church on May 16.

Our hearts also reach out to the friends and family of Mark Kubik, who died on May 17. Mark served for a number of years as Executive Director of the Center for Creative Justice. A memorial service was held May 22 in Ankeny.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Thank you from the Hammond Family



We are blessed with such a great FBC family. With the loss of Earl I felt your arms around me. From Dave's insightful eulogy, Mindy and Joe's getting our organ to play bagpipes, a host of helpers with the

luncheon, sympathy cards and notes, monetary gifts to the memorial fund for affordable housing, and more, my family needed you and we had you by our sides. We are thankful.

Johnie and Family

Music Camp

Our 18th annual Music Camp is set for **July 24-28**. Campers grades K-6 (completed) will enjoy a week packed with music, learning, friends, and fun!. If you can help with the camp as a counselor or assistant, please see Mindy or Pastor Dave. Registration forms are available in the narthex. Please share them with friends, neighbors and grandkid! Everyone is welcome! **Please sign up soon! The deadline to guarantee a T-shirt is July 14.**



Guest Preachers this Summer

Rev. Gary Martin will be our guest preacher on Sunday, June 11. Gary serves in a part-time capacity as one of our Associate Region Ministers, working with churches, regional ministry teams, Dayton Oaks Camp, and more. Gary's other vocation is restoring interiors and tops of antique and custom vehicles as the owner/operator of Goldfield Trim & Upholstery. We look forward to hearing from Gary again.

On July 2, our guest preacher will be Rev. Brenda Stalbaum Martin. It's two Martin in one month! Brenda is an American Baptist minister who has served in ministries including hospice chaplaincy and ministry with refugees from Burma. She is currently a caseworker for Lutheran Services of Iowa and is also in a "time-share" as Interim Pastor at First Baptist in Atlantic, Iowa. Brenda has been with us on several occasions. She is married to Gary, and they live in Des Moines.



Public Piano Celebration

Last summer, our Music Campers did an awesome job of painting a piano that will be used as a public piano and stationed at Campustown Court for anybody to sit down and play. A

middle school group taking a class with Patricia Izbicki at ISU painted another piano that will be in downtown Ames in Tom Evans Park, along Main Street.

The project had some hurdles to cross, but both pianos will officially be unveiled this weekend. The Main Street Public Piano Celebration will be **Friday, June 2 from 6:30-7:00** at the Main Street Art Walk.

The Campustown Public Piano Celebration will take place during Summerfest in Campustown on **Saturday, June 3 from 3:00-3:30 pm**.

We applaud Patricia for her patience and persistence in seeing this project through and look forward to seeing our campers' artwork enjoyed by lots of people!



Welcome, New Members!



We welcome new members **Dawn Doerr-Johnson** and **Jim Johnson** to our congregation! They will be received as new members on June 4.

Jim and Dawn have been attending our church for over a year.

They live outside of Story City along with their four dogs. Dawn works as a therapist, working primarily with youth at Youth and Shelter Services. A native of South Dakota, she comes to us from Asbury United Methodist in Webster City. Jim works at Ag Leader Technology in Ames. Jim is a native Iowan and comes by transfer of membership from St. Petri Lutheran Church in Story City. If you haven't already, please welcome them to our church!

Elijah Phomvisay is joining our church by profession of faith and baptism. He completed a baptism class here at our church. Elijah participates in Church School and other activities at First Baptist and has been a counselor for our Music Camp. He is interested in technology and mechanical problem solving. Elijah will be a freshman at Roosevelt High School in Des Moines. He is involved in band, track, cross country and golf.

Emma Phomvisay also joins our church by profession of faith and baptism. Like Elijah, she also took part in a baptism class. Emma will be an eighth grader at Merrill Middle School in Des Moines. She is very musical, singing in our church choir and frequently singing solos in worship. At school she participates in show choir, jazz choir, band, orchestra, and debate.

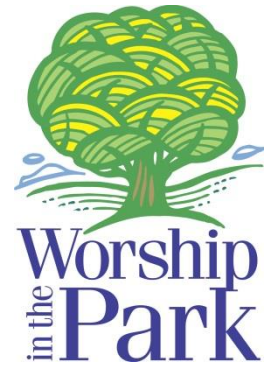
We are delighted that Elijah and Emma are taking this step of faith and welcome them as new members! A baptismal service will be held on June 25.



Elijah and Emma with brother Ethan

Worship in the Park

In what has become a tradition, we will gather again with First Christian Church and the United Church of Christ-Congregational for a shared service at Brookside Park on July 30. Please note the starting time of 10:00 am. There will be a fellowship time with refreshments served afterwards. You may wish to bring a chair with you (lots of seating at picnic tables will also be available.) Hickory is the west shelter. Enter the park and turn left; go past the baseball fields to the parking lot at the end of the drive. Hickory will be the nearest shelter.



Summer Fellowship Time



Please see the sheet in the Fellowship Hall to sign up for Summer Fellowship times. Each Sunday during the summer, beginning May through September, we enjoy refreshments and fellowship after worship. **The Sundays still available are June 18,**

August 6 and 13. Pick a friend and sign up! If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Woods, jaguar@isunet.net. Your willingness to host fellowship time is appreciated.



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
				1 5 pm Women With Initiative	2	3
4 Pentecost 9:45a Worship/Communion 11a "Spirited Listening" Conversations/Lunch Following	5	6 8a Men's Breakfast, Perkins	7	8	9	10
11 9:45a Worship Rev. Gary Martin Preaching 11a Fellowship Time	12 5:30p AMOS Cluster Meeting	13 7 pm Trustees	14 11:30a Women's Lunch, Mandarin	15	16	17
18 9:45a Worship 11a Fellowship Time No 3 rd Sunday Lunch 2p Prayer Shawl Circle Father's Day	19	20 8a Men's Breakfast, Perkins	21	22 6:30p Deacons	23	24
25 9:45a Worship/ Baptismal Service- Elijah and Emma Phomvisay 11a Fellowship Time	26	27	28 11:30a Women's Lunch, Perkins	29	30 ABC-USA Mission Summit/Biennial in Portland, Oregon	



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23 9:45a Worship 1:30p Music Staff Meeting	24	25	26 11:30a Women's Lunch, Perkins	27	28	29
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Music Camp-9-11:30 am every day </div>					
				6:30p Deacons		
30 10a Church in the Park, Brookside	31					

Pastor Dave Receives Honor

At the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Dave Russell was named Volunteer of the Year by the Center for Creative Justice. In a year filled with transition, Dave stepped in to help and is currently serving as treasurer of CCJ. Executive Director Craig Evans noted both Dave's contributions to the organization and the continuing strong support of First Baptist Church for CCJ's work.



Picture taken on Children and Youth Sunday, May 21. The theme for the morning was "Sunday School: The Musical" and our young people led the service with vocal and instrumental music, skits, prayers and more.



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Our Church Staff:

Rev. Dr. David Russell	Pastor
Mindy Phomvisay	Director of Music
Patricia Izbicki	Accompanist
Bev Shirbroun	Office Manager
Aaron Stegemöller	Custodian
Kyndal Reimer	Child Care
Mareika Thompson	Child Care