



The Spire First Baptist Church, Ames, Iowa

Pastor's Word

I've said it before, and I'm not just saying it now because Thanksgiving is approaching and an article on thankfulness seems appropriate, but in these last few weeks I have felt especially thankful for our church. October was one of the busiest months around here that I can remember, and the time and effort and generosity of so many folks really shone through.

We sent and sponsored folks who participated in the CROP Walk, raising money and awareness to fight hunger. We truly had a Great Day of Service, with everyone participating in hands-on service projects that will benefit folks in our community as well as around the world. We hosted a wonderful Regional Gathering, with upwards of 150 folks from around Iowa and Minnesota. I was really proud of our church's effort – from the music and our fabulous choir to Marilyn Peterson's homemade cinnamon rolls and the wonderful meal to all of the set-up and parking and logistical work involved. I continue to hear from pastors and others around the region on what a great event it was and how much they appreciated the welcome and hospitality (not to mention the food!) at our church. All of this reminded me of how thankful I am for this congregation.

In this season that we focus on stewardship, I am especially thankful for the generosity of our church. By generosity, I do not simply mean that we are generous with financial support, though that is certainly true. In our Stewardship Moment last Sunday, Johnie Hammond quoted the verse from 2 Corinthians chapter 9, "God loves a cheerful giver." That applies to our financial gifts, but it also applies to a lot more.

A couple of weeks ago, our Office Manager Beverly Shirbroun turned on her computer to find a message saying something like, "bootable disk not found." I immediately knew that this was not good.

We called in Tom Logue. As we suspected, the hard drive had died. Tom spent several hours that day installing another hard drive and bringing the computer back to life. He was in the office when I left the church that afternoon and he was there when I arrived the next morning, installing the operating system, troubleshooting a multitude of error messages, reinstalling a boatload of programs and files, and getting our various computers and printers to talk to one another. All told, he spent 10 hours or more rehabilitating the computer. If we had taken the computer somewhere for repair, the cost would have been prohibitive – far more than the computer was worth. All of this time and effort was after Tom had spent hours dealing with another issue on this computer just a few weeks before.

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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.

*Thankful*

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But here's the thing: Tom didn't do this grudgingly at all. He was happy to do it and actually saw it all as a big, fun puzzle to solve. (Well, mostly fun.) Tom is happy to do this kind of work in the background, with little fanfare. So I don't share this to shine the spotlight on him, but to give an example of the kind of cheerful giving that Paul talks about in 2 Corinthians. And what Tom does with computers, others in our church do with cooking and repair projects and music and teaching and much more, as well as financial giving.

So once again let me say that in this season of thanks, I am especially thankful for a church filled with cheerful givers.

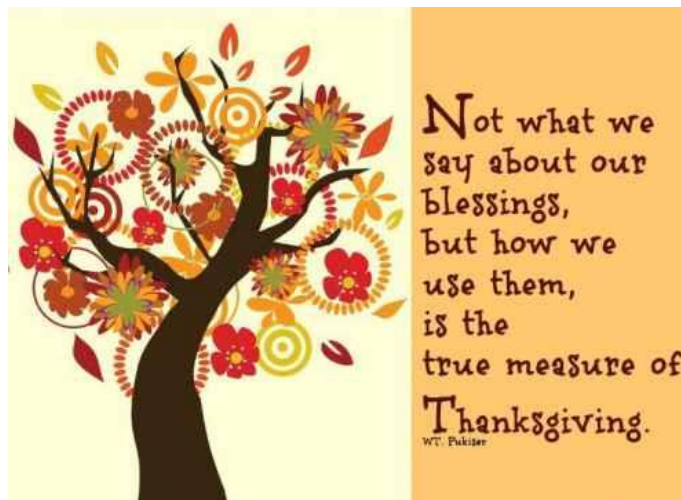
Blessings,
Dave



A big Thank You to Erin and Wes Johnson, Jill and Michelle Leininger, and Catherine and Joe Parrish for providing meals for our students this fall. The meals were delicious, and the bonfire at the Parrish's home was great!



Six FBC walkers participated in the CROP Walk on October 3 and raised \$854 to fight hunger in Story County and around the world. Walkers included Jere Maddux, Jill Grauman, Beth Douglass, Tiffany Nugent, Julie Johnston, and Barbara Woods. Thanks to our walkers and all of our sponsors!



Worship Leaders

November 6:

Worship Leader: Jan Thompson

Ushers: Bob Parrish*, Kent Johnson
Jan Thompson, Wallace Sanders

Sound System: Bob Parrish

November 13:

Worship Leader: Joe Parrish

Ushers: Michael Thompson*, Jill Grauman
Nancy Maydew, Kaylinn Taggart

Sound System: Tom Logue

November 20:

Worship Leader: Jere Maddux

Ushers: Dianne Borgen, Jerilyn Logue
Tom Logue, Jon Pritchard

Sound System: Kent Johnson

November 27:

Worship Leader: Dale Grauman

Ushers: Scott Anderson*, Julie Johnston
Jere Maddux, Tiffany Nugent

Sound System: Tom Logue

Flowers for November: Judy Demarest



Lyndsay Whitaker	4
Abby Johnson	6
Lucy Johnson	6
Helen Sassaman	8
Harris Seidel	12
Marilyn Peterson	13
Earl Hammond	21
Brian Starrett	24
Donna Cleasby	25
Buckley Peterson	27
Ngair West-Johnson	28



Catherine and Joe Parrish 20

World Mission Offering Update

As of October 30, \$720 has been given for the World Mission Offering. The offering supports the American Baptist mission work around the world. Thank you for your generous giving!



Fellowship Time

questions, please contact Barbara Woods,
jaguar@isunet.net or Dianne Borgen,
fhhborgen@aol.com

On the second Sunday of each month, there is a monthly Fellowship Time. We need hosts each month. Please look for the sign-up sheet on the kitchen door in the Fellowship Hall. The dates still available are January 8, April 19, and May 14. If you have any



BAKE SALE

The children of our church are holding a "Bake Sale for Haiti" fundraiser. They will be taking orders on November 13 during Fellowship time. They will be baking, decorating and packaging on Saturday, November 19 starting at 11 am in the kitchen and the Fellowship Hall (there will be pizza for lunch!). Then on Sunday, November 20, the children will have the orders available, plus more to sell. All children are welcome to help!

Goodies available will include sugar cookies, pumpkin cookies, caramel popcorn, and blueberry, banana, and chocolate bread. Please plan to support this worthy cause! All proceeds will go to a member of the Stegemöller's ABC church in Chicago who is from Haiti. She will be traveling to Haiti in January to provide relief for her family (she lost two cousins and her father's home was destroyed) and friends who were impacted by the recent hurricane. Francine is a baker herself, so the girls thought a bake sale would be fitting. Please plan to support this worthy cause!



After 39 years at Hach Company Joe Parrish is Retiring! You're invited to celebrate with him at an Open House on December 2nd from 5-7 pm in the Church Fellowship Hall.

Irene Shireman is celebrating her 85th Birthday on December 2nd and we will also celebrate with her. Sandwiches and cake will be served.



FBC Choir at Regional Convention

Great Day of Service 2016

We gathered in the sanctuary on Sunday morning, October 23, and after a 7-minute worship service, those present divided into work groups to do service projects. Here is what we accomplished:

- We assembled 100 Church World Service hygiene kits. The kits have been shipped to a CWS distribution center in Arkansas. We also sent funds (\$200) for shipping to wherever in the world they are needed. The kits are used to aid refugees and victims of natural disasters.
- We put together 40 infant blankets (not all were completed that day, but we're working on it!). They will go to newborns in the Ames area through Primary Healthcare.
- Cards were written and sent to say thinking of you, get well, and thanks.
- Children and adult leaders made visits and sang at Northcrest.
- A group went to the Primary Health Care clinic where we washed windows, planted bulbs and hostas, pulled weeds, and cleaned gutters. (PHC previously received a quote for window washing of \$1500.)

We all met back in the Fellowship Hall at noon to report on our projects and share a meal. Thanks to Barbara Woods and Rosemarie Starrett for the great soup! And thanks, everybody, for a Great Day!





We are delighted to welcome four new members to our First Baptist family.

Larry and Phyllis Schrag are South Dakota natives and come to us from the First Baptist Church of Sioux Falls. The Schrags have moved to Ames to be closer to family – son Matt lives in Des Moines and son Ben and daughter-in-law Amanda live in Ames, along with grandchildren Celia and Eli. Larry is retired from the U.S. Postal Service. He enjoys music and books and fishing with his grandchildren. Phyllis is a retired educator. She is a storyteller and presents programs for various community groups. The Schrags are musically talented, and both Phyllis and Larry are members of our choir. They enjoy travel and just returned from a trip that included attending the International Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, Tennessee.

Jill and Dale Grauman are Ph.D. students at Iowa State in the English Department. Jill is from northeast Iowa and comes by transfer of membership from St. John Lutheran Church in rural Sumner, Iowa. Dale is a native of western Washington where he grew up in a non-denominational church and joins us church by statement of faith. Jill and Dale met while grad students at Washington State and were married after completing the first year of their programs here at ISU. (It seems to be working despite the fact that Dale is a Seahawk fan and Jill is a Vikings fan.) They have been faithfully attending and participating at First Baptist for a couple of years now, and we are delighted to welcome them as “official” members.

Good Neighbor Concert

The annual concert to benefit Good Neighbor Emergency assistance is set for Sunday, November 6 at 2 pm at Collegiate United Methodist



Church/Wesley Foundation, 2622 Lincoln Way. There are 11 choirs performing for the concert, and a mass choir will be conducted by Carl Bleyle. There is no charge to attend the event; a free will offering be taken to support Good Neighbor in its work providing emergency rent, utility, food, and transportation assistance to those in need throughout Story County. FBC is one of 25 faith communities that join together to form Good Neighbor. For more information about the work of Good Neighbor, visit www.gnea.org.



**Regional Gathering held at First Baptist,
October 7 and 8**



NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:00a Men's Breakfast, Perkins	2 6:30p Choir	3	4	5 
6 9:45a Stewardship Sunday Worship/Communion 11a Church School	7	8	9 11:30a Women's Lunch, Mandarin 6:30p Choir	10	11	12
13 9:45a Worship Gary Grogan, preaching Orders for Bake Sale 11a Fellowship Time 11:15a Church School	14	15 8:00a Men's Breakfast, Perkins 7p Trustees (tentative)	16 6:30p Choir	17	18	19 11:00a Children's Prep for Bake Sale
20 9:45a Worship 11a Church School No College Class Bake Sale for Haiti 12p 3rd Sunday Lunch, El Azteca 2:00p Prayer Shawl Circle	21	22	23 11:30a Women's Lunch, Perkins	24 	25 Office Closed	26
27 9:45a Worship No Church School 11:00a Hanging of the Greens Light Lunch Following	28	29	30 6:30p Choir			

Church Directory Update

Photos for our new directory have been taken. If you did not get a photo taken, you can still be in the directory. There are three options. You may:

1. Submit a photo. If it was taken by a professional photographer, the photographer will need to sign a release. If your picture was taken for the last church directory in 2010, we may be able to use that photo.
2. Becca Whitaker can take your photo at your home or here at church.
3. You may go to a nearby church that is having a church directory made by Lifetouch and have your photo taken there (we had a few folks from other churches have pictures taken here).



For any of these options, please contact the church office.

Additionally, we are looking for good photos of church groups and events for the activity pages of the directory. If you have good, relatively recent photographs, please email them to Pastor Dave (dave@fbcomes.org) or contact the church office.

We hope to submit all materials for the directory by the end of this month.

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Our Church Staff:

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