



# *The Spire* First Baptist Church, Ames, Iowa

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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.*



## **Outdoor Worship!**

*Join us for worship in the front yard on the  
last Sunday of each month*

**July 30** – Shared Service with Ames UCC and  
First Christian Church

*Note: Service time 10 am*

**August 27** – We welcome students back to Ames!  
Meal with Hickory Park Barbecue to follow!

**September 24** – Enjoy outdoor worship on a fall  
morning!

## Outdoor Worship with UCC, First Christian July 30

July 30 will mark 12 years of sharing an outdoor summer service with Ames United Church of Christ and First Christian Church. For most of those years we met at Brookside Park but the three churches have decided post-COVID that the front yard here at our church is a better and more accessible location. This shared service has become a fun tradition and a great opportunity to share with friends from other congregations.

We have a long history with both of these churches. Did you know that the constituting service for our church, way back in 1868, was held at the Congregational (UCC) church? Did you know that through the 1930s and 1940s, we held joint services with First Christian Church during the months of June and July and had conversations about merging? Did you know that from the late 60's to early 2000s we shared an ecumenical campus ministry (United Christian Campus Ministry) together with Ames UCC, First Christian, and the Presbyterians and Mennonites? And that we had an annual service together with these churches?

We look forward to worshipping with these friends on July 30. **Please note that the service will be at 10 am.** The service will be available on Zoom.

## Parkinson's Disease Singing Festival August 5

The Parkinson's Disease Singing Festival will be held on Saturday, August 5th, at 6:30pm at First Baptist! All are welcome! We are excited to share our favorite music that we sing during group on Wednesday with friends and family. It is a concert you do not want to miss!



## Worship under the Trees Sunday, August 27 - 9:45 am

Worship in the front yard with meal following -  
Hickory Park barbecue provided!

Bring a dish to share  
(students, please come as our guests!)

Bring a chair if you can  
(if you can't, no problem – we will have chairs available)

We need tables for the meal – if you can help,  
please contact the church office



## Musician Joel Raney in Worship August 6

We are delighted to host Joel Raney at our church August 5-6. He is a conductor, keyboardist, and leading composer of sacred music.

Joel's life as a working composer and musician has been shaped by many influences. Growing up in a rural Baptist church in Alabama fostered his love for the old hymns and the gospel style. As a performer and music director for theater productions, he gained insight into Broadway, popular, and jazz music. While owning his own commercial music company, he produced thousands of tracks of every conceivable style on short deadlines for fussy clients. His current role as one of the leading sacred music composers in the country is the culmination of all his experiences.

From early "playing by ear" explorations to earning a Masters in Piano Performance from The Juilliard School, Joel's keyboard training continued through work as an accompanist, in the theater, as a pianist on TV commercials (think of the "Rhapsody in Blue" ads for United Airlines) and as a church organist. His vocal direction skills were first developed while getting his undergraduate degree in Choral Conducting at the University of North Alabama, then honed through years of writing and recording jingles. Since 2011, he has been conducting the choir at the First Baptist Church of Oak Park, Illinois (an ABC church).

Today, Joel applies this lifetime of musical experience to the creation of sacred music. His hundreds of titles in print cover choral anthems for every church occasion, Christmas and Lent/Easter musicals, solo piano books, organ and piano duets, music for handbells, instrumental pieces and many other works. Joel is a sought-after choral and keyboard clinician who stays busy performing throughout the country as a piano soloist and in duo-concert with organist Jane Holstein.

Some of our members know Joel from his serving as a clinician at the Fellowship of American Baptist Musicians Conference at Green Lake. Our own Mindy Phomvisay accompanied him last summer as he introduced some of his new music in a session at the music conference, and our choir has sung a number of his compositions.

Joel will be at our church for the Parkinson's Disease Singing Festival, led by Dr. Elizabeth Stegemöller, on August 5. He has composed a piece for the festival and will conduct the PD Singing Festival choir. We are so glad that he will stay in Ames and be with us in worship on August 6. He will play a mini-concert as part of our service that morning. Plan on joining us!

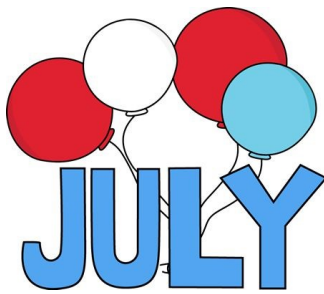


*Church in LaJutosa*

## Project Healthy Children Update

Project Healthy Children is a ministry to children in need in Honduras supported by individuals and churches in Ames including FBC. The project is spearheaded by Linda and Bruce Hanson, who have served as missionaries there. The project was planned for the community of Rio Chiquito, but the church there has been unable provide the local support needed for the program that includes meals, tutoring and homework assistance, health checks, and devotions.

And so the project has pivoted to LaJutosa, a community near Choloma. You can read more about what is happening on [Bruce and Linda's blog](#). Linda and Bruce will be traveling to Honduras to visit the church in LaJutosa this month. We look forward to learning more!



# JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:45a Worship/ Communion 10:45a Fellowship	3	4 8a Men's Breakfast 	5 2p PD Singing	6 10a Virtual Coffee Shop	7	8
9 9:45a Worship 10:45a Fellowship	10	11 7p Trustees	12 2p PD Singing	13 10a Virtual Coffee Shop	14	15
16 9:45a Worship with Rev. Jackie Saxon 10:45a Fellowship	17	18 8a Men's Breakfast	19 2p PD Singing	20 10a Virtual Coffee Shop	21	22 
<b>Green Lake Music Conference</b>						
23 9:45a Worship 10:45a Fellowship	24	25 	26 2p PD Singing 5:15p CCJ Board	27 10a Virtual Coffee Shop 7p Deacons	28	29
30 10a Outdoor Worship with UCC, FCC 	31					

# August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8a Men's Breakfast	2 2p PD Singing	3 10a Virtual Coffee Shop	4	5 PD Singing Festival 6:30 Concert 
6 9:45a Worship with Joel Raney/ Communion 10:45a Fellowship	7 	8 7p Trustees	9	10 10a Virtual Coffee Shop	11	12
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27 9:45a Worship Under the Trees 10:45a Meal 	28	29	30	31 10a Virtual Coffee Shop		

First Week of ISU Classes



**\*\*JULY\*\***

**July 2:**

*Worship Leader:* Jan Thompson

*Ushers:* Julie Johnston, Aaron Stegemöller

**July 9:**

*Worship Leader:* Kay O'Brien

*Ushers:* Jere Maddux, Bob Parrish

**July 16:**

*Worship Leader:* Phyllis Schrag

*Ushers:* Jerilyn Logue, Tom Logue

**July 23:**

*Worship Leader:* Randall O'Brien

*Ushers:* Stephanie Goodman, Jon Pritchard

**July 30:**

*Worship Leader:* Service with FCC, UCC

*Ushers:* Jan Thompson, Barbara Woods

**\*\*AUGUST\*\***

**August 6:**

*Worship Leader:* Rita Parrish

*Ushers:* Julie Johnston, Aaron Stegemöller

**August 13:**

*Worship Leader:* Susan Russell

*Ushers:* Jere Maddux, Bob Parrish

**August 20:**

*Worship Leader:* Barbara Woods

*Ushers:* Jerilyn Logue, Tom Logue

**August 27:**

*Worship Leader:* Worship Under the Trees

*Ushers:* Stephanie Goodman, Jon Pritchard

# Happy Birthday!!

**\*\*JULY\*\***

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
Kitty Vang	22
Randy Lambert	23
Jon Pritchard	23
Jan Thompson	23
David Starrett	24
Brian Parrish	29

**\*\*AUGUST\*\***

Lorrie Whitaker	7
Scott Anderson	13
Gary Maydew	13
Maurine MacBride	13
Don Pady	17
Jim Sassaman	20
Johnie Hammond	22
Gabe Whitaker	22
Bob Parrish	24
Carol Pady	28
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
Marilyn and Buckley Peterson	August 1
Phyllis and Larry Schrag	August 9
Irene and Wayne Shireman	August 16

baptism



## Adde Stegemöller to be Baptized

Adde Stegemöller will be baptized during the Music Conference at Green Lake. She will be baptized in the lake during a brief service on July 20.

Adde's family and a good contingent of FBC folks will be attending the conference. Adde will be received as a new member in a service here at the church following the baptism. We celebrate with Adde in her decision to follow Jesus in baptism!

## Video Screen Update

Our video screens are finally in place and in use! The very first use was for the American Baptist Women's regional meeting held at our church on Saturday, June 10. That meeting included a video presentation and there were lots of positive comments about our screens.

This was followed by Phyllis Schrag preaching on June 11 – she included a PowerPoint presentation with her sermon. And then on June 18 we saw a video on the process of installing the screens – with a plot twist! You can [watch the video here](#). We look forward to learning how best to utilize this resource!



## Charyl Winterink to Retire



Our Office Manager, Charyl Winterink, has announced her retirement. Charyl will continue working reduced hours until we find a new Office Manager, or through the end of August (long enough to get us through beginning of the semester parking rental issues).

Charyl began as our Office Manager two years ago, shortly after we began meeting in person following more than a year of Zoom-only worship. Having worked as an administrative assistant at Iowa State for many years, she has served us well during a time of change and transition. With her husband now retired and some pressing family needs, this was a good time for her to step back. We appreciate all of her work on our behalf and her friendly spirit in the office. And we certainly appreciate her willingness to continue working reduced hours to help us out in the interim.

We have started the process of searching for a new Office Manager. A search committee of Pastor Dave, Julie Johnston, Susan Russell, and Bob Parrish has been formed. We will be advertising for a new Office Manager soon; be watching for more information. And please pass on the word to anyone you know who may be interested.



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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



**Worship Sunday mornings 9:45 in person or on ZOOM**

**Details for connecting via ZOOM at [fbcames.org](http://fbcames.org)**