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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

It has been a different kind of summer at our house. We have helped Zoe move twice – once after graduation at Ball State and again just last week for her new job at UNI. So our vacation time has not been all that vacation-y, and I don't want to rent another moving truck anytime soon, but it has been exciting and there has been a lot of celebration. After all of this, I am looking forward to the excitement of a new school year, with the return of students and a new start for church programs. It all kicks off with two special services this month – with the Christian Church and UCC at Brookside Park on August 14 and out in our front yard on August 28. Plan to join us, and bring a friend!

It hasn't just been a different kind of summer for our family; it has been a different summer - period. And I don't mean that in a good way.

Orlando.
Baton Rouge.
St. Paul.
Dallas.
Baton Rouge, again.

Simply naming the places brings to mind the troubling events. And it has not simply been a difficult summer here in our country. We could add:

Nice.
Istanbul.
Dakha.
Baghdad.
A church in Normandy.
And a host of others.

The American Baptist Executive Council issued this statement:

In this painful summer, we call American Baptists to a season of prayer for those who have been affected by senseless acts of violence in cities here and across the world... While we grieve the loss of life and livelihood for those directly affected, all brothers and sisters in Christ share the burden of helping, healing, and finding hope... We encourage American Baptists to set aside time to pray for God's mercy to prevail and for each of us to have courage to respond as we are able.

Susan Gillies, interim general secretary, American Baptist Churches USA, later invited all American Baptists to join in special prayer for these troubled times throughout the remainder of this summer,

Seeking God's grace for healing and wholeness throughout this country and the world. Pray for healthy alternatives to violence. Pray for those who don't know what to do with their anger and frustration. Pray for those who have signed on to protect and serve. Pray for insight into what you can do to help bring hope and healing.

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Summer Music Camp Report

The 17th Annual Music Camp was another week of fun, fellowship and learning. We had 42 campers and over 30 persons helping as staff. Various activities included choir time, parachute games, musical games, a coloring project, playing the choorchimes (handbells), and painting a piano. The piano will end up as a “public piano” for anyone to play, and it will be downtown on Main Street. Several musicians played “featured instruments” including a saxophone duet, french horn, accordion, flute, and a piano/organ duet. A singing group made up of people with Parkinson’s disease presented a concert. The annual Talent Show was held and was wonderful with all the great entries. The participants performed a musical, “Legends at Garner Creek”, on Friday.

We want to thank all who contributed, including those who donated food, brought campers each day and attended our closing program.

Big Thank You!

Counselors: David Cook, Will Cook, Nick Drew, Dick Gee, Jeanette Gee, Mollie Hammer, Olivia Heithoff, Jonah Hindt, Melissa Hindt, Patricia Izbicki, Erin Johnson, Alex O’Connor, Elijah Phomvisay, Aaron Stegemöller, Elizabeth Stegemöller, Kaylinn Taggart, Vijay Williams, and Alexis Wolter.

Kitchen Crew: Jeanine Cole, Dianne Borgen, Becky Cole, Jennifer Heithoff, and Rosemarie Starrett.

Registration/General Assistance: Susan Russell and Bev Shirbroun

Co-Directors: Mindy Phomvisay and Dave Russell



Parking Reminder



WelcomeFest Volunteer Opportunity

Our church will have a table at WelcomeFest, an opportunity for community organizations to connect with ISU students. We will be handing out free items (cups or pens) along with information about our church. Welcome Fest is on Wednesday, August 24 beginning at 5:30 pm. If you can help out at the FBC table, please see Pastor Dave.



ISU classes are back in session Monday, August 22, which means (among other things) that our parking lot is a busy place. Numbered parking places are rented to students. If you are here for choir rehearsal or another midweek event, please park in one of the church parking spots in back of the building. If needed, the CCJ spots on the south side of the church are also generally available in the evenings. All parking spaces are available on Sunday mornings.

On September 11, we will resume our monthly Fellowship Time (every second Sunday of the month). We are looking for hosts for each month. Please look for the sign-up sheet on the kitchen door in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, contact Barbara Woods, jaguar@isunet.net or Dianne Borgen, fborgen@aol.com.



Fellowship Time



Choir Gears Up for Fall

Choir will be starting up soon for the fall! Our rehearsals begin on Wednesday, August 24. We rehearse on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the lounge. All voices are welcome - come join us and make a joyful noise! You may see Mindy Phomvisay for more information.

Mark the Date

Church School Begins Sunday, September 11

Classes meet at 11 am, following worship. More details to follow.

More Music Camp Pictures



Habitat Sunday

August 21 will be Habitat Sunday at First Baptist. The new manager of the Habitat Store will be here to give us an update on the work of Habitat for Humanity and we will receive our annual offering to support the work of Habitat.

Blast Back to School

Did you know that on average families spend \$100/child to purchase the necessary school supplies for each of their children? A variety of community groups are working to relieve the burden of back to school expenses for Story County families of K-12 students in a festive and engaging environment. The event will be held on August 12 from 1-5 at the Boys and Girls Club, with 600-750 students expected to attend. School supplies, backpacks, and health, dental, and sports screenings will be available.

Our church participated by collecting 2-pocket folders. We had a goal of 1500 and we have surpassed the goal with at least 2600 folders! Thank you to everyone who contributed to this important project! (Folders still accepted this Sunday.)

You can volunteer by calling The Story County Volunteer Center at 515-268-5323 or go to www.vcstory.org.

Reading Corps Volunteers Needed

United Way of Story County is part of a statewide project to improve literacy for our children. The Iowa Reading Corps is tutoring program that trains AmeriCorps members to provide specific interventions for children grades K-3 who are just below proficiency in reading. United Way needs members in all 7 Story County school districts in 12 elementary buildings.

Serve a year with the Iowa Reading Corps and make a difference! Positions in Ames, Gilbert, Colo-Nesco, Collins-Maxwell, Ballard, Nevada and Roland-Story school districts help K-3 students learn foundational literacy skills and include a living stipend, education award, and more.

Contact Matt Nosco at 515-803-8270 or Iowa.ReadingCorps.Recruitment@gmail.com or Jean Kresse, United Way of Story County at 515-268-5142 or jkresse@uwstory.org for more information.

You Are Invited!

Vic Moss is retiring as Director of the Emergency Residence Project after 29 years of service to those who are homeless or have been in danger of becoming homeless. Please come to Vic's Retirement Reception to thank him for his faithful service. The reception will be at the Depot Deli, 526 Main St., on Sunday, August 28, 2-4 pm. All are welcome.



Good Neighbor Fundraiser Dinner

The annual Tuscan Dinner to benefit the Good Neighbor Healthy Food Voucher program will be held on Sunday August 21st at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at 1015 Hyland Ave., Ames. Social time for the event will be at 6:00 p.m. with dinner being served at 6:30 p.m. Terry Lowman, former co-owner of Lucallan's Italian Grill, will once again be preparing the entrees for the dinner this year. Dinner will include bread, salad, entrees, and dessert. In addition, red and white wine will be available for a nominal donation.

The Healthy Food Voucher Program provides any individual or family residing in Story County with vouchers that allow for the purchase of nutritious food items at local grocery stores. Last year, Good Neighbor provided 7,734 of the \$5.00 vouchers to 1,289 households.

Tickets are \$35.00 per person, with \$20.00 per ticket being tax deductible. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Good Neighbor by phone at 515-296-1449, or see Jere Maddux, who has tickets, phone at 292-4272.



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1	2 8:00a Men's Breakfast, Perkins	3	4 6p Christian Education	5	6
7 9:45a Worship/Communion 11a Fellowship Time	8	9 7p Trustees	10 11:30a Women's Lunch, Mandarin 6:30p Conversation on Justice and Reconciliation	11	12	13 
14 10:30a Church in the Park, Brookside Fellowship Time Following	15	16 8:00a Men's Breakfast, Perkins	17	18	19	20
21 Habitat Sunday 9:45a Worship 11:00a Combination Fellowship Time and Lunch 2:00p Prayer Shawl Circle	22 ISU Fall Semester Begins	23	24 11:30a Women's Lunch, Perkins 5:30p WelcomeFest 6:30p Choir	25 6:30p Deacons	26	27 10-12p Piano Recital
28 9:45a Worship Under the Trees Lunch After Service	29	30	31 6:30p Choir			

Church in the Park

We will gather with First Christian Church and the United Church of Christ-Congregational for a shared service at Brookside Park on August 14. **Please note the starting time of 10:30 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.



Worship Under the Trees

Join us as we kick off the fall with our annual Worship Under the Trees service on Sunday, August 28, 9:45 am! Our regular 9:45 worship service will be out on the front lawn, and we will have a great meal to follow. Beverages and barbecue will be provided. FBC “regulars” are asked to bring a dish to share; newcomers and students, please come as our guests! Bring a lawn chair or blanket if you wish (folding chairs will also be available). Card tables are needed for the meal and volunteers needed at 8:30 to set up – please contact the church office if you can help.

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Rev. Dr. David Russell	Pastor
Rev. Susan Russell	Associate Pastor
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Patricia Izbicki	Accompanist
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