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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.

Congratulations, Graduates!

Our church is so blessed to be part of the university community. The commitment to understanding, investigation, and excellence that is part of the university culture helps to shape our church. Likewise, the artistry, diversity, variety of life experiences and ideas, and the mix of people from literally all over the world can help to give us a bigger vision and makes this an exciting place to be the church. Our relationship with the university is a two-way street. Just as we gain from relationships with the campus, we also seek to make a difference in the university community by offering both a caring and prophetic witness. Beyond a focus on academic life and all of the social opportunities of the college experience, we encourage students (and others) to give attention to our spiritual lives as well – and to see these various parts of our lives as an integrated whole.

We are so thankful for the students who come our way and are blessed by their energy, enthusiasm, talent, and hearts for service. Being a part of the lives of students during their time at Iowa State is an important part of our mission, and one of the real joys of our life together as a church.

This spring we celebrate with all those who are receiving degrees and going on to continue their journeys – some here in Ames and some in other places. We have four graduates within our congregation:



Dawn-Doerr-Johnson will receive a Master of Science in Marriage and Family Therapy from Capella University. Dawn was chosen as a member of the Chi Sigma Iota and Delta Kappa honor societies and will graduate with distinction.

She works as a therapist at Youth and Shelter Services and will continue to work there with a slight change in the kind of therapy she does. She has completed one licensing exam and will take another in October, after which she will be dually licensed as a marriage and family therapist and mental health counselor. Her area of

specialty is girls and young women, ages 8 to 24.

Dawn and her husband Jim Johnson live in Story City and have been attending our church for a year. She appreciates that FBC is a diverse congregation where all are welcome, and says that it is good to be back in the ABC.

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Tiffany Harris will graduate from Iowa State with a BS in Microbiology, with a minor in Emerging Global Diseases. She will be entering a PhD program in Microbiology this fall at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. While at ISU she has worked at the vet school at the diagnostic lab in bacteriology as well as at a research lab on

campus that works on E.coli.

Tiffany has lived in various places around the world. She graduated from a high school in Houston, and her parents now live in Louisiana (they moved to Louisiana from Malaysia while she was a student here). She has attended First Baptist for four years and has been especially involved in our music program. She served as our choir accompanist for a year, frequently played piano with our instrumental ensemble, and has especially enjoyed singing in the choir. Tiffany will continue working on campus until she moves to Madison later this summer.



Brandon Jones will graduate from Iowa State with a BS in Civil Engineering with an Environmental Emphasis. He was involved in a lot of activities both within his major and across campus and met a lot of friends along the way. He was involved in the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), Students Helping Our Peers food pantry

(SHOP), and the ISU Navigators (student-led Bible studies).

Brandon has attended First Baptist throughout his years at ISU (he been a mainstay on the back pew in worship). He wrote, "First Baptist Church has been a very welcoming community. I especially enjoyed the outdoor services we've had and the annual Day of Service where we get to help out the Ames community. I'm very grateful for the First Baptist Church being my church family away from home." In June, Brandon will begin work at F.H. Paschen Construction in Chicago as a project engineer.



Tiffany Nugent will receive a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Integrated Studio Arts from Iowa State. She has especially focused on furniture design and animation. Tiffany has been a part of Gamma Rho Lambda, Omicron Chapter at ISU.

Like Brandon and Tiffany, Tiffany has also attended our church for four years. She has

been very involved in our ministry – among other things, she has been a faithful participant in our college class and took part in our mission trip to Kansas City last year. Tiffany is from Wilmington, Illinois, about 60 miles southwest of Chicago. She will be in Ames for another year. She does not know where she will be working yet but her plan is to save money and pay off student loans. She wrote, "What I love about First Baptist is how it feels like a family and how welcoming and loving everyone is."

Besides these students in our congregation, we celebrate with graduates in our wider First Baptist family:

Matthew Hammond, the grandson of Earl and Johnie Hammond, will graduate from Rice University, with a BA in math and a BS in computer science. He will be heading to California to work for Google.

Sean Miller, grandson of Jack and Donna Cleasby, is graduating from Cedarville University in Cedarville, Ohio. He will be going to seminary in Michigan to prepare for the ministry.

Keilin Wilson, granddaughter of Jere Maddux, will graduate from Mercy College of Health Sciences in Des Moines. She will receive her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

If you know of other graduates, please let us know and we will include news about them in next month's Spire.



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Judy and Jim Demarest	21
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Birthday and Anniversary Updates

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed on the church bulletin board outside the library or in the Spire, please send us the information. As a church family, we'd love to include you and pray for you on your special days.



May 7:
Worship Leader: John Whitaker
Ushers: Bob Parrish*, Kent Johnson
 Jan Thompson, Wallace Sanders
Sound System: Bob Parrish

May 14:
Worship Leader: Wallace Sanders
Ushers: Jill Grauman, Kaylinn Taggart
 Lyndsay Whitaker
Sound System: Tom Logue

May 21:
Worship Leader: Children and Youth Sunday
Ushers: Dianne Borgen, Jerilyn Logue
 Tom Logue, Jon Pritchard
Sound System: Kent Johnson

May 28:
Worship Leader: Jill Grauman
Ushers: Scott Anderson*, Julie Johnston
 Jere Maddux, Tiffany Nugent
Sound System: Tom Logue

Flowers for May: Beth Douglass



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!



A BIG thank you for those who provided refreshments this past year for Fellowship Time on the 2nd Sunday of the month. These persons include Dianne and Fred Borgen, Jeanine Cole, Erin and Wes Johnson, Nancy and Gary Maydew, Phyllis and Larry Schrag, Catherine and Joe Parrish, Rita and Bob Parrish, Roberta Ridley, Irene and Wayne Shireman, Barbara Woods and all others who helped with set up and clean up. You are all appreciated!



Worship

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.

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.



Choir Ends Year with Potluck

Thank you to our choir and musicians for a wonderful year of music! And thanks especially to Mindy Phomvisay, director, and Patricia Izbicki, accompanist. May 14 will be the last day for our choir to sing before taking a break for the summer. On Wednesday, May 10, the choir will meet at 6 pm (earlier than the usual rehearsal time) for an end-of-the-year potluck.



When: The 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, 11:30 am

Where: 2nd Wednesday-Mandarin, 415 Lincoln Way
4th Wednesday- Perkins, 325 S. Duff Avenue

Who: Any women and friends of FBC

No reservations needed, just come when you can and enjoy lunch with your friends!

Men's Breakfast



When: The 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month, 8:00 am

Where: Perkins Restuarant-325 S. Duff Avenue

Who: Anyone who wishes may join us for breakfast, conversation and fellowship.



WORKDAY AT THE CHURCH

The Spring All-Church Work Day will be Saturday, May 20, beginning at 9 am. No particular skills needed-everybody is invited to help!. There will be juice, coffee and donuts. Please come and join us!

“Spirited Listening” Coming June 4

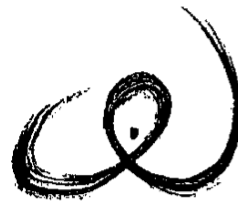
Our church is a member of AMOS (A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy) - a grassroots, congregationally-based community organizing group. AMOS researches issues that are of concern to the community and works to make changes that make for a more fair, just, and workable community for everybody. The way that AMOS determines which issues to address is through “House Meetings” of 6-8 people in which persons share what concerns and pressures they feel in their lives – what “keeps them awake at night.” Out of the stories shared in a multitude of meetings held by many congregations and institutions, themes emerge, and common themes lead to issues for research and action.

These small group conversations can be a great opportunity for our church to not only participate in the work of AMOS, but also support one another as a church family. To make these meetings as accessible to the greatest number of people as possible, we will have our conversations on a Sunday morning following worship. On **Pentecost Sunday, June 4** - when we celebrate God’s gift of the Holy Spirit - we will be involved in “Spirited Listening” as we listen to one another’s stories, and listen to the Spirit leading us.

The way it will work: following that morning’s worship service, those who are willing to participate will break into small groups in which we will share some of our stories. Each group will have a trained leader to guide the conversation, keep us on track, and help us be mindful of time. Participants will only be asked to share what they are comfortable sharing. The exercise will take around 45 minutes and we will then join together for a meal. Emerging themes from our conversations will help determine the issues for AMOS research teams to address, but just as important will be the value to our congregation as we listen to each other's stories.

Folks can decide to participate that morning, but to help us determine how many groups to plan for (and how many to plan on for lunch,) we are encouraging everyone to sign up in advance. You can do so by sending an email to the church office (office@fbcomes.org), or sign up at church.

We hope you will join us on June 4 for Spirited Listening! If you have any questions, please see Jill Grauman or Pastor Dave.



Ames Children's Choirs

The Ames Children’s Choirs will present their Spring Concert on Sunday, May 14 at 3 pm here at First Baptist. Refreshments will follow in the Fellowship Hall. ACC includes three different choirs for children ages 7-18. Mindy Phomvisay is the Conductor of the Preparatory Choir and Chorale. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students. All are welcome to attend!

Joyce Davidson Named Director

Congratulations to Joyce Davidson, who was named Director of Student Counseling Services at Iowa State. Joyce has served since 2003 as Assistant Director of the counseling center, and has been serving as the interim director. She will officially begin as Director on June 1. We are thankful for Joyce’s important work in leading Student Counseling as they provide care for ISU students with a variety of services and resources. [Click here](#) for a news release from Iowa State.

Child Care Position Available

We are looking for a child care worker for our nursery. The position is for 1½ hours on Sunday mornings through the summer, with the possibility of continuing in the school year. If you know of someone who may be interested, please contact the church office or see Rita Parrish or Pastor Dave.









Our thoughts and prayers are with Jack and Donna Cleasby in the loss of their daughter, Teri Ochiltree. Teri passed away on April 8. A memorial service will be held at our church on Saturday, May 13 at 11:00 am.

Graveside Service for Elaine Anderson

A graveside service for Elaine Anderson will be held on Saturday, May 20 at 11 am at the Ames Municipal Cemetery. Elaine died on December 5 and a memorial service was held at the church on December 17. All are welcome to attend this brief service.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday				
	1  May Day	2 8a Men's Breakfast, Perkins	3 6:30p Choir	4 5p Women with Initiative	5	6 Piano Recital, Patricia Izbicki's students ISU graduation 				
7 9:45a Worship/Communion 11a Church School 12p "Spirited Listening Training"	8	9 5:15p Pastoral Relations 7:00p Trustees	10 11:30a Women's Lunch, Mandarin 6:30p Choir	11 5p Women with Initiative	12 	13 11a Memorial Service, Teri Ochiltree				
14 9:45a Worship 11a Fellowship Time 11:15a Church School 3p Ames Children's Choir Concert 	15	16 8a Men's Breakfast, Perkins	17 5:15p CCJ Board Meeting and Dinner	18 5p Women with Initiative	19	20 9a Church Work Day 11a Graveside service for Elaine Anderson				
21 9:45a Children and Youth Sunday CE Recognition 11a Church School 12a 3 rd Sunday Lunch, Mandarin 2p Prayer Shawl Circle	22	23	24 11:30a Women's Lunch, Perkins	25 5p Women with Initiative 6:30p Deacons	26 	27 Piano Recital				
28 9:45a Worship 11:00a Ice Cream Social	29  REMEMBRANCE	30	31	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>Coming in June:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Spirited Listening</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 5px;">4</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">ABC Mission Summit/Biennial</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 5px;">30</td> </tr> </table> </div>			Spirited Listening	4	ABC Mission Summit/Biennial	30
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Children and Youth Sunday – May 21

Our children and youth will be leading us in worship on May 21. The theme for the morning is “Sunday School: The Musical” and our young people will be leading us with vocal and instrumental music, skits, prayers, statements of belief that they have written, and more. We are looking forward to a great morning of worship with our talented children and youth! We will also be recognizing all of our Christian Education volunteers that day.



We will celebrate the end of the Church School year and the beginning of summer with an Ice Cream Social on May 28, sponsored by our Christian Education Committee. Please join us following worship for a fun and tasty gathering.

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Our Church Staff:

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