



The Spire

First Baptist Church, Ames, Iowa

Pastor's Word

Students are back, classes have started, and the neighborhood has come to life. Traffic has increased dramatically and the football season is upon us. There is an excitement in the air. There has been a big change in town over the past few weeks, and at First Baptist we are gearing up for an exciting fall.

Our church had a table at Welcomefest, an event for students to grab some “swag” and learn about Ames businesses and community organizations. Around 4000 students attended the event in the Great Hall of the Union on August 24. Kaylinn Taggart, Becca Whitaker, Lorrie Whitaker, Mariah Giberson and I handed out around 400 stadium cups with the FBC logo as well as Hershey’s chocolates and information about our church. We had some interesting conversations with students and with other vendors. Students were appreciative that we cared enough to be there and reach out.

Then last Sunday we gathered for our annual Worship under the Trees Service. It was a relatively cool August day, a perfect day to worship out on the front lawn. Well, it was perfect all day long except for 8-11 am. Because of rain that morning, we met in the Fellowship Hall, which was fun and different in its own way. It has been wonderful to welcome back students and to see lots of new faces. The energy that students add to our church really makes a difference.

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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.

While there is a lot of excitement around here, we are mindful of folks who are suffering elsewhere. The images and stories surrounding the flooding following Hurricane Harvey are heartbreaking. I know that some of you have friends and family members who are personally affected. Our prayers are with the people of southeast Texas. There are a number of ways that you may give to help with recovery efforts, including through our American Baptist Churches. One Great Hour of Sharing funds will be used to help with cleanup, recovery, and rebuilding homes and churches. You may write a check to the church with notation OGHS – Hurricane Harvey. You may also give online by visiting www.abc-usa.org and clicking “Give Online” at the top right of the page. In the “Comments” section, type “OGHS-Hurricane Harvey.” One hundred percent of gifts go to relief efforts; no dollars are retained for administrative costs.

I will be taking part in a mission trip October 30 – November 8. A group of 8-10 people from all over the U.S. will be visiting churches, missions, and ministry sites, including a camp and a seminary, in Costa Rica. We will meet with pastors and church leaders and learn about church life and culture there. American Baptists are partners with the Costa Rican Baptist Federation and we have four ABC missionaries serving in Costa Rica, who we will visit on the trip. I’ll let you know as the trip approaches if there is a request for supplies from the U.S. that are not readily or affordably available in Costa Rica.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

Blessings,
Dave

Worship Leaders

September 3:

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

September 10:

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

September 17:

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

September 24:

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

Flowers for September: Jill Leininger

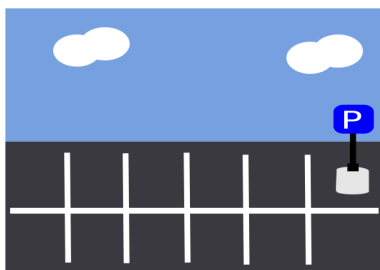


Betty Johnson	2
Katherine Thompson	2
Edie Bakley	3
Stephanie Keat	3
Alexis Lee	5
Lucy Stegemoller	10
John R. Anderson	12
Jenna McCarley	19
Jeanine Cole	22
Ethan Phomvisay	22
Dave Russell	22
Rosemarie Starrett	24
Anadia Daniels	25
Judy Demarest	29
Kent Johnson	29
Barbara Woods	29
Elizabeth Stegemoller	30

Happy Anniversary to ...

Donna & Jack Cleasby	2
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Jill & Michael Leininger	4
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Parking Lot Update



A forum was held following worship on August 13 to discuss options for parking lot repair/replacement. The trustees have secured estimates both for repairing the lot (resurfacing of north drive from ramp to the street and of the center stripe (excluding parking spaces) on the south side) and for replacing the entire lot (demolition and hauling off existing lot, surface preparation, pouring concrete curbing, then asphalt surface and striping parking spaces). The consensus of those present was that given the overall condition of our parking lot, a complete replacement was preferable. Work on the parking lot will take about two weeks, so with renters in our lot through the school year, the best case scenario would be to have work done as soon as ISU classes end in

the spring. The estimate for replacement was about \$122,000. A committee was formed (Barbara Woods, Wallace Sanders, Jere Maddux, Wes Johnson, Pastor Dave) who will formulate a proposal to include plans for parking lot replacement and a capital campaign to coincide with the church's 150th anniversary. There will be a congregational meeting this fall to consider the proposal.

Church School Begins September 10



We kick off our fall schedule on September 10 with Church School classes following worship. On the second Sunday of each month, we will have Fellowship Time at 11 am and Church School at 11:15.

On other Sundays, Church School follows worship at 11 am. Our classes include:

Children (through grade 6): Teacher Jan Thompson and assistants (including youth) lead the class that meets in the downstairs children's classroom. They will be using the One Room Sunday School curriculum.

College/Young Adults: Pastor Dave Russell will lead the college/young adult fellowship, meeting in the college lounge on the second floor. The groups meets for Bible study, support, fun, conversation about the great and not-so-great issues of the day, and lunch once a month.

Adult Bible Study: Dale Grauman leads this class, which meets in the library. They will be working through the Book of Acts this semester.

Theology Class: Jere Maddux and others facilitate this discussion-based class. The group will decide on a video series to view and discuss. The class meets in the first floor lounge.

Child Care: child care is available as needed through the Church School hour.

Hymn Sing September 3

Our worship service THIS SUNDAY, September 3 will feature a hymn sing. We will be singing all kinds of music including old favorites and new songs. Plan to join us for a great morning!



Camp Scholarships Awarded



The Christian Education Committee was pleased to award camp scholarships to several of our children and youth. Lucy Johnson and Abby Johnson received a scholarship to attend camp at Forest Lake (one of our two regional camps). Addie Stegemöller and Lucy Stegemöller received scholarships for the children's program at the Church Music Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin. Elijah Phomvisay and Emma Phomvisay received scholarships for the youth program at the Music Conference at Green Lake. They all had good experiences at camp and we were happy to support their participation.

Habitat for Humanity Offering

We will receive our annual Habitat for Humanity Offering THIS Sunday, September 3. Our church supports the work of Habitat in helping to provide decent housing for God's people in need through prayer, hands-on volunteering, and financial support. The offering will support the work of Habitat for Humanity of Central Iowa.



Christian Education Committee Workday

Saturday, September 9 – 10:00 am

Join us as we spruce up classrooms and get ready for Church School!

Help Wanted



First Baptist is looking for a child care worker to staff our nursery during worship on Sunday mornings. Details are available on our website. If you know of someone who may be interested, you may see Rita Parrish or Pastor Dave for more information.

Regular Office Hours

Tuesday—9am-Noon and 1-3pm
Wednesday—9am-1pm
Thursday—9am-Noon and 1-3pm
Friday—8am-Noon



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:45a Worship 11a Fellowship Time	4 LABOR DAY	5 8a Men's Breakfast, Perkins	6 2:00p Parkinson's Discussion Group 3:00p Parkinson's Singing Group 5:15p Capital Campaign Comm. 6:30p Choir	7	8	9 10:00a CE Work Day
10 9:45a Worship 11a Fellowship Time 11:15a Church School	11	12 4:00p Parkinson's Music & Move- ment 7p Trustees	13 11:30a Women's Lunch, Mandarin 3:00p Parkinson's Singing Group 6:30p Choir	14	15	16
17 9:45a Worship 11:00a Church School 12p 3 rd Sunday Lunch (Vesuvius Wood- Fired Pizza) 2p Prayer Shawl Circle	18	19 8a Men's Breakfast, Perkins 4:00p Parkinson's Music & Move- ment	20 3:00p Parkinson's Singing Group 5:15p CCJ Board 6:30p Choir	21	22 	23
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Our Church Staff:

Rev. Dr. David Russell	Pastor
Mindy Phomvisay	Director of Music
Patricia Izbicki	Accompanist
Janelle Keltgen	Office Manager
Kathy Greiner	Custodian
Karina Anderson	Child Care