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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.

GREAT DAY OF SERVICE

Sunday, October 22—9:45 am

We will have a seven minute worship service in the sanctuary followed by hands-on service projects including:

- **Campustown Cleanup**
- **Assembling hygiene kits for Church World Service**
- **Making no-sew fleece blankets for newborns**
- **Visits to homebound persons**

**We will conclude with a meal (which will be provided) at 12 noon.
Please join us as we work together to make a difference in our
community and in our world!**

2018 Budget Process

Our annual Budget Forum will be Sunday, October 29, following Church School. We will vote on a draft budget for the 2018 year. After this, we will start our fall stewardship campaign. Based on the results of that campaign, the Executive Council will recommend a final budget for adoption at our business meeting to be held on December 3.

Thank you to all who contribute so generously to help make this a vital community of faith, on mission in our community and in our world. We invite everyone to participate in the Budget Forum, as we consider not just numbers on a sheet of paper, but our ministry plans for the coming year.



Worship Leaders

October 1

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

October 8

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

October 15

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

October 22

Day Of Service

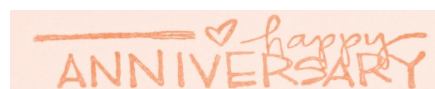
October 29

Worship Leader: Joyce Davidson
Ushers: Jeanine Cole*, Lee Davidson
 Mark Reuber, Barbara Woods
Sound System: Kent Johnson

Flowers for October: Dianne Borgen



Jeanne Williams	2
Douglas Thomas	3
Marian Thompson	9
Fred Borgen	10
Elinor Fehr	11
Joe Parrish	12
Dorothy Ewing	16
Tiffany Harris	22
Martha Gleason	26
Lucas Anderson	29
Kyleigh Murphy	29
John Whitaker	29
Dale Grauman	30



Lyndsay and Gabe Whitaker 8

Children's Outing

On Sunday, October 1, our children will head to the Center Grove Orchard in Cambridge. They will have a pizza lunch at church and then head to the orchard. See Rita Parrish for more details.



Based on input from our forum held in August, our Capital Campaign Committee is working to put together a proposal for a capital campaign to coincide with our church's 150th anniversary in 2018. In our 150th year, the campaign goal will be \$150,000, which will include some funds currently in hand. The "big ticket" item of the campaign will be the replacement of our parking lot. The proposal will include other maintenance and improvement items including new doors on the east side of the building, new carpeting in the lounge and library, and a welcoming awning for the north door on the east side of the building. We are also looking at the possibility of a rain garden to lessen storm water runoff.

You will receive more details of this proposal prior to our Budget Forum on October 29. At that forum, we will vote on whether to approve the proposal to enter into a capital campaign to fund these improvements. We will also vote on a draft budget for the 2018 church year.

The capital campaign would be separate and over and above our regular annual stewardship commitments. If the proposal is approved, the hope is that construction on the new parking lot would begin as soon as ISU classes end in spring 2018.

Be watching for more details. Information on the proposal will be available prior to the Budget Forum on October 29. If you have questions in the meantime, you may talk to one of the committee members: Barbara Woods, Wallace Sanders, Jere Maddux, Wes Johnson, and Pastor Dave; or Trustee chair John Anderson.



Thank you to all who hosted the Fellowship Time this summer. Our hosts were: Dianne & Fred Borgen; Lorene Hoover; Marilyn & Buck Peterson; Jon Pritchard; Mindy Phomvisay;

Susan Russell; Julie Johnston; the Stegemöller family; Jill & Dale Grauman; Johnie Hammond; Jeanine Cole; Roberta Ridley; Jan Thompson; Beth Douglass & Jere Maddux; Wes & Erin Johnson family; Stephanie & Greg Goodman; Gary & Nancy Maydew; Gabe, Lyndsay, Becca & Dan Whitaker; FBC's Deacons.

World Mission Offering

Through the month of October, we will receive the World Mission Offering, which supports American Baptist mission work around the world.



Our gifts help to support missionaries currently in the field and to train new missionaries for service. Our gifts help to build relationships with 240 global partners around the world. It is through these networks with Christian groups in other nations that our missionaries are invited to serve, and we work closely with these partners as we provide relief and disaster assistance.

Our church knows personally some of our mission personnel who work overseas. Dan Buttry has done amazing work in conflict transformation; this past year he has done significant work in Egypt, Lebanon, Sri Lanka, and other places. In November, he will be teaching at the seminary in Kiev, Ukraine.

Based in Amsterdam, Lauren Bethell fights human trafficking around the world. Her current work focuses on grassroots efforts to address exploitation and abuse of women and children.

David and Laura Parajon continue their amazing health ministry in Nicaragua, bringing medical care to rural areas as they train health promoters in very remote villages and establish health, hygiene, nutrition, and clean water projects.

Our gifts to the WMO support the work of these global servants and much more. We will receive this offering through the month of October, and invite you to give generously.

Relief for Puerto Rico

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Our country has been battered repeatedly by natural disasters in recent weeks, the most recent being Hurricane Maria, which devastated the island of

Puerto Rico. We have now had three catastrophic events in a short period of time - which is not even including record wildfires in California, Montana, and other areas of the west. One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) funds have gone out from American Baptists to support relief efforts in Texas, Louisiana, Florida, and now Puerto Rico.

The American Baptist Churches of Puerto Rico is one of our stronger regions. Our 2011 biennial was held in San Juan. Our current president-elect, Josue Gomez-Menendez, is a layperson and attorney in San Juan, and the top church in our denomination in giving to United Mission is Primera Iglesia Bautista de Carolina in Carolina, PR.

American Baptist Home Mission Societies Executive Director Dr. Jeffrey Haggray has announced a multi-year initiative, "[Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Puerto Rico](#)." The effort seeks to raise \$1 million within the next three to six months through One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) to support rebuilding the homes, churches and lives of our brothers and sister in Christ.

"Within the next three to five years," Haggray said, "we will work with our American Baptist partners to restore all 114 churches and nine missions in the Iglesias Bautistas de Puerto Rico as well as Corporacion Milagros del Amor and Seminario Evangélico de Puerto Rico.

Our church receives the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering in June. These funds are disbursed as emergencies and natural disasters occur through the year. You may also give to OGHS throughout the year. If you would like to give specifically to assistance for Puerto Rico, you may write a check to the church with notation "OGHS-Puerto Rico." One hundred percent of gifts go to relief and rebuilding, as administrative costs are





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:45a Worship 11:00a Church School Children to Center Grove Orchard	2	3 8a Men's Breakfast, Perkins 4:00p Parkinson's Music & Movement	4 2:00p Parkinson's Discussion Group 3:00p Parkinson's Singing Group 6:30p Choir	5	6	7
8 9:45a Worship 11a Fellowship Time 11:15a Church School <i>1:30p CROP Walk (Brookside Park)</i>	9	10 4:00p Parkinson's Music & Movement 5:15p Capital Campaign Committee 7p Trustees	11 11:30a Women's Lunch, Mandarin 3:00p Parkinson's Singing Group 6:30p Choir 7:35p Instrumental Group	12	13	14
15 9:45a Worship 11:00a Church School 12p 3 rd Sunday Lunch (Arby's on Duff Ave.) 2p Prayer Shawl Circle	16	17 8a Men's Breakfast, Perkins 4:00p Parkinson's Music & Movement	18 3:00p Parkinson's Singing Group 6:30p Choir	19	20	21
22 9:45a Great Day of Service 12p Lunch (Provided)	23	24 4:00p Parkinson's Music & Movement 6:30p Christian Ed. Committee	25 11:30a Women's Lunch, Perkins 3:00p Parkinson's Singing Group 6:30p Choir	26 5:00-8p Women United (Women With Initiative) 6:30p Deacons	27	28
29 9:45a Worship 11:00a Church School 11:00a Student Lunch	30	31 4:00p Parkinson's Music & Movement	<div>  <div> Regular Office Hours Tuesday—9am-Noon and 1-3pm Wednesday—9am-1pm Thursday—9am-Noon and 1-3pm Friday—8am-Noon </div> </div>			



Putting Relational Power into Action:
AMOS Ames Assembly
with Questions for
Candidates for Ames Mayor & City Council

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23rd, 2017

Registration: 6:30PM

Action: 7:00PM to 8:30PM

Bethesda Lutheran Church
1517 Northwestern Ave, Ames

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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
Hanna Saville	Child Care

Regional Executive Minister Announces Retirement



The Rev. Dr. Marshall Peters, Executive Minister for Mid-American Baptist Churches, has announced plans to retire at the end of May 2018.

Marshall started as our Executive Minister in 2002 after serving along with his wife June as a missionary in Thailand and then on the staff of Central Region in Kansas. He has announced his plans well in advance to allow the region time to plan for the transition.

We have appreciated Marshall's ministry with us over these last years, and we look forward to him preaching again here in our church on November 5.



The 2015 Ames Area CROP Walk will be held on **Sunday, October 8**, starting at the Maple Shelter in Brookside Park, 1325 Sixth St, Ames. Sign-in will begin at 1:00 p.m. with the walk starting at 1:30 p.m.

The approximately 5 km walk will go through the ISU campus, north on Stange Rd to 13th St, and back through Brookside Park, returning to the Maple Shelter. Funds raised through the CROP Walk help to fund food programs sponsored by Church World Service as well as several local food programs. We encourage you to walk - and if you can't walk, please sponsor a walker! If you would like to walk, you can see Jill Grauman or Julie Johnston for a sponsor form.