



The Spire

First Baptist Church, Ames, Iowa

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

200 Lynn Avenue
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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.



Join us for worship this summer at FBC!

SPECIAL GUESTS:

- Our own **Phyllis Schrag** will bring the message on June 11
- Our Regional Executive Minister **Rev. Jackie Saxon** will be with us on July 16
- Composer, arranger, and noted keyboardist **Joel Raney** will be with us for worship on August 6

FUN:

- **Shared service on our front lawn** with Ames UCC and First Christian on July 30
- **Worship Under the Trees** – outdoor service on August 27

SERMON SERIES:

Pastor Dave will be preaching “by request” sermons this summer. If you have a question or suggestion for a sermon, drop it in the box on the table at the front entrance of the sanctuary or send an email to dave@fbcames.org! Pastor Dave can't guarantee a sermon on every suggestion (and there are only so many Sundays) but he will do his best!

FELLOWSHIP:

Fellowship Time with refreshments following worship each Sunday!

SURPRISES:

We can't say because then it wouldn't be a surprise, would it?

Join us at 9:45 a.m. in person or on Zoom!



“Let us not grow weary in doing good, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.” – Galatians 6:9

This year’s theme scripture for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering holds special meaning as we seek to serve in a world filled with need. The war in Ukraine persists, communities from Kentucky to Puerto Rico are in the throes of long-term recovery from tornadoes, floods, and hurricanes; and wildfires imperil western U.S. states and beyond. These are just a few of the life-changing hardships people have faced over the past year. Through it all American Baptists have responded through One Great Hour of Sharing, and we are seeing the harvest indeed.

Over the past year, American Baptists have given \$1.4 million to provide relief to the people of Ukraine – both those in the country and those who have sought refuge elsewhere. Churches in Ukraine have responded in a powerful way; most churches in the Ukrainian Baptist Union are full on Sundays despite the fact that half of the members have left, and with our help they are providing emergency assistance and much-needed hope.

Over the past year, OGHS funds have provided help and hope in the aftermath of US flooding, the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, and other disasters. And we are funding development projects to fight hunger and poverty both in the US and around the world.

We invite you to give generously as we receive the OGHS offering through the month of June. To give, you may write checks to the church with memo OGHS, use the provided envelopes at church, or give through our website and note that the gift is for OGHS. More information is available at <http://abc-oghs.org>.

Video Screen Update

Our new video screens were installed on May 8. Unfortunately, after installation we discovered that one of the units was defective. Bob Parrish, Joe Parrish, and Tom Logue removed the defective unit, which is being replaced.

Once fully installed, we will be easing in to use of the video screen in the coming weeks. We especially look forward to our worshipers at home (whether in Ames or across the country) being able to read scripture, lead prayers, etc.



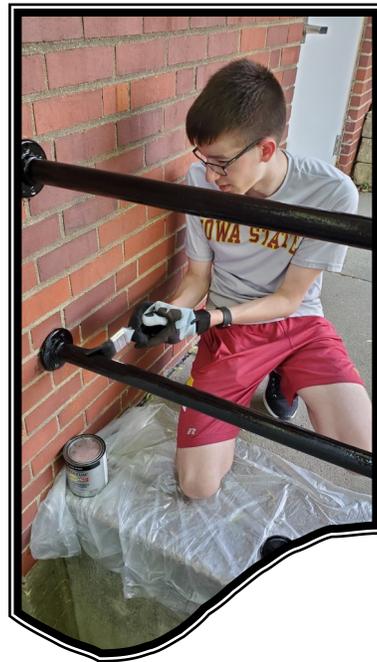


Work Day

We will have a church work day on Saturday, June 3 beginning at 9 am. There is yard work and painting, and we will also be cleaning out items from the church and garage for disposal. All hands needed!

Thank you Tyler!

Tyler Anderson has been volunteering on work projects at the church. He refinished an old desk at the church that will be used for some of our Zoom broadcast equipment. And he has been prepping and repainting the metal railings around the window wells, which was much needed. Thank you Tyler!



Musician **Joel Raney** will be with us in worship on August 7. Besides his composing and arranging, Joel is a sought-after music clinician, choral conductor, and piano soloist. Joel has been a favorite clinician at the Music Conference at Green Lake and will be here for the Parkinson's Singing Festival held at our church on August 6. We are delighted that he will be with us in worship at FBC!

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10a Virtual Coffee Shop	2	3 9a Work Day 
4 9:45a Worship/ Communion 10:45a Fellowship	5 	6 8a Men's Breakfast	7 2p PD Singing	8 10a Virtual Coffee Shop	9	10
11 9:45a Worship 10:45a Fellowship	12	13 5p Pastoral Relations Committee 7p Trustees	14 2p PD Singing 	15 10a Virtual Coffee Shop	16	17
18 9:45a Worship 10:45a Fellowship 	19 	20 8a Men's Breakfast	21 2p PD Singing 	22 10a Virtual Coffee Shop 7p Deacons	23	24
25 9:45a Worship 10:45a Fellowship	26	27	28 2p PD Singing	29 10a Virtual Coffee Shop	30 	



June 4:

Worship Leader Phyllis Schrag
Ushers: Julie Johnston,
 Aaron Stegemöller

June 11:

Worship Leader Randall O'Brien
Ushers: Jere Maddux, Bob Parrish

June 18:

Worship Leader Lorrie Whitaker
Ushers: Jerilyn Logue, Tom Logue

June 25:

Worship Leader John Anderson
Ushers: Stephanie Goodman,
 Jon Pritchard



Tom Gleason	1
Mya Logue	7
Dianne Borgen	9
Susan Russell	15
Tyler Anderson	23
Wallace Sanders	24
Wilma Robinson	26
Serena Parrish	27
Erin Johnson	29



Carol and Don Pady	1
Nancy and Gary Maydew	2
Tom and Jerilyn Logue	9
Gretchen and Scott Anderson	14
Mindy and Aiddy Phomvisay	15
Mary and John Anderson	17
Jan and Michael Thompson	30

Summer Camp News

Our region has two camps: Forest Lake, just south of Ottumwa, and Dayton Oaks, near Dayton (45 minutes northwest of Ames). Both offer a variety of summer camps for children, youth, and families. Last summer we had youth attending both camps. Our church will pay half the cost of camp for any youth, or more if there is a financial need. See Pastor Dave or a Christian Education Committee member if you are planning to go. Dates and information for various camps are posted on the bulletin board.





The American Baptist Biennial Mission Summit will be held June 23-25 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. For those not attending in person, there is an online option that allows virtual attendance at plenary sessions, including:

Friday, June 23

- Welcome Session, 2:00PM CT
- Spotlight on Puerto Rico, 3:00 CT (includes report on visits of 104 mission teams, including our FBC team, to help rebuild following Hurricane Maria)
- Worshipful Work - International Ministries Report, 6:30 CT
- Friday Evening Worship, 7:00 CT

Saturday, June 24

- Worshipful Work - American Baptist Home Mission Societies Report, 6:30 PM CT
- Friday Evening Worship, 7:00PM CT

Sunday, June 25

- Sunday Morning Worship, 8:00 AM CT
- Business Session, 1:30PM CT
- Worshipful Work - American Baptist Churches USA, 6:30 PM CT
- Friday Evening Worship, 7:00PM CT

Cost for online registration is \$49. For more information or to register, go to <http://www.americanbaptists2023.com>



Gardens Galore!

Northcrest Community (2300 Northcrest Parkway) invites you to a FREE walking garden tour on Saturday, June 3 from 2-4 pm (rain date June 4). Free parking and shuttle available at Ames High School.

YOUTH SUNDAY

Our children and youth led us in worship on May 21. They did a wonderful job of sharing through readings and music with great energy! Our Christian Education volunteers were recognized with flowers and a Bible was presented to fourth grader Kent Johnson. Thank you to our awesome youth and thanks to all who lead us in Christian Education!





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Mindy Phomvisay	Director of Music
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Elizabeth Stegemöller	Choir Accompanist
Charyl Winterink	Office Manager



Worship Sunday mornings 9:45 in person or on ZOOM

Details for connecting via ZOOM at fbcames.org