

# First Baptist Church

Stepping Out – Reaching Out  
June 2018



## Mid-ABC Executive Minister Search Committee

The process to call a new Executive Minister is progressing. Interviews for 3 candidates will take place on June 16.

Once the committee has come to a consensus, a single candidate will be presented to the Board of Region Ministries.

Until a new Executive Minister is called, Rev. Dr. Gary Grogan will serve as Interim Executive Minister.

Please continue to pray for the Search Committee and a new Executive Minister to lead the Mid-American Baptists churches of Iowa and Minnesota.

## One Great HOUR OF SHARING

*“More Than we can Imagine”*

*Now to God be the glory, who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.*

*Ephesians 3:20*

*Offering Received - June 2018  
Goal \$700.00*

*OGHS supports disaster relief, development projects, and refugee ministries of the American Baptist Churches and its partners.*

When you take a global view of our world, natural disasters occur every week. The larger disasters are captured by our news media, and word of these tragedies is brought into our homes. Many needs of our world, whether in a neighboring state or half the world away, remain uncovered by the news media. With the extensive work of international and domestic partners, American Baptists are able to make a difference wherever and whenever disaster strikes. 2017 was a year of many natural disasters –hurricanes, floods, mudslides, etc. Many manmade disasters – Syria, Iraq, Nigeria, South Sudan – remain unresolved today.

In the United States in 2017 OGHS responded.  
California – Flooding, Mudslides, Wildfires  
Florida – Hurricane Irma  
Kansas and Montana – Wildfires  
Massachusetts and New York – Storm Damage  
Puerto Rico – Hurricanes Irma and Harvey  
Texas – Hurricane Harvey

In 2017, OGHS funds totaling \$3,385,019 were raised from the Offering Plate to the needs of the world. 75% went to Emergency Relief and within that 82% went to Hurricanes, 14% to earthquakes and floods and 4% to civil and conflict relief.

## Summer Worship

### Sunday Morning Schedule Begins June 3, 2018

**Coffee Fellowship 9:00 a.m.**  
**Junior Choir Practice 9:15 a.m.**  
**Worship 9:30 a.m.**

**Includes Weekly Children’s Message**

**Nursery**  
**Worship Hour – 4 yrs. and under**

**No Sunday School or Children’s Church**

## From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor Leonard Sweet tells this story about a judicial friend who was presiding over a case in a small, rural county. The defendant was charged with drunk driving and trying to assault the police officer who arrested him. To convict the defendant on the assault on an officer charge, the District Attorney had to prove that the defendant knew the person he was assaulting was a police officer. And the easiest way to do that is to show that the officer was wearing a police uniform, and therefore the defendant knew that this was a police officer.

So the District Attorney asked the officer on the witness stand "And how were you attired when you pulled the defendant over?"

The witness looked at him blankly. It was clear he didn't know what the District Attorney meant by "attired". Everyone saw this but the District Attorney.

"Would you repeat the question, please?"

In a slightly irritated voice the District Attorney said, "And how were you attired when you pulled the defendant over?"

The witness still was puzzled. "Say that again", he pleaded.

"How were you attired when you pulled the defendant over?" barked the District Attorney.

My friend said you could suddenly see the light bulb come on in the officer's head, and he proudly proclaimed "I was traveling on standard issue radial tires!"

This officer needed an interpreter even within the English language!

That's what I'm getting at: We all need our own personal interpreter, full time, 24/7. So much of what we hear, even within the English language, we don't understand. And nowhere is that truth more evident than with people who are new to the church.

As we reach out into the community we need to continue to learn to speak the language of those around us. Just watch the television commercials to know that it's a whole new world out there and if we are to going to "Reach Out-Step Out" we need to be ready to meet people right where they are.

In His Service,  
Pastor Larry



*Becky Wallace*  
*Office Manager*  
*Mid-American Baptist Churches*

*Saturday, June 2, 2018*

*2:00 - 4:00 p.m.*

*Westover Baptist Church*  
*2330 62<sup>nd</sup> St.*  
*Des Moines, IA*

### **American Baptist Women's Ministries**



**F**ully **E**xploring  
and **E**ngaging  
in God's **L**ove

#### **Summer Bible Books**

*June – I Kings*

*July – Colossians*

*August – II Kings*

**AB Women and Girl's Conference**  
**First Baptist Church, Ft. Dodge IA**  
**June 22-23, 2018**

**Speaker & Worship Leader**  
**Rev. Soozie Ford**

**Explore and Engage in Hands-on Projects**  
**while attending the conference**

#### **Service Projects at the Church**

**Plastic mats for the homeless, Mission Center,  
White Cross, Adult Coloring, Tissue Paper  
Flowers**

#### **Service Projects in the Community**

**Beacon of Hope Men's Shelter, Lotus  
Women's Shelter, Humane Society**

**Attendees are encouraged to bring We Care  
Kits for the Men's Shelter. Kits include the  
following: travel size toothpaste, deodorant,  
shaving cream, shampoo & conditioner. Other  
items: toothbrush, dental floss, new  
washcloth, pocket packs of Kleenex, hairbrush  
and comb.**

## June Birthdays

June 3 Amanda Russell  
 June 3 Marvin DeGoe  
 June 5 Andrea Onstot  
 June 7 Sylvia Strable  
 June 8 Wayne Bartlett  
 June 10 Marcella Hayes  
 June 12 Jane Putney  
 June 12 Rita Hines  
 June 15 William Kenne  
 June 16 Jordan Johns  
 June 19 Robert McCauley  
 June 22 Donna Spidle  
 June 26 Dee Johannes  
 June 28 Jacque Glascock  
 June 30 Geramiah Russell



## June Greeters

June 3 Lynn & Delores Hommer  
 June 10 Don & Carol Putney  
 June 17 Bev Stockton  
 June 24 Bill Bryant



**Greeters please arrive by 9:10 a.m. during the summer months.**

*You're Invited  
 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding  
 Anniversary  
 Jim and Carol McKinney*

*Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>  
 12:00 p.m. - ?  
 504 W. 19<sup>th</sup> Place  
 Indianola, IA*

*Meal Provided  
 Please RSVP by July 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 to Carol at 515-961-5722 or  
 jimmck68@msn.com*

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH YOUTH MINISTRY MIDDLE SCHOOL THRU HIGH SCHOOL (6<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup>)

**No Youth Meetings in June, July & August**

**"Ministry Matters"**



**Youth Ministry Mission**  
*To aid in the ministry efforts  
 of our church body.*



**Thank you to Kathryn Thayer and the Youth girls for their assistance at the Mother-Daughter Salad Supper on May 7.**



**Helping Hand Food Pantry**  
 Donations are received the  
 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday each month.

With the onset of summer and children being home more hours in the day, please keep in mind that there may be more need of food for meals and snacks.

### Food Items Needed

Ketchup, Pudding/Fruit Cups,  
 Cereal and Snack Crackers

### Necessity Items Needed

Laundry Detergent & Toilet Paper

**FATHERS  
 DAY**

*June 17, 2018*

Father's Day in the United States is on the third Sunday of June. It celebrates the contribution that fathers and father figures make for their children's lives. Its origins may lie in a memorial service held for a large group of men, many of them fathers, who were killed in a mining accident in Monongah, West Virginia in 1907. A woman named Sonora Smart Dodd was an influential figure in the establishment of Father's Day. Her father raised six children by himself after the death of their mother. This was uncommon at that time, as many widowers placed their children in the care of others or quickly married again. Sonora felt that her father deserved recognition for what he had done. The first time Father's Day was held in June was in 1910. Father's Day was officially recognized as a holiday in 1972 by President Nixon.

**Church Council**  
  
**May 2, 2018**

I appreciate Gary Morrison's effort each year to pull together the Region wide work week at Forest Lake Camp. It was well attended and accomplished much work needed to prepare the camp for this year's camping ministry.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to attend the Prairie Pastor's Conference in Omaha, NE. This was attended by approximately 140 pastors from four different regions. It was a great time to catch up with clergy friends, and enjoy worship and a challenging speaker.

Pastor Larry

**Christian Education**

High school graduates from our church family include Kennedy Johns, Samuel Rivers and Jalen Webster. They will be recognized on May 20. Science Camp with New Heights Church will be July 8-12. Volunteer sign-up and a list of supplies needed will be posted on the closet door in Fellowship Hall. Diana and the Sunday School teachers will go to the IRMS media center this summer to review and choose next year's curriculum.

**Mission & Outreach**

Donations to Helping Hand increased in April. Birthday cards for 21 missionaries and family members were signed by our church family. The cards are sent to International Ministries, ABC-USA and forwarded on to our missionaries.

**Pastoral Care**

The prayer chain was activated twice in April. Homebound and those struggling with health issues are contacted through cards, phone calls and visits.

**Property & Finance**

Mark Hines cleaned out the boiler room. Brick pavers and mulch will be put around the rose bushes. The boiler passed the state inspection. Exit signs will be upgraded with LED lights.

**Worship Team**

Special summer music is being arranged. Summer worship schedule begins June 3. There will be no Sunday School or Children's Church during the summer.

**New Business**

Council approved rental of the sanctuary and a classroom in the Annex by New Heights Church for their Sunday evening worship services June 3 – August 19.

**Discipleship Matters**  
**JUNE 2018**

The arts are essential to making Scripture relevant to children's daily lives. Using the arts taps into the intrinsic spirituality and creativity of children. Drama possesses perhaps the greatest power to make biblical principles real by fostering experimentation with alternative outcomes, life-choices and future dreams. Select a theme drawn from a Bible story, such as justice, love or forgiveness, and encourage the children to identify situations in their daily lives, such as arguments with siblings, feeling left out, failing a test or aggression in a competitive sport. Give them time to create a skit that integrates the theme into this experience. As a twist to the Children's Message, have the children bring the message to the adults through the drama they create.



Supplies and volunteers needed: Sign-up sheets are posted in Fellowship Hall.

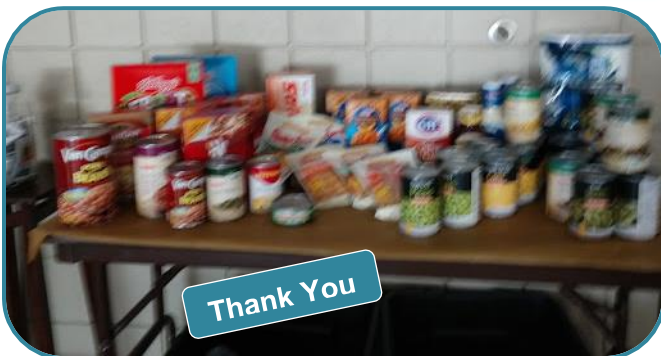
**July 8 -12**

- 6 – 9-volt batteries
- 20 balloons – any color
- Paper clips
- 1 roll clear tape
- 1 red food coloring
- 1 blue food coloring
- 2 large bags of dried beans – any kind
- 1 gallon distilled water
- 2 pkgs. **unlined** index cards
- 2 pkgs. Glue sticks (4-8 total)
- 3 bags of cotton balls
- 6 aluminum pie tins
- 1 gallon ice cream container of sand
- 6 – 14oz. or less glass jars with lids
- 8 galvanized nails
- 24" copper wire
- 2 – 3 baby disposable diapers
- Cash donations

## Mission Report April 2018

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>YTD</b>
ABWM Love Gift	41.20	163.05
America For Christ	25.00	701.00
Apply to Life Mission Fund	64.00	186.00
Helping Hand/extra giving	20.00	120.00
Missions	325.00	1,455.00
World Mission		
Tom & Terry Myers		300.00
RMMO		560.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 475.20</b>	<b>\$ 3,485.55</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>YTD</b>
ABWM Love Gift	41.20	163.05
America For Christ	25.00	701.00
Central Baptist Seminary	32.50	145.50
Dayton Oaks Camp	131.25	413.75
Forest Lake Camp	81.25	363.75
Helping Hand (total)	52.50	265.50
RMMO		560.50
Mid-American Region	97.50	436.50
Tom & Terry Myers		300.00
World Mission		
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>461.20</b>	<b>3,349.55</b>
SAE Fundraiser	295.00	295.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 756.20</b>	<b>\$ 3,644.55</b>

### Helping Hand Donations Received in April



Thank You

Helping Hand Food Pantry is expanding. The Indianola Community Youth Foundation with the initiative to fight hunger in Warren County has funded the purchase of the property on the west side of the Helping Hand building. Groundbreaking for the expansion project took place on May 24. This will provide much needed storage space and room for clients to register and pick up their food orders.



Thank you to the volunteers for getting *Forest Lake Camp* in good shape for the fast approaching 2018 camping season. The week of April 23-28 over 20 volunteers worked on many projects at the camp. During the week, 92 men and women volunteer days of labor was provided. It is truly an example of God's love expressed.

Eleven churches provided volunteers. Long distance volunteers came from Peotone, IL, Manilla and Bedford, IA. Working together is always a fun time of fellowship and volunteers were provided a special treat of nature at *Forest Lake Camp*. The volunteers reported seeing a white robin, a woodchuck, emerging wildflowers and the white blooming Serviceberry trees in the leafless forest. Emerald ash bore damage was also evident.

Thanks for all for your support of *Forest Lake Camp* through volunteering and financial giving.

Gary Morrison,  
Coordinator








## Special MUSIC

Do you sing or play an instrument? Share your musical talents with us or let know of others you would recommend to be part of special music this summer.

Please contact Diana Barker, Polly Glascock or Coleen Remick.



# June 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2  2:00 – Retirement Reception Becky Wallace @Westover Baptist
3 9:00 – Coffee Fellowship 9:15 – Youth Choir 9:30 – Worship 11:00 – New Heights Lunch 6:00 – New Heights Worship	4	5	6 8:00 – Men's Coffee McDonald's 7:00 – Church Council	7 2:00 – Assemble Bulletin	8	9
10 9:00 – Coffee Fellowship 9:15 – Youth Choir 9:30 – Worship 6:00 – New Heights Worship	11	12	13 8:00 – Men's Coffee McDonald's	14 8:30 – ABW Clean Kitchen 2:00 – Assemble Bulletin	15	16
17 9:00 – Coffee Fellowship 9:15 – Youth Choir 9:30 – Worship 6:00 – New Heights Worship  <i>Father's Day</i> 	18	19	20 8:00 – Men's Coffee McDonald's	21 1:15 – ABWM 2:00 – Assemble Bulletin	22 ABWM Women's Conference Ft. Dodge  	23 ABWM Women's Conference Ft. Dodge
24 9:00 – Coffee Fellowship 9:15 – Youth Choir 9:30 – Worship 6:00 – New Heights Worship	25	26	27 8:00 – Men's Coffee McDonald's	28 2:00 – Assemble Bulletin & Newsletter	29	30

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Rev. Larry Graves, Pastor  
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larrygraves27@msn.com

## Military List

### Jordan Berry

202 E. Iowa  
Indianola, IA 50125  
Grandson: Pete & Kay  
Berry  
Birthday – Feb 21

### Jason Vance

3822 Columbia St.  
Portsmouth, VA 23707  
Nephew: Nancy Wheeler  
Birthday – May 24

### Joel Nickelson

19190 Potters Bridge Rd.  
Noblesville, IN 46060  
Grandson: Wayne & Jean  
Bartlett  
Birthday – July 16

### Jordan Lytton

2502 Violet Lane  
St. Charles, IA 50240  
Great-Grandson:  
Marge Fuller  
Birthday – Sept 11

### Darrell Strovers

2856 W 3965 S Apt. 76  
West Haven, UT 84401  
Grandson: Helen  
Strovers  
Birthday – April 13

### Jeni Berry

202 E. Iowa  
Indianola, IA 50125  
Husband: Jordan Berry  
Granddaughter-in-law:  
Pete & Kay Berry  
Birthday – May 29

### Clayton Bell

1ECEG Unit#61437  
APO, AE 09855-1437  
Son: Joe & Kathy Bell  
Eagle Scout Troop 124  
Deployment - Kuwait  
Birthday – July 20

### Matthew McKee

306 Main  
Mingo, IA 50168  
Relative: Nancy Baughman  
Kay Wickett  
Birthday – Oct 10

### Mike Hayes

PSC 41 Box 5065  
APO, AE 09464-0051  
Wife: Jennifer Hayes  
Son-in-law: Jeff Jenkins  
Grandson-in-law:  
Sally Jenkins  
Birthday – May 10

### Ian Beck

4145 E. 38<sup>th</sup>  
Des Moines, IA 50317  
Great-Grandson:  
Marge Fuller  
Birthday – June 22

*Thank You  
For  
Serving*



**“Serving Our Country at Home and Abroad”**