

# First Baptist Church

*Stepping Out – Reaching Out*  
*February 2019*

## Congratulations Pastor Larry Graves Five Year Anniversary March 1, 2019



Ministry at First Baptist Church Indianola, IA began on March 1, 2014 for Pastor Larry Graves. His compassion and pastoral care has been evident as he has come along side many families in time of death, sickness, and other life changing events.

Just a few things the church has experienced in a positive way during these 5 years include:

- Implementation of a one board Church Council
- Partnership with New Heights Church for Vacation Bible School
- Building usage for Sunday Evening Worship for New Heights Church, space for a WeLift Clothes Closet for those going for job interviews, space for the Necessity Pantry which helps low income families
- Easter Sunrise Service at Annett Nature Center
- Worship service start time change and no Sunday School during the summer months.

We appreciate Kathy's involvement as a Sunday School teacher, leadership of the Mission and Outreach Team and providing support to the congregation during their difficult times. Please express your appreciation to both Pastor Larry and Kathy for serving God and First Baptist Church.

## Sharing God's House

At the January 27, 2019 Annual Meeting a unanimous decision was made to share First Baptist Church building with New Heights Church. **We will begin sharing the worship space and education rooms on March 3, 2019.**

### Worship Times

New Heights Worship & Sunday School  
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

### First Baptist Church

**Sunday School – 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**

**Coffee Fellowship 10:30 a.m.**

**Choir Rehearsal 10:45 a.m.**

**Worship – 11:00 a.m.**

Implementation plan is in place and includes:

- Designated Space – New Heights will use 5 classrooms on the lower level of the Annex for education purposes. The library, choir room and empty classroom by the sanctuary will be converted into office space for New Heights. Choir will rehearse in the sanctuary. First Baptist will use the upper level of the Annex for nursery, library and educational purposes.
- Shared Space – The sanctuary, fellowship hall, kitchen, front office and large classroom behind the sanctuary will be shared and scheduled on a master calendar.
- Parking – The east side of the church will be reserved for First Baptist Church. The handicapped parking on the south side of the church will be used by FBC with the exception of only the handicapped spaces that may be needed by New Heights.

A detailed Memorandum of Understanding between the 2 entities is available in the church office.

## From the Pastor's Desk

Let me tell you about a commencement speech that was addressed to Harvard's Senior Class. On the morning of their graduation, seniors gather in Memorial Church to hear the minister offer words of solace and encouragement as they leave "the Yard" to take their places in the world.

The 1998 senior class heard the unvarnished truth from the Rev. Peter Gomes, minister at Harvard and the author of several books on the Bible. Doctor Gomes took no prisoners that day. He began: "You are going to be sent out of here for good, and most of you aren't ready to go. The president is about to bid you into the fellowship of educated men and women and, (and here he paused and spoke each word slowly for emphasis) you know just - how - dumb - you - really - are."

The senior class cheered in agreement.

"And worse than that," Doctor Gomes continued, "the world - and your parents in particular - are going to expect that you will be among the brightest and best. But you know that you can no longer fool all the people even some of the time. By noontime today, you will be out of here. By tomorrow you will be history. By Saturday, you will be toast. That's a fact - no exceptions, no extensions."

"Nevertheless, there is reason to hope," Doctor Gomes promised. "The future is God's gift to you. God will not let you stumble or fall. God has not brought you this far to this place to ABANDON you or leave you here alone and afraid. The God of Israel never stumbles, never sleeps, never goes on sabbatical. Thus, my beloved and bewildered young friends do not be afraid." (The Future is God's Gift by Peter Gomes)

This story is a good reminder for us as well. The future is a gift from God. We don't know what the future holds for us but we know **who** holds the future. We are in God's hands, we move forward with courage and faithfulness. Most importantly we move forward trusting God to lead us. Our job is to faithfully follow Him like we have for the last 153 years as a church and as faithful followers of Christ. May God continue to bless our church!

In His Service,  
Pastor Larry



### American Baptist Women's Ministries *Fully Exploring and Engaging in God's Love*



#### February Bible Book Joel

**ABW Ministries**  
**February 28, 2019**  
**1:15 p.m.**



Love Gift is an over-and-above offering that supports American Baptist missions and ministries. Begun during the Great Depression, the denomination faced a deficit and the women challenged one another to raise enough funds to cover that deficit. They rose to meet that challenge and then some! Today, Love Gift is an extra gift to the United Mission support of the American Baptist family.

Through October 2018, Mid-American Region (American Baptist Churches of Iowa and Minnesota) contributed \$9,587 to Love Gift. AB Women's Ministries of First Baptist Church, Indianola gifted \$625 to this fund. Overall through October 2018, ABC-USA churches contributed \$227,628 to Love Gift to support missions and ministries in the United States, Puerto Rico and around the world to reach out to God's people.



### World Day of Prayer



**MARCH 1, 2019**

**10:00 A.M.**

**TRINITY UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**200 SOUTH HOWARD ST.**  
**INDIANOLA, IA**

**Luke 14: 15-24: "Come – Everything is Ready".**

Both men and women are encouraged to attend this year's community World Day of Prayer on March 1, 2019 at the United Methodist Church. The program will also be presented at 2:00 p.m. on March 1 at The Village.

## February Birthdays

Feb 7 Tom Trembly  
Feb 8 Harold Wilson  
Feb 10 Krystan Kenne  
Feb 10 Jennifer Hayes  
Feb 17 Judy Morrison  
Feb 21 Jordan Berry



## February Anniversary

Feb 14 Harold & Betty Wilson

## February Greeters

Feb 3 George and Bev Osborne  
Feb 10 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School Class  
Feb 17 Bun Taylor  
Feb 24 Coleen Remick



Weather  
Cancellations



Weather related church cancellation will be posted on both KCCI TV-8 and WHO TV-13. Your safety comes first. Please use your own good judgement before getting out on Sunday morning if church has not been cancelled.



Extending Our Hands  
to Our Neighbors

Philippians 2:3-4

*"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interest of the others."*

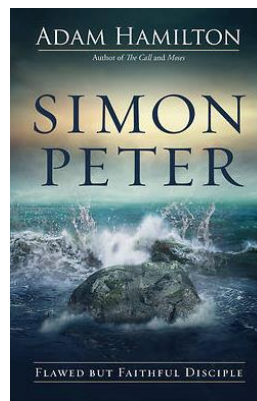
**January 2019**  
**Goal \$500.00 Received \$365.00**

Thank you for your gifts to remember our retired ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses who have served God faithfully. This offering was an excellent opportunity to show our love for all the ways these spiritual leaders have contributed to the lives of their congregations.

## BIBLE STUDY "SIMON PETER"

### A FLAWED BUT FAITHFUL DISCIPLE.

He left everything to follow his teacher and possessed a passion that would change the world. That's one way to describe Peter. Here's another: poor, uneducated, quick-tempered, and full of doubts and fears. Doesn't even sound like the same man. And that's the point of *Simon Peter*, a six-week adult Bible study by Adam Hamilton. Peter was just an ordinary guy who heard and followed God's extraordinary call. Discover how you, too, have special gifts, talents, and abilities that God can use to make a difference today.



**Sunday 1:30 p.m.**  
**Wednesday 10:00 a.m.**

Both sessions cover the same material. Attend the class that fits your schedule.

Books available:  
See Pastor Larry



CULTIVATING  
LEADERS  
EQUIPPING  
DISCIPLES  
**HEALING  
COMMUNITIES**  
Galatians 6:9-10

March 2019

## First Baptist Church Adult Choir

Choir Director – Diana Barker  
Weekly Rehearsals  
Wednesday 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.



Adult Choir sings weekly except for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday when the Junior Choir shares God's word through song.





# Church Council

## January 2, 2019



Global Servant  
Jeni Pedzinski



December was a month full of activities. Volunteers "Ringing the Salvation Army" bell, Christmas program and cantata followed by the Christmas dinner, caroling and delivering goodies to our shut-ins, choir performing at the memory units at Vintage Hills and Windsor Manor and nursing homes. The Youth also did caroling and enjoyed fellowship with the youth of Calvary Baptist.

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight service was combined with the Sunday morning service as many of our folks prefer not to drive at night.

Thanks for your support of Operation Christmas helping under privileged children and families in the county to purchase Christmas gifts.

Thank you for all your Christmas cards, words of encouragement and your generous gift during the Christmas season.

Pastor Larry

### Christian Education

Christmas Cantata/Program and catered meal on Dec. 9 was well attended. The Youth Bell Choir led by Nancy Wheeler gave a special touch to the worship service.

### Mission & Outreach

Thank you notes are being received from our missionaries for the birthday cards sent to them from First Baptist Church. Helping Hand food and monetary donations are greatly appreciated. We have 2 ladies volunteering at the Necessity Pantry. Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering will be received January 20 & 27. Goal is \$500.00.

### Pastoral Care

Prayer chain was activated 3 times in December and our sick or homebound were contacted with cards, calls or visits.

### Worship Team

Unhanging of the Greens will take place January 5. Thanks to everyone who participates in the worship hour; preparing and serving communion, scripture readings, praise song leaders, greeters and ushers, Children's Message presenters.

### Old Business

Discussion continued on sharing building space with New Heights Church. Recommendation will be presented at the Annual Meeting, January 13, 2019.

Jeni serves on the leadership team of the New Life Center Foundation in Chiang Mai, Thailand. She received one of our birthday cards and sent us this nice note:

"Thank you so much for the sweet birthday card and letter you sent! It is so kind of you to think of me here in Thailand. I had a wonderful birthday. A good friend made lots of plans to show me I am loved, and it sure worked. Your card added to my joy. Thank you!

Now we are less than two from Christmas, and I am reveling in the "cold" weather (70's all day today!). This is our winter, and the opportunity to wear a light-weight, long sleeved shirt is a treat. This is very rare in the tropics, where heat and humidity are the rule of thumb.

My work at New Life Center Foundation is always challenging. Every year I take on a little more. I truly enjoy living and working here. I'm actually finding the ideal of a "furlough" a bit stressful, because I have settled into life here. Can you imagine? I still pinch myself sometimes wondering if all this has really happened. I live in Thailand? I work at the New Life Center? Currently, we have around 50 young tribal women between ages of 13-20 living in our shelters. Most of them attend regular public schools in the area, but a few are home-schooled because they were not given the opportunity to go to school as young children, and are starting at the beginning of primary school, despite their age (14, 15, 16...). Please pray the love and care they receive at NLCF will point them to Jesus, always, and that they will choose Him.

I pray that this note finds you well in every way. Thank you again for remembering me. That alone is encouraging. May God give you a deeper wisdom and insight as you seek and serve him".

With Love in Jesus, Jen Pedzinski



Stop by the Mission Table in Fellowship Hall to learn about ABCUSA ministries and Global Servants sharing God around the world.

## Mission Report December 2018

<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>YTD</i>
ABWM Love Gift	107.40	624.37
America For Christ		701.00
Apply to Life Mission Fund	52.00	323.00
Helping Hand/extra giving	25.00	310.00
Missions	160.00	2,805.00
Kristi Engel (support)		589.69
World Mission		361.00
One Great Hour of Sharing		942.00
Tom & Terry Myers		900.00
Operation Christmas	516.00	516.00
Sunday School	81.85	81.85
Birthday Money		
RMMO	50.00	610.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 992.25</b>	<b>\$ 8,764.41</b>

<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>YTD</i>
ABWM Love Gift	107.40	624.37
America For Christ		701.00
Central Baptist Seminary	24.19	288.69
Dayton Oaks Camp	60.46	771.71
Forest Lake Camp	60.46	721.71
Helping Hand (total)	49.19	598.69
RMMO	50.00	610.50
Mid-American Region	72.56	866.06
OGHS - California Wildfires		100.00
OGHS - Hurricane Florence		100.00
One Great Hour of Sharing		742.00
Adopt-a-Family Thanksgiving		11.89
Tom & Terry Myers		900.00
Operation Christmas	516.00	516.00
Kristi Engel (support)		589.69
World Mission		361.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>940.26</b>	<b>8,503.31</b>
SAE Fundraiser		839.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$940.26</b>	<b>\$ 9,342.31</b>

## Thank You

Last year our Boy Scout Troop disbanded and their equipment was given to other troops in the area. Following is a thank you note we received for these gifts:

"Thank you very much for the donation of the scouting equipment! We have already used it, benefited from it and will continue to benefit".

Troop 413 Ankeny, Iowa



### The Helping Hand

Helping Hand Food Pantry donations are received throughout the month.

We have a display table in Fellowship Hall where you may place your donations.

#### Food Items

Meal Mixes (Hamburger Helper etc.)  
Canned Vegetables, Whole Grain  
Cereal, Hot Chocolate Mix

#### Non – Food Items

Toothpaste Laundry Detergent



## CENTRAL

Central Baptist Theological Seminary located in Shawnee, Kansas is one of the five designated missions supported by First Baptist Church.

The following is a note thanking us for our support:

"As 2018 draws to a close, God has given Central many reasons to rejoice. We have received 10 years of accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission, enrollment has never been higher and we continue to see God drawing brothers and sisters from East and West, North and South to Central to prepare for ministry.

Your gifts make this joyful mission possible. You have chosen to be a steward of your resources, remembering Central in your giving. Your generosity extends Central's global mission further, and we are so grateful.

We give thanks for you and trust you will enjoy these holy days when the whole world gets quieter as we received God's own child once again".

Molly Marshall

President and Professor of Theology  
and Spiritual Formation





## Thank You

On behalf of the Forest Lake Ministry team, thank you for your recent donation of \$51.25. We could not do what we do without the prayer and financial support of so many amazing people. We had a very good year spiritually and financially. We had a great number of kids come to camp this year, 35 more than last year.

Shawn & Teresa Ott

Forest Lake Camp Managers

# February 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 9:00 – Youth Outing Forest Lake 
3 9:00 – Sunday School 9:00 – Youth Choir Practice 9:45 – Coffee Fellowship 10:15 – Worship 11:30 – New Heights Lunch 1:30 – Bible Study 4:00 – Village Worship	4	5 6:30 – New Heights Girl Scouts 	6 8:00 – Men's Coffee McDonalds 10:00 – Bible Study 6:30 – Adult Choir Practice 7:00 – Church Council	7	8	9
10 9:00 – Sunday School 9:00 – Youth Choir Practice 9:45 – Coffee Fellowship 10:15 – Worship 1:30 – Bible Study	11	12 6:30 – Work Night 	13 8:00 – Men's Coffee McDonalds 10:00 – Bible Study 6:30 – Adult Choir Practice	14  Valentine's Day	15	16
17 9:00 – Sunday School 9:00 – Youth Choir Practice 9:45 – Coffee Fellowship 10:15 – Worship 1:30 – Bible Study	18  President's Day	19 6:30 – New Heights Girl Scouts	20 8:00 – Men's Coffee McDonalds 10:00 – Bible Study 6:30 – Adult Choir Practice 	21	22	23
24 9:00 – Sunday School 9:00 – Youth Choir Practice 9:45 – Coffee Fellowship 10:15 – Worship 1:30 – Bible Study	25	26	27 8:00 – Men's Coffee McDonalds 10:00 – Bible Study 6:30 – Adult Choir Practice 	28 1:15 – ABWM Mtg		

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Cell – 515-571-1444  
larrygraves27@msn.com

### Military List

**Jordan Berry**

805 South O St.  
Indianola, IA 50125  
Grandson: Pete & Kay  
Berry  
Birthday – Feb 21

**Jason Vance**

MR1 Jason Vance  
ERD/CNSS 5  
PSC 851 Box 920  
FPO AE 09834  
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**

230 Grove Acre Ave.  
Apt 234  
Pacific Grove, CA 93950  
Grandson: Helen  
Strovers  
Birthday – April 13

**Jeni Berry**

805 South O St.  
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  
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”**