

# First Baptist Church

*Stepping Out – Reaching Out*  
*March 2019*



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

March  
Goal  
\$700.00

## Sharing God's House Update Effective March 3

### Worship Times New Heights

Worship & Sunday School  
Sanctuary and Annex Lower Level  
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.**  
**Worship – 11:00 a.m.**

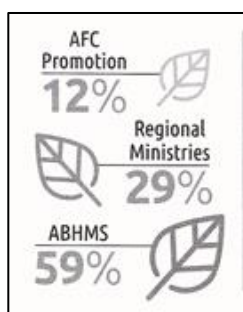
*Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunities, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. (NIV)*

American Baptist Home Mission Societies is promoting the America for Christ Offering 2019 which seeks to raise \$1,200,000 to support American Baptist mission and ministry across the United States and Puerto Rico. This offering will be received during the month of March,

How does your gift make a difference? Last year AFC gifts supported the following ministries:

- Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Puerto Rico
- Rizpah's Children – partnering with agencies that provide support to children living in poverty
- Scholarships and Emerging Leaders – providing scholarships to students to help ease excessive student loan debt.
- Immigration and Refugee Resettlement – partnering with organizations that have resettled more than 100,000 displaced persons from across the world.

The offering is distributed in three parts:



On February 12 a crew from New Heights came in to assist with moving of furniture, the library and the choir room in preparation for the sharing of the First Baptist Church facility. Thanks to Diana Barker, Mark Hines, Nancy Baughman and Peggy Kirkpatrick for their assistance. Renovation for office space and classrooms is underway by volunteers from New Heights Church.

The library has gone full circle as this is now once again located in the classroom across from the Lounge (FBC Adult Classroom) on the upper level of the Annex. The library was located in that room while the church was under construction. The Choir Music has been moved to the storage section of the room used by the Necessity Pantry. Choir will practice on Wednesday evening will be in the choir loft in the sanctuary. Sunday morning rehearsal will take place in the classroom behind the sanctuary. The Junior Choir will practice on Sunday morning in their classroom.

FBC classes 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> grades and 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade have moved to classrooms on the Upper Level of the Annex. Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> will begin meeting in the new Library on the upper level of the Annex.

Chair lift and assistance is available for accessibility to the library and classrooms on the Upper Level of the Annex.

## From the Pastor's Desk

While studying Luke 9: 28-36 regarding Jesus taking Peter, James and John to the mountain to pray; and while they were praying Jesus appearance changed and clothes became bright in flash of lightning.

I found an interesting article by Edward Marquart regarding mountain top experiences. He says that God never meant us to live on the mountaintop. I wish the gospel story told you the next Biblical story after the Transfiguration. This next Biblical story is never included in the lectionary series, and I feel badly about that. Because the next story is the key to the transfiguration story. The disciples and Jesus came off the mountain, and they came right down to the bottom of the valley. They came off the mountain and they came down into the valley and they found a boy who was having epileptic seizures. The mother and father were enormously upset and worried about the desperately sick boy, and the little boy fell into a fire and burned himself. In other words, the disciples came down off that mountaintop right into the problems of real life. Home from a mountaintop vacation and into the real world at home. And the disciples discovered that God is also down in the valley and does not live only or even primarily on the mountaintop.

I like the quotation by Henry Drummond, the Scottish theologian when he said, "God does not make the mountains in order to be inhabited. God does not make the mountaintops for us to live on the mountaintops. It is not God's desire that we live on the mountaintops. We only ascend to the heights to catch a broader vision of the earthly surroundings below. But we don't live there. We don't tarry there. The streams begin in the uplands, but these streams descend quickly to gladden the valleys below." The streams start in the mountaintops, but they come down to gladden the valleys below.

You and I experience the valleys of life. You and I both know what happens the next day coming down from the mountain. It is the real world and the real life. After Sundays of life, there are always Mondays. You know the tough ones of life. God is with us there.

In His Service,  
Pastor Larry



**Daylight Savings  
Time begins  
March 10, 2019**

Set your clocks ahead  
1 hour and change  
batteries in smoke  
alarms and carbon  
monoxide detectors.

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



**March Bible Book**  
**Galatians**

**ABW Ministries**  
**March 28, 2019**

**ABWM Board Meeting 12:45 p.m.**  
**ABWM Meeting 1:15 p.m.**

**American Baptist**  
**Women's**  
**MINISTRIES**

**SAVE THE DATE**

Iowa West ABWM Spring Rally  
April 27, 2019  
Eagle Grove First Baptist Church  
Watch for Registration information



**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".**  
**Focus Country – Slovenia**

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

## March Birthdays

Mar 3 Diane Johannes  
 Mar 14 Bun Taylor  
 Mar 14 Jordan Glascock  
 Mar 15 Tom Harvey  
 Mar 16 Carol McKinney  
 Mar 16 Don Putney  
 Mar 23 Nicole Myers  
 Mar 26 Sally Jenkins  
 Mar 27 Betty Wilson



## March Greeters

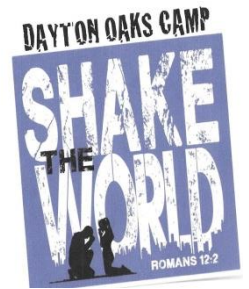
Mar 3 Mark & Rita Hines  
 Mar 10 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class  
 Mar 17 Lyle & Mary Rodda  
 Mar 24 Helen Strovers  
 Mar 31 Coleen Remick



**Greeters, please arrive by 10:45 a.m.**

## SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

2019 Dayton Oaks summer camp schedule is now available online [www.DaytonOaks.org](http://www.DaytonOaks.org) or in the Church Office. Registration form with camp and consent form can be found under the **Printables** tab on the Dayton Oaks website. Register by May 1, 2019 for the early bird discount.



### New this year at Dayton Oaks

1<sup>st</sup> Annual Log Jog Run/Walk Fundraiser  
 Save the Date – August 24, 2019  
 More Details to come.



Scholarships available for both locations

2019 Forest Lake summer camp schedule is now available online [www.forestlakecamp.org](http://www.forestlakecamp.org) or in the Church Office. Click on **Camp Registration** to download the registration form with camp and consent form. Register by May 1, 2019 for the early bird discount.

### New this year at Forest Lake

Ladies Retreat - April 5-6 Cost \$50 before March 5  
 Men's Retreat - Sept. 27-28 Cost \$50 with Youth \$75  
 Registration form is available in the Church office.

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual  
 Local Kiwanis Soup Supper  
 April 3, 2019  
 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
 First Baptist Church  
 Free Will Donation**



*Proceeds to benefit children & youth in Indianola and Warren County*

**SAE SPRING PANCAKE  
 BRUNCH  
 MARCH 31, 2019  
 FOLLOWING WORSHIP  
 FREE WILL OFFERING**



**SAE**

**Proceeds to Benefit Children's Miracle Network**

**BIBLE STUDY**  
 Sunday 1:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday 10:00 a.m.  
 Classroom behind sanctuary

## 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 February 13, 2019



**Global Servants  
Terry & Tom Myers**

The congregation made a significant decision at the January Annual Meeting. There was a unanimous decision to share our building with New Heights Church. The plan is to begin sharing the building on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is our opportunity to enter into a ministry of hospitality. There will be a need to be flexible and a good host. They will bring about 200 people into the building with 50-60 little kids. There will be a lot of noise, excitement and energy. We will want to be a gracious and hospitable host.

Details are still being worked out. This is an opportunity and blessing for both congregations. Our building has been under-utilized for a long time. Now it will be used to its capacity. It is good stewardship of the resources God has entrusted us with.

Pastor Larry

### **Christian Education**

Spring curriculum from Deep Blue Kids has been ordered. Grades 6 -12 continue their study "Believe".

### **Mission & Outreach**

We received \$365.00 for the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering received in January. Thanks to everyone for their donations to The Helping Hand. America for Christ Offering will be received in March with our goal \$700.00

### **Pastoral Care**

The prayer chain was not activated in January for which we are thankful.

### **Property & Finance**

Furniture has been moved to the garage in preparation for New Heights' offices and education space. Restrooms in the Annex will be upgraded to be ADA compliant. Lawn mower will be purchased with Frank Taylor memorial funds when they are available for the season.

### **Worship Team**

Some adjustment will need to be made to how and when we set up each Sunday for worship since New Heights Church worship will begin at 9:00 a.m. and First Baptist Church will follow at 11:00 a.m.

### **New Business**

Easter Sunrise Service will be at the Annett Nature Center again this year. Time of service and breakfast plans will need to be adjusted.

Global Servants, Terry and Tom Myers serve in Bulgaria with a focus on abolishing global slavery, education and economic development. Financial support of the Myers' is credited to Mission Giving from First Baptist Church from Nancy Wheeler's support to their ministry. She has been their long time friend from their days of ministry in Colorado.

Terry and Tom help the Baptist Union of Bulgaria give holistic expression of the gospel. Tom works primarily in development and in job and small business creation, using these as a means to address the issues of poverty and trafficking. Tom is also involved in business-as-mission to support the ministry outreach of Sofia Baptist Church build connections with community development ministries around the world and provide a place for job training. Tom was instrumental in opening a Coffee Shop at the Sofia Baptist Church. The idea is that the coffee shop will serve as a connection to the local community, a meeting place for the church community and eventually a training ground for girls leaving prostitution and other at-risk individuals.

Terry's work includes managing a literacy program with Roma children, working with victims of human trafficking, coordinating the Baptist Union's partnership with IM and providing support to short-term mission teams. International Ministries seeks to raise \$6,600 over three years to provide \$2,200 per year to cover the cost of furnishings and teacher stipends for the Literacy Program at the Sofia Baptist Church in Bulgaria. The purpose of the project is to provide a healthy classroom environment for 20 Roma children in grades K-12 funded through the Student Tuition Expense Program. This will prepare them to return to school or enroll for the first time and attend regularly.

We are thankful for each of you who support us in so many ways to be able to be in this beautiful country and join God at work in Bulgaria! Your prayers are felt when we are struggling or unsure, and there have been many of those moments in the last months! Your personal financial support keeps us on the field.

## Mission Report January 2019

<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>YTD</i>
ABWM Love Gift	10.00	10.00
America For Christ		
Apply to Life Mission Fund	78.00	78.00
Helping Hand/extra giving	30.00	30.00
Missions	100.00	100.00
Kristi Engel (support)		
World Mission		
One Great Hour of Sharing	50.00	50.00
Tom & Terry Myers (support)	300.00	300.00
RMMO	325.00	325.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 893.00</b>	<b>\$ 893.00</b>
<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>YTD</i>
ABWM Love Gift	10.00	10.00
America For Christ		
Central Baptist Seminary	10.00	10.00
Dayton Oaks Camp	125.00	125.00
Forest Lake Camp	25.00	25.00
Helping Hand (total)	40.00	40.00
RMMO	325.00	325.00
Mid-American Region	30.00	30.00
OGHS - California Wildfires	50.00	50.00
One Great Hour of Sharing		
World Mission		
Kristi Engel (support)		
Tom & Terry Myers (support)	300.00	300.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>915.00</b>	<b>915.00</b>
SAE Fundraiser		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 915.00</b>	<b>\$ 915.00</b>



### 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

## Kiwanis First Family Trivia Night Rescheduled March 16, 2019



5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Indianola Activity Center  
2204 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

Adults - \$10, Students \$5,  
Children 5 and under free

Includes Hot Dogs, Chips and Drink  
Register by calling Susan Glick, 961-3081 or  
515-442-6804 or email [skcilg@hotmail.com](mailto:skcilg@hotmail.com)

Kiwanis Family Trivia Night is a "Family Affair"

Form your own team of family, friends and neighbors of 8 -10 people or make new friends by forming a team at the event.

Proceeds to support *inclusive playground equipment* at Pickard Park.



Forest Lake  
Fun & Flurries  
Feb. 2, 2019









Thanks to  
Kathryn  
Thayer  
for taking our  
youth to this  
event.



Forest Lake Camp and Conference Center is a vital part of Mid-ABC mission to youth, kids and adults in our region. On behalf of the Forest Lake Ministry Team, we want to thank you for your recent donation of \$25.00. We are extremely blessed by the financial and prayer support of so many amazing people like you.

Shawn and Teresa Ott  
Camp Managers

# March 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 10:00 – World Day of Prayer 	2
3 10:00 – Sunday School 10:00 – Youth Choir Practice 10:45 – Coffee Fellowship 11:15 – Worship 1:30 – Bible Study	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 <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	7 	8	9
10 10:00 – Sunday School 10:00 – Youth Choir Practice 10:45 – Coffee Fellowship 11:15 – Worship 1:30 – Bible Study <b>Daylight Saving Time</b>	11 	12	13 8:00 – Men's Coffee McDonalds 10:00 – Bible Study 6:30 – Adult Choir Practice	14 	15	16
17 10:00 – Sunday School 10:00 – Youth Choir Practice 10:45 – Coffee Fellowship 11:15 – Worship 1:30 – Bible Study <b>St. Patrick's Day</b>	18 	19 12:00 – Indianola Ministerial Assoc. Mtg. 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 10:00 – Sunday School 10:00 – Youth Choir Practice 10:45 – Coffee Fellowship 11:15 – Worship 1:30 – Bible Study 2:00 – Good Samaritan Worship	25	26	27 8:00 – Men's Coffee McDonalds 10:00 – Bible Study 6:30 – Adult Choir Practice	28 12:45 – ABWM Board Mtg. 1:15 – ABWM Mtg.	29	30
31 10:00 – Sunday School 10:00 – Youth Choir Practice 10:45 – Coffee Fellowship 11:15 – Worship 11:45 – SAE Brunch 1:30 – Bible Study						

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Office Hours  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Mon. – Thurs.

Rev. Larry Graves, Pastor  
Cell – 515-571-1444  
larrygraves27@msn.com

### **Military List “Serving Our Country at Home and Abroad”**

#### **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

#### **Michael Hayes**

332EMXS/493 EAMU  
Production  
Unit 61803  
APO, AE 09321  
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*

