

# First Baptist Church

*Stepping Out – Reaching Out*  
*May 2019*



EASTER SUNRISE  
SERVICE AND  
BREAKFAST

## Sharing God's House Update #3

**First Baptist Church**  
**Sunday School – 9:45 a.m.**  
**Coffee Fellowship 10:30 a.m.**  
**Worship – 11:00 a.m.**



We have shared our facility for worship and Christian Education with New Heights Church now for about 6 weeks. A number of transitions have occurred. Our Sunday School and Worship times were changed and we are adjusting. New Heights brought in a new sound system and with their help we continue to make adjustments to enhance the sound for you.

The last phase of sharing space took place on April 25, when New Heights moved their offices to First Baptist Church. Pastor Kevin's office will be in the former library/Sunday School office and Pastor Lucas will occupy the former choir room for his office.

In addition, faces you see in the church office will change. New Heights Church has offered to provide office coverage for First Baptist Church. Pat Mayer and Betty Williams, Office Staff from New Heights Church will greet you when you visit. Office hours will be Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. They will answer our phone and pass along messages to Pastor Larry or the appropriate person. Bring in thank you notes or other notices to the church office or send them in an email to [fbccla@gmail.com](mailto:fbccla@gmail.com). Coleen Remick will continue to update the church calendar and work on the weekly bulletins and newsletter for First Baptist Church.

Pastor Larry will still be available in his office Monday – Thursday 9:00 – Noon. If you need an appointment contact Pastor Larry 515-571-1444 or by email [larrygraves27@msn.com](mailto:larrygraves27@msn.com).

## From the Pastor's Desk

Some of you may remember Dave Dravecky, former pitcher for the San Francisco Giants. At the peak of his career in 1991 he lost his pitching arm to cancer. Those who watched his 1989 comeback will never forget the Montreal game. Dave's left arm snapped with a deafening crack that could be heard in the stands. The comeback quickly ended. It was a devastating experience. It is bad enough to have cancer, let alone face the amputation of an arm, but then on top of that, to lose a promising career as a major league baseball player. Naturally Dave was filled with many questions.

During his struggles, letters of encouragement poured in from all over the country. Most were letters of encouragement. Some were looking for answers to life's questions. They had seen him keep his faith, and they wanted to know how he had done it. But one day he received this letter:

Dear Mr. Dravecky, If there is a God who cares so much about you, why did he allow you to have the surgery in the first place? I have lived 41 years in this old world and have yet to see any piece of genuine evidence that there is anything real about any of those religious beliefs you talk about. God certainly does not love me and has never done a single thing to express that love for me. I have had to fight for everything I ever got in life. Nobody cares about what happens to me and I don't care about anybody else either. Can't you see the truth that religion is nothing more than a crutch used by a lot of weaklings who can't face reality and that the church is nothing but a bunch of hypocrites who care nothing for each other and whose faith extends not to their actions or daily lives but is only just a bunch of empty phrases spouted off to impress others?

A cruel letter, isn't it? How would you have responded to it? He sent a letter to the man and said that he had faced his own doubts and that faith was not always easy. He wrote, "I am convinced that there is a God. That no matter what happens to me, there is a purpose for it and behind that purpose stands a loving, caring God." Dravecky had come to know the same Lord who came back for Thomas. The same Resurrected Jesus who stood before all the disciples and said, "Peace be with you, Thomas. Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

We all have doubts: Thomas, Dravecky, the letter writer. No one is exempt. What Jesus says to you is: You will be blessed if in the midst of those doubts you believe. (Adapted from Taking The Risk Out Of Dying, Lee Griess, CSS Publishing Company)

In His Service,  
Pastor Larry

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



#### **May Bible Book** **Hebrews**

**ABW Ministries**

**May 23, 2019**

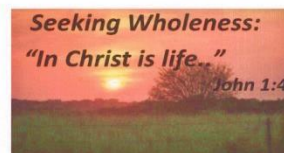
**ABWM Meeting 1:15 p.m.**

#### **Rescheduled Program** **Plastic Bag Rugs**

**Peggy Murrow, an Indianola community member will share her ministry of making plastic bag rugs for the homeless. Please come and learn about this ministry and help by bringing plastic grocery bags that get thrown away.**

**No meetings June, July & August!**  
**ABWM will begin again on**  
**September 26.**  
**Enjoy the summer!!**

### **Mid-AB Women's Ministries Annual Event** **for Women and Girls**



**Saturday, June 1, 2019**

**First Baptist Church**

**434 Baltimore Street, Waterloo, IA 50701**

Event begins with registration at 9:00 a.m.  
and concludes at 3:30 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Cindy Halvorson



**AB GIRLS (6th-12th grade) will participate in**  
**Community Service Project & Devotion led by**  
**Rachel Price, NLT Convenor**

Register at one of the Area Spring Rallies or by contacting  
Debbie Foust at [foustdr@mchsi.com](mailto:foustdr@mchsi.com)  
or Susan Price at [waterloofbc@yahoo.com](mailto:waterloofbc@yahoo.com).

**\$15 per person, includes lunch**  
**Deadline to register is May 15, 2019.**

## May Birthdays

May 5 Karen Edgington  
May 10 Mike Hayes  
May 15 Gerold Glascock  
May 24 Jimmy McKinney  
May 25 Jalen Webster  
May 29 Delores Hommer  
May 29 Jeni Berry



## May Greeters

May 5 Robert & Dorothy McCauley  
May 12 Lynn & Delores Hommer  
May 19 Bill Bryant  
May 26 Jim & Carol McKinney



**Greeters, please arrive by 10:30 a.m.**



### First Baptist Church Adult & Junior Choir

Choir Director – Diana Barker



**Last adult choir rehearsal before the summer break is May 22.**

**Beginning May 26, Junior Choir will practice Sunday Morning at 10:30 a.m.**



You helped make a big impact in our community. We thank you for allowing us to use Fellowship Hall and kitchen once again to

put on our Soup Supper Fundraiser for projects for the children and youth of our community and Warren County. We truly appreciate your willingness to be of service.

Nancy Wheeler on behalf of Indianola Kiwanis Club. *"As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people."* Galatians 6:10

I want to thank my church family for the many prayers, calls, cards, gifts, and flowers and those who attended Louise's loving memories. Also, I thank you for me being in the hospital again. You can't realize what it does for you. Thanks for everything that Pastor Larry and Kathy did, also. God bless all of you.

Bun Taylor

## Graduation Reception

**May 19**

**Following Worship  
Fellowship Hall**



**We will honor our church family 2019 graduates**



**PLEASE!!  
NOTE**

May 19 will be the last day of Sunday School as we give our teachers a much deserved summer break.

## Science Camp June 21-24, 2019

*Friday, Sunday and Monday*

*6:00 - 8:00 p.m.*

*Saturday June 22*

*12:00 - 2:00 p.m.*

*Partnering again this year with New Heights Church for Science Camp. This is a multi-day adventure exploring God's creations.*

*Watch for sign-up information.*



### Special Summer Music

Special music will be provided during the summer while the choir takes a break. If you can provide special music (singing or instrumental) or know someone with these talents, please contact Diana Barker, Polly Glascock or Coleen Remick.





We continue the transition of sharing our facility with New Heights. They began worship and Christian Ed at First Baptist on March 17. We are now using their sound board and continue to make some adjustments each week.

Our Sunday school start time is now 9:45 and there is coffee and donuts provided in the upper level of the Annex near our Sunday school classrooms. Coffee/fellowship continues at 10:30 in Fellowship Hall for those who do not attend Sunday school.

The final transition of sharing space will be the move of the Pastor's offices and administrative assistants to First Baptist Church.

Bible studies of "Simon Peter" are concluding this week. We will study Jesus Parables in April and May before taking a break for the summer.

Pastor Larry

#### **Christian Education**

Graduation Recognition will be May 19. This will also be the last day for Sunday school before the summer break. Camp registrations need to be turned in by May 1 to get the early bird discount. Science Camp with New Heights is scheduled for June 21-24. Times will be announced.

#### **Mission & Outreach**

We received \$745 for the America for Christ Offering. Our goal was \$700.00. Flood disaster relief can be received by indicating "OGHS – Midwest Floods" on your check. 31 food items were received for Helping Hand.

#### **Pastoral Care**

The prayer chain was activated 6 times in March. Praise was given for the kidney transplant received by Craig Keul.

#### **Property & Finance**

Exit sign and emergency lights were installed in the Annex. TV and DVD player for the Carol McKinney's classroom (Library) purchased with memorial funds has been installed. Lawn mower will be purchased soon.

#### **Worship Team**

Worship Team met to plan Palm Sunday, Sunrise Service and Easter Worship Service. We are getting adjusted to the new schedule and set up times on Sunday morning.

#### **New Business**

We will try a new method of recording Sunday school attendance.

May 5 will be designated to raise awareness and raise funds for the Indianola Ministerial Association to use to assist those who become stranded while traveling through town.

#### **IN TOUCH MINISTRIES A WORD FROM DR. CHARLES STANLEY**

##### **"Do We Really Need Each Other"**

If you're a Christian, every week you probably do what believers have been doing for the last 2,000 years – you go to church. And if you were raised the way I was, you've been doing this since early childhood. But have you ever felt that you are needed by those who attend with you? Would it matter to anyone if you just stopped going?

Feeling insignificant is not a new problem in the church. There were some people in the Corinthian church who felt they had little to offer, compared with others who seemed more gifted (1Cor. 12:12-27). They didn't feel qualified to serve because, in their opinions, there was always someone else who could do it better. Is that how you sometimes feel? You hear of a need but you look at yourself and think, *Oh, I would never do that.*

The truth is that every member of the body of Christ has a function, and no job is unimportant. God places each Christian in a local church with intention and purpose. What's more, He has given every believer a spiritual gift with which to serve. If one member doesn't use his or her gift, then the entire body suffers as a result.

You are needed by the people in your church, and you need them as well. My prayer is that through these devotions, you will learn more about the amazing entity known as the church and recognize the importance – and blessing—of being an integral part of it.

Dr. Charles Stanley

Thank you to Becky Harvey for sharing this devotional with us.

#### **Quotes from Dr. Stanley**

*Since God knows our future, our personalities, and our capacity to listen, He isn't ever going to say more to us than we can deal with at the moment.*

*God's voice is still and quiet and easily buried under an avalanche of clamour.*

*When God speaks, oftentimes His voice will call for an act of courage on our part.*

## Mission Report March 2019

<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>YTD</i>
ABWM Love Gift	37.72	57.72
America For Christ	745.00	745.00
Apply to Life Mission Fund	42.00	120.00
Helping Hand/extra giving	15.00	45.00
Missions	140.00	845.00
Kristi Engel (support)	333.25	333.25
World Mission		
One Great Hour of Sharing	100.00	150.00
Tom & Terry Myers (support)		300.00
RMMO		400.00
Kyle & Debby Witmer (support)	333.25	333.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,746.22</b>	<b>\$ 3,329.22</b>
<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>YTD</i>
ABWM Love Gift	37.72	57.72
America For Christ	745.00	745.00
Central Baptist Seminary	14.00	84.50
Dayton Oaks Camp	35.00	311.25
Forest Lake Camp	35.00	211.25
Helping Hand (total)	29.00	129.50
RMMO		400.00
Mid-American Region	42.00	253.50
OGHS - California Wildfires		50.00
One Great Hour of Sharing		
World Mission		
Kristi Engel (support)	333.25	333.25
Tom & Terry Myers (support)		300.00
OGHS - Midwest Flooding	250.00	250.00
Kyle & Debby Witmer (support)	333.25	333.25
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,854.22</b>	<b>3,459.22</b>
SAE Fundraiser		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,854.22</b>	<b>\$ 3,459.22</b>

## DAYTON OAKS SPRING WORK DAYS



**MAY 18 & JUNE 1**

**PLEASE CONTACT THE CAMP  
515-547-2417 TO SCHEDULE  
YOUR ATTENDANCE.  
WORK BEGINS AT 9:00 A.M.  
LUNCH PROVIDED**



**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

Whole Grain Cereal, Tuna,  
Pasta Salad Mixes, Canned Fruit

### Non – Food Items

Toothpaste, Deodorant,  
Bathroom Tissue

To better serve Warren County clients who  
are food insecure, The Helping Hand Food  
Pantry is piloting a program to expand their  
hours to include Wednesday evening  
twice a month.

### Pantry hours beginning April 24:

Tuesday 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday and Saturday 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.



## Forest Lake Work Week May 6 – 11, 2019

### **Projects include:**

- Ceiling and drywall work in Birch Cabin
- Two new benches in front of the Chapel
- Cut, haul and split wood for home heating
- Mentors needed to assist 15 Boy Scouts on trail work.
- Controlled burn project
- Fencing at road corner project
- Roof checks and cleaning
- Lawn work where needed

Men and women of all skill levels are invited to  
join the ministry of Forest Lake Work Week.  
Volunteer for the week, a day or a few hours.  
Contact, Gary Morrison 515-961-4983

# May 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> 8:00 – Men's Coffee McDonalds 10:00 – Bible Study 6:30 – Adult Choir Practice 7:00 – Church Council	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 9:40 – Youth Choir Practice 9:45 – Sunday School 10:30 – Coffee Fellowship 11:00 – Worship 1:30 – Bible Study 2:00 – Piano Recital	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 8:00 – Men's Coffee McDonalds 10:00 – Bible Study 6:30 – Adult Choir Practice	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
						
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<b>19</b> 9:40 – Youth Choir Practice 9:45 – Sunday School 10:30 – Coffee Fellowship 11:00 – Worship 12:00 – Graduation Reception 1:30 – Bible Study 	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 8:00 – Men's Coffee McDonalds 10:00 – Bible Study 6:30 – Adult Choir Practice	<b>23</b> 1:15 - ABWM	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 10:30 – Youth Choir Practice 10:30 – Coffee Fellowship 11:00 – Worship 2:00 – Good Samaritan Worship Service 2:00 – Hines Graduation Reception	<b>27</b>  <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 8:00 – Men's Coffee McDonalds	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

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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*

