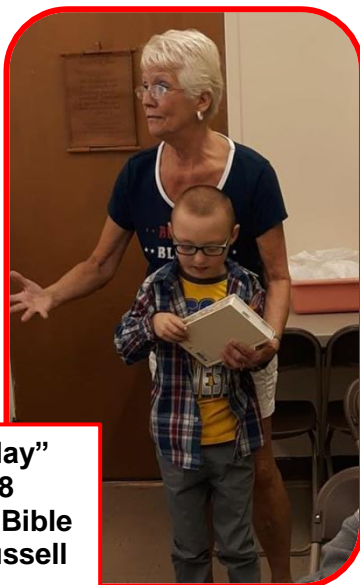


First Baptist Church

Stepping Out – Reaching Out
October 2019



"Launch Sunday"
September 8
Presentation of Bible
to Geramiah Russell



Craft Day – September 14
Preparation for ABWM Fall Bazaar



American Baptist
Women's
MINISTRIES

ABWM
Iowa West
Fall Rally

Saturday, October 12, 2019
10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church
8250 N. W. 62nd Ave.
Johnston, IA
Lunch \$6.00

Reservations due: Monday, October 7
To make reservations for your
Church, contact:
First Baptist Church, Johnston
515-243-8161

Fall
Bazaar

American Baptist Women's Ministries
Saturday - November 2, 2019
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Breakfast (Biscuits & Gravy,
Cinnamon Rolls)
Lunch Served
Crafts, Baked Goods, and More

From the Pastor's Desk

Recently I had a sermon entitled "Being Resourceful" based on the parable of the Shrewd Manager in Luke 16:1-13. I encourage you to go and read the parable for yourself. Jesus is teaching His disciples and us to be as creative and resourceful as the shrewd manager was in an honest and ethical way to serve those around us.

Dan Miller in his book "No More Dreaded Mondays" tells a delightful story about a farmer many years ago in a village in India who had the misfortune of owing a large sum of money to the village moneylender. The old and ugly moneylender fancied the farmer's beautiful daughter, so he proposed a bargain. He would forgive the farmer's debt if he could marry the farmer's daughter.

Both the farmer and his daughter were horrified by the proposal, but the cunning moneylender suggested that they let providence decide the matter. He told them that he would put a black pebble and a white pebble into an empty money bag. The girl would have to reach in and pick one pebble from the bag. If she picked the black pebble, she would become his wife and her father's debt would be forgiven. If she picked the white pebble, she need not marry him and her father's debt would still be forgiven. If she refused to pick a pebble, her father would be thrown into jail until the debt was paid.

They were standing on a pebble-strewn path in the farmer's field. As they talked, the moneylender bent over to pick up two pebbles. The sharp-eyed girl noticed that he had picked up two black pebbles and put them into the bag. He then asked the girl to pick a pebble. Now, imagine that you were the girl standing in the field. What would you have done? If you had to advise her, what would you have told her?

Careful analysis would produce three possibilities: (1) the girl could refuse to take a pebble--but her father would then be thrown in jail. (2) The girl could pick a black pebble and sacrifice herself in order to save her father from debt and imprisonment. Or (3) the girl could pull out both black pebbles in the bag, expose the moneylender as a cheat, and likely incite his immediate revenge.

Here is what the girl did.

She put her hand into the money bag and drew out a pebble. Without looking at it, she fumbled and let it fall onto the pebble-strewn path, where it immediately became lost among all the other pebbles. "Oh, how clumsy of me," she said. "But never mind, if you look into the bag for the one that is left, you will be able to tell which pebble I picked."

Since the remaining pebble was black, it would have to be assumed that she had picked the white one. And since the moneylender dared not admit his dishonesty, the girl would have changed what seemed an impossible situation into an extremely advantageous one.

Don't we all love stories where the good guy uses his or her wit and cunning to defeat a villain? It may disturb us when a villain uses that same wit and cunning. And yet Jesus once told his disciples a parable about a dishonest man who did just that.

In His Service,
Pastor Larry

American Baptist Women's Ministries 2019 – 2021 Ministry Focus "Sisters Seeking Wholeness"



October Bible Book
Ecclesiastes

October 24, 2019
ABWM Meeting 1:15 p.m.

2019 – 2020 ABWM Booklets are available.
If you did not receive one and would like to know more about American Baptist Women's Ministries, please contact Nancy Baughman.



*Home Mission
Opportunity*

Dayton Oaks Fall Work Week
Saturday October 19
Monday – Friday October 21-25
Contact Gary Morrison to volunteer

Indoor painting projects and the normal outdoor work.

Pray for Dayton Oaks Camp, nice weather and safety for all.



October Birthdays

Oct 5 Gary Morrison
Oct 12 Kennedy Johns
Oct 17 Sheron Young
Oct 20 Don Hayes
Oct 20 Steve hall
Oct 20 Junella DeGoey
Oct 28 Jeanetta Jones



October 13, 2019



October Anniversary's

Oct 17 Pete & Kay Berry (65 Yrs.)
Oct 30 Mark & Rita Hines

October Greeters

Oct 6 Lynn & Delores Hommer
Oct 13 Robert & Dorothy McCauley
Oct 20 7 - 12 Grade Sunday School Class
Oct 27 1 - 3 Grade Sunday School Class



Bible Study



Sunday – 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday – 10:00 a.m.

Classroom behind sanctuary



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

First Baptist Church Choir
Choir Director – Diana Barker

Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday
6:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal
Sunday 10:45 a.m.
Classroom behind
Sanctuary



Junior Choir Practice
Sunday 9:30
Upper Annex Classroom

Sunday School
Classes delivered
goodies to the Police
Department and Fire
Station for
Patriot's Day.



**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**

**Classes
for all age
groups.**

Classes
9:45 – 10:30

Meet in Upper Annex Youth area for Coffee
and Donuts at 9:30

**COFFEE
FELLOWSHIP**

Join us!



**Sunday
Mornings**
10:30 a.m.

Church Council



September 4, 2019

We are finishing up with our summer schedule. It has been a little less active but it has been good. The fellowship around the tables has been good and enjoyable as we get caught up with one another from the week's activities. The Sunday School teachers have been busy picking curriculum for the next two years because the lending library (Iowa Religious Media Services) is closing and the materials are at half price. They have been a good free service for us and now we will have to purchase Sunday School materials when we need them.

I want to thank Nancy Wheeler for the special service regarding her experience in the Holy Land. Nancy touched all our senses with the sounds of the city, sight of the special areas, and tastes of the special lunch she provided for us to enjoy the food from Israel.

Pastor Larry

Christian Education

Diana Barker and the Sunday School teachers have chosen their curriculum for this year. Launch Sunday is September 8. Geramiah Russell who is entering 3rd grade will be presented with a Bible.

Mission & Outreach

Coleen Remick reported for Kathy Graves that Helping Hand is taking donations for the fire victims of Foxfire Apts. World Mission Offering will be received in September; goal \$700.

Pastoral Care

Nancy Baughman reported we are thankful the prayer chain was activated only once in August

Worship Team

Coleen Remick thanked Polly Glascock and Diana Barker for arranging special music in July and August. Worship Team will meet soon to plan for Christmas worship. The ABWM ladies will plan and participate in ABWM Sunday on September 29.

New Business

Coleen Remick will check on providing a Lost and Found Box. Church roof is deteriorating and needs replaced. Recommendation on how to proceed will be presented to the church at the November Business meeting.



Hurricane Dorian Disaster Relief

International Ministries sent \$15,000 of One Great Hour of Sharing emergency relief funds to the Caribbean Baptist Fellowship as an initial response to the devastation and destruction from Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas over the Labor Day weekend.

Support these relief efforts through the church by indicating in the memo line on your check "OGHS-Bahamas Relief".



BECKY & MIKE MANN International Global Consultant Economic Development

Becky and Mike serve in Thailand. Mike is an International Ministries global consultant for rural development based in northern Thailand. He serves as director of the Integrated Tribal Development Program in addition to consulting around the world. Becky helps tribal farmers and women's groups and works with the parents of special needs children. She also works with Integrated Tribal Development, helping to market Thai coffee.



The Des Moines Gamer Symphony Orchestra "Level Up"

Partnering with the
Drake University Orchestra

Sunday, November 3, 2019
4:00 p.m.

Plymouth Congregational Church
4126 Ingersoll Ave.
Des Moines, Iowa

For more information,
please contact Diana Barker

Mission Report August 2019

<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>YTD</i>
ABWM Love Gift	10.00	134.98
America For Christ		745.00
Apply to Life Mission Fund		156.00
Helping Hand/extra giving	25.00	175.00
Missions	95.00	1,945.00
Kristi Engel (support)		333.25
World Mission		
One Great Hour of Sharing		929.00
Tom & Terry Myers (support)		900.00
RMMO		400.00
Kyle & Debby Witmer (support)		333.25
Total	\$ 130.00	\$ 6,051.48
<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>YTD</i>
ABWM Love Gift	10.00	134.98
America For Christ		745.00
Central Baptist Seminary	9.50	154.50
Dayton Oaks Camp	23.75	886.25
Forest Lake Camp	23.75	486.25
Helping Hand (total)	34.50	329.50
RMMO		400.00
Mid-American Region	28.50	463.50
OGHS - California Wildfires		50.00
One Great Hour of Sharing		779.00
World Mission		
Kristi Engel (support)		333.25
Tom & Terry Myers (support)		900.00
OGHS - Midwest Flooding		250.00
Kyle & Debby Witmer (support)		333.25
Sub Total	130.00	6,245.48
Indianola Ministerial Assoc.		500.00
SAE Fundraiser		400.00
Total	\$ 130.00	\$ 7,145.48

Helping Hand Donations



In September, New Heights Church joined us with donations for a friendly Iowa / Iowa State competition. The results as of September 23; Iowa 61 and Iowa State 50. Just like the game, it was close. The actual winners were families of Warren County assisted by Helping Hand.



Thank You,
First Baptist Church,
Indianola

Thank you for your support of the Love Gift offering in 2018, Since 1932, Love Gift Offerings has raised more than \$57 Million in support for the American Baptist Churches Missions. We appreciate your support of local and global mission work.

Lovena VanHaften,
Mid-American Baptist
Mission Stewardship Team



This Month's Featured Items

Food Items Needed


Canned Chicken, Sugar, Pudding Mix,
Canned Soup

Non Food Items Needed

Shampoo, Deodorant

Love Gift, an initiative of women across American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA) to help support the full range of American Baptist Mission, turns 85 this year. Love Gift is a gift to United Mission and supports American Baptist mission and ministry.

October 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9:00 – New Heights Event	2 8:00 – Men's Coffee McDonalds 10:00 – Bible Study 6:30 – Choir Practice 7:00 – Church Council 	3 6:00 – New Heights Prayer Time	4	5
6 9:30 – Youth Choir Practice 9:45 – Sunday School 10:30 – Coffee Fellowship 11:00 – Worship 2:00 – Bible Study 6:00 – New Heights Youth Power Co	7 12:30 – Worship Team Mtg. 5:30 – New Heights Family Meeting	8 6:00 – Meadows Townhouse	9 8:00 – Men's Coffee McDonalds 10:00 – Bible Study 6:30 – Choir Practice	10 6:00 – New Heights Prayer Time	11 	12 10:00 – ABWM Iowa West Fall Rally Registration 9:30 First Baptist Church Johnston, IA
13 9:30 – Youth Choir Practice 9:45 – Sunday School 10:30 – Coffee Fellowship 11:00 – Worship 2:00 – Bible Study 4:00 – Village Worship 6:00 – New Heights Youth Power Co	14 	15	16 8:00 – Men's Coffee McDonalds 10:00 – Bible Study 6:30 – Choir Practice 	17 6:00 – New Heights Prayer Time	18	19 Dayton Oaks Work Day 
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27 9:30 – Youth Choir Practice 9:45 – Sunday School 10:30 – Coffee Fellowship 11:00 – Worship 2:00 – Bible Study 6:00 – New Heights Youth Power Co	28	29	30 8:00 – Men's Coffee McDonalds 10:00 – Bible Study 6:30 – Choir Practice	31 6:00 – New Heights Prayer Time  Halloween		

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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

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. 38th
Des Moines, IA 50317
Great-Grandson:
Marge Fuller
Birthday – June 22

*Thank You
For
Serving*

