

# First Baptist Church

Stepping Out – Reaching Out  
November 2019



Community Thanksgiving Worship  
Sunday, November 24, 2019  
7:00 p.m.  
Trinity United Presbyterian Church  
Indianola, IA  
Sponsored by the  
Indianola Ministerial Association  
(Bring canned food items  
for Helping Hand)



Saturday - December 7, 2019  
8:00 – 2:00 p.m.  
Indianola Hy-Vee  
1 hour shifts  
Sign up now or see Nancy  
Baughman to schedule your time.  
Find the Christmas spirit  
at the red kettle.

## 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 (Beefburgers, Soups & Pie)*  
*Crafts, Baked Goods, Books & Puzzles*



## Thanksgiving FOOD BASKETS



Sign up now to help provide a traditional Thanksgiving dinner for 1 Warren County family of six. See the sign-up sheet on Sunday mornings on the table in Fellowship Hall for food items needed. Food Baskets will be distributed to the family on November 25.

## From the Pastor's Desk

We all know the story of Zacchaeus. Jesus came into town one day and the crowd surrounded Jesus and Zacchaeus wanted to see him. So he climbed up into a tree to get a better look. When Jesus saw him he invited him to come down and offered to have lunch with him. Zacchaeus was a tax collector and considered a sinner by the community and last one to have lunch with such an important guest. But that encounter with Jesus changed Zacchaeus' life forever and he repented of his sin and corrupt lifestyle and became a follower of Jesus.

Pastor Larry R. Kalajainen tells this story about a friend who told him of the hours he spent as a child in a large cherry tree in his grandmother's backyard. The tree was very large and high, at least as he remembered it. He remembered the very first time he climbed it. He had to jump to catch hold of the lowest branch, and then pull himself by sheer muscle power up onto it. Then he could work his way up the tree. The tree seemed so high, that he got dizzy looking down, and yet, scary as it was, he couldn't resist climbing higher and higher. Finally he got very close to the top where the branches were thinner, and he could climb no higher. He stayed there, straddling a limb and holding tightly to one above it, swaying in the breeze with the leaves fluttering around him. It was an exhilarating moment for a seven-year-old. He was on top of the world.

But when the time came to climb back down, he was terrified. As long as he was on his way up, his vision and his focus were on the branch above him. But on the way down, all he could see was how far below the ground was and how many protruding limbs there were between him and the ground. Very gingerly, he made his way down, branch by branch, and when he finally got on the ground, he discovered his knees were trembling with the excitement and fear of the whole experience. Like a typical small boy, however, once he knew he could conquer the tree, he couldn't stay out of it, and before long, he went up and down it like a monkey. Somehow, the risk of being out on a limb high in the tree became as routine as brushing one's teeth.

Years later, long after he had grown out of his tree-climbing days, he was visiting his grandparents and happened to notice the old cherry tree. The lower limb that had been his first step up into the tree, the limb that he had had to leap to catch hold of, now was at shoulder height. The whole tree seemed somehow shrunken and unprepossessing. It wasn't nearly as large as he remembered it. The thin branches near the top, where he had spent many a summer hour swaying in the breezes and feeling

himself to be on top of the world, were no more than 20 feet from the ground. He laughed as he saw the tree through the adult eyes, but he remembered and relived for a few moments, his feelings as that seven-year-old boy with trembling knees taking a daring risk to climb up among the clouds.

The gospel lesson for today is about another tree-climber whose name was Zacchaeus. He too experienced the risk and exhilaration of being "out on a limb." Zacchaeus' life was transformed as he sat on his tree limb, and at the time, it must have been a thoroughly scary experience, though perhaps later, as a mature disciple, he may have wondered why it ever seemed risky or frightening at all.

In His Service,  
Pastor Larry

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



November Bible Book  
*Psalm 73 -150*

**November 21, 2019**  
Board Meeting 12:45 p.m.  
ABWM Meeting 1:15 p.m.

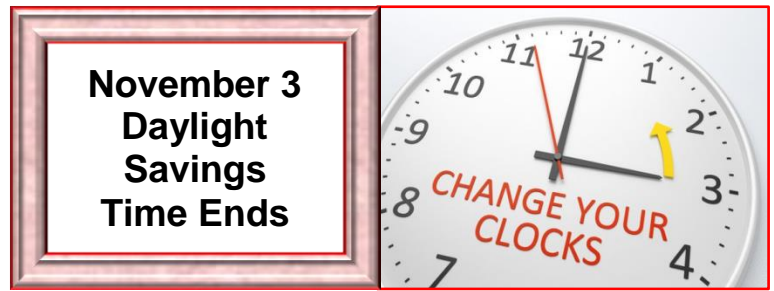
**Program – Carol McKinney**  
**Baptist Women's Day of Prayer**

### *the* LOVE of GOD *at* CHRISTMAS *cantata*

***First Baptist Church***  
***Christmas Cantata***  
***Sunday, December 15, 2019***  
***11:00 a.m.***  
***Join the church family for a***  
***meal and fellowship following***  
***the cantata morning worship.***  
***More details next month***

## November Birthdays

Nov 2 Aaron Barker  
 Nov 6 Jamie Starks  
 Nov 6 Mark Hines  
 Nov 7 Valeriee Keeney  
 Nov 10 Kari McKinney  
 Nov 10 Bill Russell  
 Nov 12 Donya Hayes  
 Nov 17 Hannah Mallory  
 Nov 21 George Osborne  
 Nov 22 Nyla Kenne  
 Nov 24 Kay Wickett



## November Anniversary's

Nov 27 Larry & Kathy Graves.

## November Greeters

Nov 3 Bun Taylor  
 Nov 10 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School Class  
 Nov 17 Bev Stockton  
 Nov 24 Mark & Rita Hines



**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  
for all age  
groups.**

**Classes  
9:45 – 10:30**

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

**Bible Study**  
**“3:16 The Numbers of Hope”**

**By Max Lucado**



**Sunday – 2:00 p.m.**



**Wednesday – 10:00 a.m.**

**Classroom behind sanctuary**

**HANGING  
OF THE  
GREENS**

**Saturday, November 30, 2019**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Help decorate for Christmas.**

**Fun & Fellowship**



**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



**Church Council**  
  
**October 2, 2019**

We have quickly moved into our fall schedule. The transition into our new fall schedule with New Heights has gone smooth and feels back to normal. The Sunday School Classes and Bible Studies have started. We will finish our Bible Study of "Modern Parables in a couple of weeks. The next study will be "3:16 Numbers of Hope" by Max Lucado.

Thanks to everyone who stepped up to help in so many ways for Sylvia Strables' funeral service. The family truly appreciates all that you did for them.

Kathy and I want to thank you for your prayers, kindness and support surrounding our grandson, Max. He is on the mend and making good progress physically. We know that Max is in God's hands and will fully recover in every possible way.

Pastor Larry

**Christian Education**

Diana Barker reported Sunday school classes for all ages are going well. Treats were delivered to the Police and Fire Station for Patriots Day. The choir will present the Christmas Cantata "The Love of God at Christmas" on Dec 15 during worship.

**Mission & Outreach**

Kathy Graves reported the Iowa/Iowa State competition with New Heights to support Helping Hand was a big success. We received \$637 for World Mission Offering with 1/2 of the offering to support Global Servant, Kristy Engel.

**Pastoral Care**

Nancy Baughman reported the prayer chain was activated 5 times in September. Thanks to everyone who remembers our church family with calls, cards and visits.

**Property & Finance**


Mark Hines reported bids for the roof replacement have not been received. Parking lines on south side should be repainted. Concrete near west door will be looked at for repairs.

**Worship Team**

Coleen Remick reported the Worship Team will meet on Oct. 7 to begin plans for the Christmas season worship and Hanging of the Greens.

**New Business**

Budget and Nominating Committees were formed. A notice will be included in the church bulletin asking for volunteers for officers and team leaders. Budget and Church Council will be voted on at the quarterly meeting on November 10.

  
**Poinsettias**  
Purchase a poinsettia in memory or honor of loved ones to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas.  
*Sales on Nov. 3, 10 & 17*  
*Cost \$10*  
See Caren Kientoff or Dorothy McCauley before or after worship.



**CORENNE & PHILIP SMITH**  
**Evangelism, Discipleship and Education**

In Brazil, poor youth often choose life on the streets to escape the poverty of the slums and, more often, to escape abusive families. On the streets, they are exposed to HIV/AIDS, malnutrition, child prostitution, substance abuse, and violence. With the blessing of the National Baptist Convention of Brazil, Corene and Philip minister to children who are part of a residential program that rescues homeless street children and youth ranging in age from 8 to 18. The program provides guidance, education, and training for future employment. All students have completed a paid internship and are employed before they leave the program. Corene works mainly with the older children, working with them on life skills so that they can eventually transition away from a boarding school to independent living. Corene also serves as a surrogate mother to many of the children, sharing with them the love of Jesus. After experiencing day-to-day living in a safe, caring Christian environment, most of these children make decisions to follow Christ. Philip Smith is the president and CEO of the residential program, Hope Unlimited for Children, which was founded in 1991. Philip is an associate missionary serving in Brazil in a joint appointment by International Ministries and Hope Unlimited International.

## Mission Report September 2019

<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>YTD</i>
ABWM Love Gift	45.00	179.98
America For Christ		745.00
Apply to Life Mission Fund	78.00	234.00
Helping Hand/extra giving	115.00	290.00
Missions	115.00	2,060.00
Kristi Engel (support)	318.50	651.75
World Mission	318.50	318.50
One Great Hour of Sharing	100.00	1,029.00
Tom & Terry Myers (support)		900.00
RMMO		400.00
Kyle & Debby Witmer (support)		333.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,090.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,141.48</b>
<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>YTD</i>
ABWM Love Gift	45.00	179.98
America For Christ		745.00
Central Baptist Seminary	11.50	166.00
Dayton Oaks Camp	28.75	915.00
Forest Lake Camp	28.75	515.00
Helping Hand (total)	126.50	456.00
RMMO		400.00
Mid-American Region	34.50	498.00
OGHS - California Wildfires		50.00
OGHS – Hurricane Dorian	100.00	100.00
One Great Hour of Sharing		779.00
World Mission	318.50	318.50
Kristi Engel (support)	318.50	651.75
Tom & Terry Myers (support)		900.00
OGHS - Midwest Flooding		250.00
Kyle & Debby Witmer (support)		333.25
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,012.00</b>	<b>7,257.48</b>
<b>Indianola Ministerial Assoc.</b>		<b>500.00</b>
SAE Fundraiser		400.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,012.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,157.48</b>

**Helping Hand**  
**109 E. Clinton St.**  
**Indianola, IA**



**Holiday Open House**  
**Sunday, November 17, 2019**  
**2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

**Come tour the facility!!!**  
**Learn more about this resource to Warren**  
**County residents for food, clothing and**  
**household items at no cost.**



# November

### This Month's Featured Items

#### Food Items Needed

Whole Grain Cereals, Mashed Potato Mix, Easy Meals (Beef Stew, Hamburger Helper, etc.), Pumpkin Pie Filling

#### Non Food Items Needed

Dish Soap, Bathroom Tissue  
 Laundry Detergent



Gary & Judy Morrison  
 Forest Lake Fall Harvest Festival  
 October 2019



### Forest Lake Camp & Conference Center

On behalf of the Forest Lake Ministry Team we want to thank you for your recent donation of \$130.00. We are blessed to have so many wonderful people partnering with us in our mission to make a difference for God's kingdom.










2019 was a very crazy, busy, wonderful camp season with lots going on. We had 156 campers this year (15 more than 2018). We had many youth make important decisions for Christ, some accepting Christ for the 1<sup>st</sup> time, others make commitments and still others desiring baptism. We had 1 young lady baptized at camp. What a blessing to see.

We have some exciting new things planned for 2020. We are having a high school winter recharge camp January 17-19, a college age retreat March 13-15, and some new camp ideas for summer. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ladies Retreat will be May 1-2, ABW Spring Rally will be here April 18, camp kickoff will be held May 23, and work week will be May 4-9. Please join us for any or all of these fun activities.

Once again thank you for your continued prayers and financial support.

God's Blessings Always,  
 Shawn & Teresa Ott, Camp Managers

# November 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 9:00 – Bazaar Set-up	2 8:00 – Fall Bazaar 
3 9:30 – Youth Choir Practice 9:45 – Sunday School 10:30 – Coffee Fellowship 11:00 – Worship 2:00 – Bible Study <b>6:00 – New Heights Youth Power Co</b>	4	5 	6 8:00 – Men's Coffee McDonalds 10:00 – Bible Study 6:30 – Choir Practice 7:00 – Church Council	7 <b>6:00 – New Heights Prayer Time</b>	8	9 1:00 - Jenkins Family Birthday Party
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24 9:30 – Youth Choir Practice 9:45 – Sunday School 10:30 – Coffee Fellowship 11:00 – Worship 2:00 – Good Sam Worship <b>6:00 – New Heights Youth Power Co</b> 7:00 – Community Thanksgiving Worship	25	26	27 8:00 – Men's Coffee McDonalds	28  <b>Office Closed</b>	29	30 9:00 – Hanging of the Greens 

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Website: fbcindianola.net

Office Hours  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 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**

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*

