

First Baptist Church

Stepping Out – Reaching Out
January 2020

Retired Ministers’ and Missionaries’ Offering ***January 19 and 26, 2020*** ***Goal: \$500.00***

Scripture theme: “Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work.”

1 Thessalonians 5: 12 – 13 (NIV)

In this scripture, Paul pleads with members of the church to value and acknowledge leaders of the church as messengers of Christ. Respect of church leadership is essential for the health of individual believers and the entire congregation.

This year’s theme, RMMO – *Honoring the Service of God’s Servants* uplifts the generosity, grace and tireless work of retired ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses and families who have dedicated their lives to serving the body of Christ.

When Pastors retire, they may not prepare a message for every Sunday morning, but they do not give up serving the body of Christ. Many are available to fill the pulpit, do hospital and hospice calls, and volunteer in their communities.

We receive this offering, to make it possible to provide emergency assistance in time of crisis and to send an annual “Thank You” check to those who are eligible. In 2018, RMMO provided checks to more than 3,497 recipients.

We hope you will consider generously supporting retired ministers, missionaries and their spouses who have so faithfully and graciously supported our ABC congregations. Paying tribute to those who have walked and prayed with you over the years is an example of “*Honoring the Service of God’s Servants.*”

Junior Choir & High School Christmas Program December 8, 2019



Lilyana Bradford, Khloie Russell, Geramiah Russell,
Levi Bradford, Bryar Bradford, Hailey Russell



Kayla Glascock, Hannah Mallory,
Cheyenne Glascock

From the Pastor's Desk

As we begin the New Year I have noticed some play on the numbers of 2020 as it relates to vision. Wouldn't it be great to have 2020 vision for the entire decade? In an article that I recently read, that I would like to share with you, John Krahn asks the question "How do we know the will of God?" How often has each of us struggled over an important decision? We considered the variety of alternatives; often we discussed the decision with our family and friends. Sometimes we prayed over it and sought God's direction. "What would God want me to do?" we asked ourselves.

Unfortunately, there is much confusion about the subject of the will of God. The words, "It is the will of God," are used too freely. A catastrophe happens and people say glibly, "It's his will." We sometimes do inappropriate things and pass them off by saying God willed that we did it. Many talk about searching for the will of God as if it were somehow lost and needed to be found.

First and foremost in God's will is that all people be saved. The Bible tells us that God wills all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Throughout Scripture we find God desiring that everyone have the joy of Jesus as their Lord and Savior. To not have Jesus is to be firmly in sin's control ... to have faith in the Son of God is to be alive to our full creative potential as he controls our lives. Through a cross and a vacant grave our salvation has been secured. Jesus, unlike any of the gods in other religions, is a personal God, and those who know him personally will be well on their way to know the Father's will. To have said, "I believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior" is to have taken the first step.

Our second step in knowing the will of God is to be Spirit-filled. In Ephesians 5:17 we read, "Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is." To not be willing to understand the will of the Lord is to be foolish. Now what is the will? We continue to read in verse 18, "And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit." Now most of us are at least qualified to discuss what it's like to be filled with wine or some other spirited liquid. To be drunk is to be controlled by the agent within. We act differently when we have the spirit within us. Likewise to be filled with the Holy Spirit is to be controlled also by an agent within. We have no more control over ourselves than we would have if we were drunk with alcohol. To be filled in the Spirit is to be dominated and controlled by the Spirit.

The third and final step in discovering the will of God for our lives is one you're really going to like; you'll eat it up. It is to do whatever you want to do. That's right. Do what you want when you have a decision to make. In the Book of Psalms we read, "Delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart." Notice that it says the desires of our hearts are given to us by God when we delight in him. God puts the desire in our hearts so that what we want is really what God wants. His will becomes our will, and conversely, our will is his will. The third step is possible when we have taken the first step of believing and the second of being filled by the Holy Spirit. Having taken the first two steps and having become well-versed in Scripture, we follow our desires (really God's) and live according to his will. We set out in life without fear, and as we make our way, he provides us with the necessary corrections along the course.

So let's begin the New Year, trusting God.

Happy New Year! Pastor Larry

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

American Baptist
Women's
MINISTRIES

January Bible Book
Acts

January 23, 2020

ABWM Meeting – 1:15 p.m.

Program – Nancy Baughman

2020 Dates to Remember

March 6 – World Day of Prayer

**April 17 – Iowa West Spring Rally
Dayton Oaks**

May 4 – Mother/Daughter Event

**June 6 – ABWM Region One Day Event
FBC Johnston**

**October 2 & 3 – Mid-America Baptist
Churches 50th Anniversary & Biennial
Celebration, First Baptist Church
Pella, Iowa**

January Birthdays

Jan. 4 Riley Hines
Jan. 9 Trish Bishop
Jan. 11 Pete Berry
Jan. 12 Hailey Russell
Jan. 15 Khloie Russell
Jan. 17 Mary Johns
Jan. 25 Heather Keul
Jan. 26 Mary Bruce



January Greeters

Jan. 5 Coleen Remick
Jan. 12 Gary & Judy Morrison
Jan. 19 Steve Hall
Jan. 26 7 – 12th Grade Sunday School Class



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

**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**

**9:45 – 10:30 a. m.
Upper level
Annex**

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

Bible Study

“3:16 Numbers of Hope”
By Max Lucado

Bible Studies resume

Sunday, January 5 – 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 8 – 10:00 a.m.



Saturday, January 4, 2019
9:00 a.m.



Sunday, January 12, 2020
Following Worship
Annual Reports will be available
January 5th.



Did you know?

Ancient Babylonians are said to have been the first people to make New Year's resolutions, some 4,000 years ago. Their new year began mid-March when the crops were planted.

In ancient Rome, Julius Caesar changed the calendar and established January 1 as the beginning of the new year circa 46 B. C. The Romans offered sacrifices to the deity and made promises of good conduct for the coming year.

For early Christians, the first day of the New Year became the traditional occasion for thinking of one's past mistakes and resolving to do and be better in the future. John Wesley, founder of Methodism, created the Covenant Renewal Service. The service commonly held on New Year's Eve included scripture readings and hymn singing. Despite the traditions religious roots, New Year's Resolutions today are mostly people making resolutions to themselves which primarily focus on health and self-improvement. Only 8% of Americans making resolutions are successful in achieving their goals.

Church Council

 **December 4, 2019**

Pastor Larry thanked for ABWM ladies for another successful Fall Bazaar. Funds raised support their ongoing mission work in this community and throughout the world. It is good to see folks come to enjoy the meal, to purchase craft items or just catch up with friends and family.

Thank you for your generosity of all the food for the Thanksgiving food basket. This was provided to a single Mom with five children. She was truly moved and thankful for you thinking of them this Thanksgiving.

Kathy and I want to thank you for your prayers, kindness and support surrounding our grandson, Max. We know that he is in God's hands and will fully recover in every possible way.

Also thank you for all the birthday, anniversary and Pastor's Appreciation cards we received.

It is a privilege to serve as your Pastor. Thanks for all that you do!

Pastor Larry

Christian Education

Diana Barker reported the Junior Choir and High School students will perform their Christmas program on Dec. 8. Adult Choir Cantata will be performed on Dec 15 followed by a catered meal. Choir will sing "Mary Did You Know" with New Heights at their Christmas Eve Service.

Mission & Outreach

Kathy Graves reported 48 items were delivered to Helping Hand. Operation Christmas offering will be received in December.

Pastoral Care

Nancy Baughman reported the prayer chain was not activated in November. The ABWM ladies did 96 calls, cards and visits in November. Thank you to Nancy for her service as Pastoral Care team leader. Kay Wickett is moving into this position.

Property & Finance

Mark Hines reported the sanctuary window has been replaced. One circulator pump in the Annex boiler has been replaced. With the exception of the church pew, the items in the garage have been taken to Putney Auction.

Worship Team

Coleen Remick reported arrangements for December scripture and advent readers have been

made. There will be no children's message on Dec. 8 or 15. Poinsettias will be displayed in the sanctuary beginning Dec. 15 and can be taken home on Dec. 22.

New Business

Vacation for Pastor Larry was approved for Dec. 25 to Jan. 1. Pastor Gary Martin will bring the message on Dec. 29. Church Council will meet Jan. 8 due to the New Year's Day Holiday.



RYAN BAUMGART
Discipleship, Education,
Okinawa Christian School
International, Japan



Ryan teaches courses in Old Testament, New Testament, apologetics and biblical applications. With a passion for sharing his faith in any situation, whether in or out of the classroom, he believes that the cultures, values, ideas and personalities of each student have value, and his goal is to help his students maximize these with an understanding of biblical truth.

Ryan believes that his transition from a short-term volunteer to an IM associate global servant is a natural progression and an affirmation of the work that the Lord continues to accomplish in and through him. He says, "I deeply appreciate IM for inviting me to join the IM family. I am most grateful to be a part of this ministry that played a large role in my progression to the mission field. From the first contact to the official appointment, IM has always given me the freedom to minister in the culture and capacity that the Lord presents."

"I am very thankful that Ryan is teaching at OCSI where I served for many years," says the Rev. Leslie Turley, IM area director for Southeast Asia and Japan. "He is in the right place as his heart's desire is to share the gospel in a multi-cultural environment with students from many different religious understandings and backgrounds. Ryan first learned about OCSI after he contacted the IM Short-Term Mission office and shared about his desire to serve. After a conversation about possible opportunities, Ryan began researching OCSI and ultimately made the decision to apply and eventually be hired."

Mission Report November 2019

<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>YTD</i>
ABWM Love Gift	24.00	233.98
America For Christ		745.00
Apply to Life Mission Fund	43.00	345.00
Helping Hand/extra giving	25.00	330.00
Missions	120.00	2,290.00
Kristi Engel (support)		333.25
World Mission		637.00
One Great Hour of Sharing		1,029.00
Tom & Terry Myers (support)		900.00
RMMO		400.00
Kyle & Debby Witmer (support)		333.25
Total	\$ 212.00	\$ 7,576.48
<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>YTD</i>
ABWM Love Gift	24.00	233.98
America For Christ		745.00
Central Baptist Seminary	12.00	189.00
Dayton Oaks Camp	30.00	972.50
Forest Lake Camp	30.00	572.50
Helping Hand (total)	37.00	519.00
RMMO		400.00
Mid- American Region	36.00	567.00
OGHS - California Wildfires		50.00
OGHS - Hurricanes		100.00
One Great Hour of Sharing		779.00
World Mission		318.50
Kristi Engel (support)		651.75
Tom & Terry Myers (support)		900.00
OGHS - Midwest Flooding		250.00
Kyle & Debby Witmer (support)		333.25
Adopt-a-Family Thanksgiving	12.46	12.46
Sub Total	181.46	7,593.94
Indianola Ministerial Assoc.		500.00
SAE Fundraiser		400.00
Total	\$ 181.46	\$ 8,493.94

*Note: Thanksgiving Food Basket \$125.00

Helping Hand

We are grateful for your generosity and support of the Helping Hand Food Pantry. Thank you for your recent food and monetary donations to help those in need in Warren County.

Helping Hand Board of Directors



Helping Hand Food Pantry

This Month's Featured Items

Food Items Needed

Canned Fruit, Canned Tuna or Chicken,
Whole Grain Cereal

Non-Food Items Needed

Toothpaste, Deodorant
Laundry Detergent



Salvation Army
Bell Ringers
Dec. 7, 2019
Collected:
\$828.02

Nancy Baughman

Pictured below:
Graves Family:
Maxwell, Aimee,
Harrison, Pastor
Larry & Kathy






Thank
You!

Operation Christmas

We received \$659 and 131 ornaments were placed on the Operation Christmas Tree. Over 550 children were served in December with gifts of clothes, toys, etc. when their families were able to shop at Walmart with funds provided by churches, businesses and individuals in Warren County. Fareway food gift cards were distributed to over 220 families.

JANUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1  Office Closed	2 Office Closed	3	4 9:00 – Unhanging of the Greens
5 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 Office Reopens Today	7 6:00 – Girl Scouts 	8 8:00 – Men's Coffee McDonalds 10:00 – Bible Study 6:30 – Choir Practice 7:00 – Church Council Mtg.	9 6:00 – New Heights Prayer Time	10	
12 9:30 – Youth Choir Practice 9:45 – Sunday School 10:30 – Coffee Fellowship 11:00 – Worship 12:00 – FBC Annual Mtg. 2:00 – Bible Study 6:00 – New Heights Youth Power Co.	13	14	15 8:00 – Men's Coffee McDonalds 10:00 – Bible Study 5:00 – New Heights Family Prayer Night 6:30 – Choir Practice 	16 6:00 – New Heights Prayer Time	17 New Heights Catalyst Middle School Retreat Friday 4:00 p.m. - Sunday 12:00 p.m.	18 New Heights Catalyst Middle School Retreat
19 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.	20 New Heights Catalyst Middle School Retreat Ends 12:00 p.m. Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21	22 8:00 – Men's Coffee McDonalds 10:00 – Bible Study 6:30 – Choir Practice 	23 1:15 – ABWM Mtg. 6:00 – New Heights Prayer Time 	24	25
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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*

