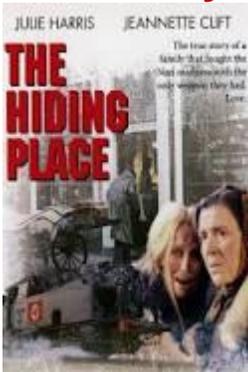


First Baptist Church

Stepping Out – Reaching Out
March 2020

Sunday Afternoon Movie



March 15, 2020
2:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

This movie is a true story of a family that fought the Nazi madness with the only weapon they had: love. In wartime Holland, the Ten Boom family quietly sheltered Jews in their small house, until Nazis discovered the “hiding place.” This is a remarkable true story of Corrie and her sister Betsie’s endurance of the death camp and their sure hope that God alone is the true hiding place.

Bring your adult family and friends to First Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 15 to watch this remarkable story. Popcorn and drinks provided. Bring finger foods to share.



World Day of Prayer
March 6, 2020
10:00 a.m.
St. Thomas Aquinas
Catholic Church

“Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk”
Scripture: John 5: 2-9a
Focus Country: Zimbabwe

America for CHRIST OFFERING 2020

“You shall
LOVE your
NEIGHBOR
as **YOURSELF.**”
MATTHEW 22:39



March 2020
Goal: \$700.00

American Baptist
Home Mission Society

How does your gift make a difference?

Your generous AFC gifts support the mission of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, connecting our partners to cultivate leaders and equip disciples who bring healing and transformation to communities across our nation and Puerto Rico. Your contributions share God’s love by:

- Cultivating Leaders – Strong leaders advance the mission of faith communities.
- Equipping Disciples – Broadening the understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus.
- Healing Communities – We believe the power of Christian love can – and will – change the world.

Each dollar given increases the ministry and impact of ABHMS to serve neighbors with ministries incarnating Christ’s love, justice and compassion. A portion of this offering (29%) is shared with the Regions of American Baptist Churches for strengthening local church leaders through programming, pastoral search support and other efforts to help local churches thrive.

In 2019, AFC gifts supported rebuilding Puerto Rico, providing scholarships to students, partnering with organizations that have settled more than 100,000 displaced persons across the world and partnering with agencies that provide support to children living in poverty.

From the Pastor's Desk

Mark Trotter writes in an article "Forty Days for Recommitment" that Lent was originally established for new Christians, those who experienced a call. They were to spend forty days and forty nights preparing for their baptism. If at the end they still wanted to follow Jesus, then on Easter Eve they would be baptized as the sun was rising in the east, signaling the new day, the new era, inaugurated because of the Resurrection.

I am sure it had a powerful significance for them, to have prepared for their vocation as Christians the same way that Jesus prepared for his vocation as the Messiah: forty days of introspection and self-examination.

But later the Church used the forty days as a time of renewal for those who were already Christians, because at a certain point everyone in the empire became a Christian, everyone was baptized as infants. So the time of Lent was used as a time of renewal and recommitment to the Christian life, examining our lives in light of the one we are supposed to follow.

That's great advice for us as well. Lent has begun and it is a good time for us to stop and reflect on what Jesus means to us and what He did on the cross on our behalf. One of the ways you can prepare is to join one of the two Bible study groups on Sunday afternoon or Wednesday morning. We are focusing on a study entitled "The Walk" by Adam Hamilton that looks at five essential practices of the Christian life. Each week we will focus on a practice such as prayer, worship, study, service, giving and sharing.

In Matthew 4, Jesus invites His disciples to follow Him. The Greek word *akoloutheo* (to follow) was used by Jesus to invite his disciples to accompany Him on the journey. As Believers, we too are invited to join Him, accompany Him, to walk with Him on this journey, to learn how to be more Christ-like. This time of preparation will allow us to grow and do what He wants us to do and walk this journey of life with Him. Let's spend the next forty days walking with Jesus and growing as believers.

In His Service,
Pastor Larry



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

American Baptist

Women's
MINISTRIES

March Bible Book
Ezekiel

March 26, 2020

ABWM Board Meeting – 12:45 p.m.

ABWM Meeting – 1:15 p.m.

Program – Carol McKinney

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**

**June 16 – 19, 2020 – American Baptist
Women's Ministries' National
Conference, Green Lake, WI.**

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

American Baptist Women's Ministries 2019 – 2021 Mission Focus: Addiction

Building on the ministry focus, "Sisters Seeking Wholeness," and in response to the increase in addiction in the United States, American Baptist Women's Ministries' mission focus is addiction. This mission focus provides American Baptist women and girls the opportunity to explore this critical issue, especially its impact upon women and girls and how our faith calls us to respond. With this theme, we could explore the dynamics of addiction as a progressive condition that begins as a solution and ends as our biggest problem. In the midst of this problem we must remember we are not separated from God. Jesus knows why we started these behaviors and will walk with us into newness of life.

Source: <http://www.abwomensministries.org/>

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. 1 Bill Bryant
Mar. 8 Nancy Baughman
Mar. 15 George & Bev Osborne
Mar. 22 Jim & Carol McKinney
Mar. 28 Lyle & Mary Rodda



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



Reminder
Daylight Savings
Time
March 8, 2020

**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**

9:45 – 10:30 a.m.
Upper level
Annex

Classes are available for all age groups.

First Baptist Church Choir
Choir Director – Diana Barker



Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday
6:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal
Sunday 10:45 a.m.
Multi-purpose Room
behind Sanctuary

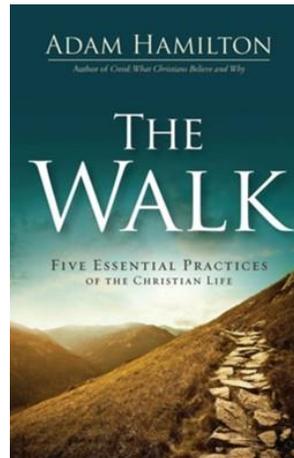
Junior Choir Practice
Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Middle School Classroom
Annex Upper Level

Bible Studies



Sunday: 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 10:00 a.m.

Multipurpose room behind sanctuary



Lenten Study

Lenten Bible study will be the new book by Adam Hamilton "The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life."

This 6-week study begins on Sunday, March 1 at 2:00 p.m. and Wednesday, March 4 at 10:00 a.m. Books are available for \$14.00. See Pastor Larry

Summer Camp 2020



Dayton Oaks
2020 Camp Theme
"Surrender"

Check the Dayton Oaks website for dates and camp descriptions:

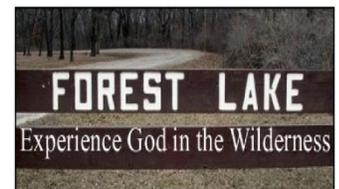
daytonoaks.org/summer-camp

Registration for Dayton Oaks summer camps is available online.

Forest Lake Camp

Camp Managers, Shawn and Teresa Ott visited on February 23. Check the Forest Lake Camp website for camp dates, descriptions and registration forms.

<http://www.mid-abc.org/forestlake/>



May 1 is the deadline for early bird registration at both camps.

Church Council

February 5, 2020

Pastor Larry gave devotions based on Matthew 5:13-20. We need to let our light shine as light on the hill shines.

Highlight from Pastor Larry's report:
"As we begin the New Year, we enter with a sense of confidence and hope in Christ. We are a small but faithful church! We are what Christ calls us to, to love our neighbor and to be faithful. When you look at our annual report, it is filled with positive, hope-filled outreach to our neighbors in our community and throughout the world. Thank you for your support and generosity as we carry out the mission that Christ has entrusted us with. We truly are the hands and feet of Christ."

Christian Education

Memorials have been received for Marion Powell and Rita Hines' father, Anthony Terrones.

Mission & Outreach

Kathy Graves reported \$363 was received for the Retired Ministers' and Missionaries' Offering. We will receive the America for Christ offering in March. We continue to support the Helping Hand with food, non-food and monetary donations.

Pastoral Care

Kay Wickett reported 107 contacts were made by the ABWM ladies in January.

Property & Finance

Mark Hines reported that Putneys have removed snow 5 times this winter.

Worship Team

Coleen Remick reported America for Christ will be promoted during worship. Worship Team meeting will be scheduled in March to plan the April 12 Easter Sunrise Service and the regular Easter worship service.

Old Business

Bids for replacing the roof will begin in the spring.

New Business

New business items presented to the Council:

- A new one-year lease will be presented to New Heights. No major changes from the original lease.
- New common calendar for FBC and New Heights is been designed. Coleen will be trained on the new calendar. Rooms in both

the main building and annex have been renamed for scheduling purposes.

- Church rental to the public is available with events of both FBC and New Heights having priority.



KYLE & KATRINA WILLIAMS

Training & Capacity Building, Education

The Williams will be training and supporting Southeast Asian leaders who are seeking to build bridges across tribal lines in the Mekong region of Thailand. Using state-of-the-art techniques, these men and women are combating human trafficking which affects so many ethnic minorities. They will seek to point towards God's kingdom where captives are set free as they strengthen human rights and dignity in the area.

Excerpt from their January 11, 2020 journal:

It is almost impossible to believe that it is 2020 and we have now been in Southeast Asia for 5 months. In some ways we feel like we just arrived, but in other ways this feels like home. Daily life is quite different than other places in the world that we have ministered, and we really enjoy it. The night markets and waterfall hikes are all nearby. On Sunday afternoons, a local group of parrot owners come together to fly all their birds at a local park. Their colorful plumage against the distant green hills is quite spectacular.

Because everything is so new we have attended seminars on helping us further understand the local blends of religion. The mixing and blending of religions isn't exactly new to us, but not having Christianity near the top is. Part of the seminars we attended addressed shared language (or lack thereof) and cultural assumptions between western Christianity and Eastern religions. Learning how to talk about faith is important to me and to do it well we must first listen, then listen some more.

So my frequent shopping trips have been full of listening as I wander through the market mazes of fish, vegetables, and tables of Thai silk. One of my favorite greetings that is shared in the market amongst friends is "Gin khao leew" which translates to "Have you eaten rice yet?" These are my type of people, food is a high priority.

Mission Report January 2020

<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>YTD</i>
ABWM Love Gift	10.00	10.00
America For Christ		
Apply to Life Mission Fund		
Helping Hand/extra giving	30.00	30.00
Kristi Engel (support)		
Missions	85.00	85.00
One Great Hour of Sharing		
RMMO	188.00	188.00
Tom & Terry Myers (support)		
World Mission		
Total	\$ 313.00	\$ 313.00
<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>YTD</i>
ABWM Love Gift	10.00	10.00
America For Christ		
Central Baptist Seminary	8.50	8.50
Dayton Oaks Camp	21.25	21.25
Forest Lake Camp	21.25	21.25
Helping Hand (total)	38.50	38.50
Kristi Engel (support)		
Mid-American Region	25.50	25.50
One Great Hour of Sharing		
RMMO	188.00	188.00
Tom & Terry Myers (support)		
World Mission		
Sub Total	313.00	313.00
SAE Fundraiser	-	-
Total	\$ 313.00	\$ 313.00

Central Baptist Theological Seminary

The regrowth of Central Baptist Theological Seminary took place under the leadership of President, Molly Marshall who has started her final academic year before retiring.

Since 2004, when President Marshall began her term, Central has gone from 78 to 530 students at 11 locations in and outside the United States.

They had to cut full time staff to 8 and cut half of the rest of the staff. Today the full-time staff is 14 with more than 120 supplemental teachers. The campus had suffered deferred maintenance. In 2006, they moved from Kansas City, Kansas to Shawnee Mission, Kansas with the help of a family foundation and a going out of business St. Louis church, essentially started over.

Many of today's students are not American Baptist and many are not aiming at parish ministry. President Marshall explains, "We are Baptist in heritage and widely ecumenical."

Thank you for your support as students are trained to be chaplains, do non-profit work, be pastors and associate pastors and a few will be church planters.

Source: Flatland Digital Magazine, Bill Tammeus, August 2019




Helping Hand Food Pantry

This Month's Featured Items

Food Items Needed

Hamburger Helper, Applesauce, Ketchup,
Ranch Dressing, Canned Chicken

Non-Food Items Needed

Laundry Detergent, Shampoo,
Toothpaste

**Helping Hand
Celebration Open House
Sunday, March 8, 2020
2:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Annelise Winery
15110 Hwy. 92, East
Indianola, IA**



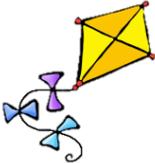

Celebrating over 35 years of success serving Warren County at the current location, 109 E. Clinton Ave.

2:00 Silent Auction opens
3:30 Program
4:00 Silent Auction closes

Come learn how YOU can make a difference. All proceeds support the food pantry.

Providing food, clothing and household items to Warren County residents.

March 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:30 – Youth Choir Practice 9:45 – Sunday School 10:30 – Coffee Fellowship 11:00 – Worship 2:00 – Bible Study 3:00 – NH Choir Practice 6:00 – NH Power Co.	2	3 6:00 – Girl Scouts	4 8:00 – Men's Coffee McDonalds 10:00 – Bible Study 6:15 – NH Connection Group 6:30 – Choir Practice 7:00 – Church Council Mtg. 	5 6:00 – New Heights Prayer Time	6 10:00 – World Day of Prayer (St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church)	7
8 9:30 – Youth Choir Practice 9:45 – Sunday School 10:30 – Coffee Fellowship 11:00 – Worship 2:00 – Bible Study 3:00 – NH Choir Practice 6:00 – NH Power Co.	9 12:30 – Worship Team Mtg.	10 	11 8:00 – Men's Coffee McDonalds 10:00 – Bible Study 6:15 – NH Connection Group 6:30 – Choir Practice	12 6:00 – New Heights Prayer Time	13	14 8:00 – NH Men's Bible Study
15 9:30 – Youth Choir Practice 9:45 – Sunday School 10:30 – Coffee Fellowship 11:00 – Worship 2:00 – Sunday Movie 3:00 – NH Choir Practice 6:00 – NH Power Co.	16	17 11:30 – Indianola Ministerial Association Meeting & Lunch 	18 8:00 – Men's Coffee McDonalds 6:15 – NH Connection Group 6:30 – Choir Practice 	19 12:30 – Wheeler Practice 6:00 – New Heights Prayer Time	20	21 8:00 – NH Men's Bible Study
22 9:30 – Youth Choir Practice 9:45 – Sunday School 10:30 – Coffee Fellowship 11:00 – Worship 2:30 – Bible Study 4:00 – Village Worship 3:00 – NH Choir Practice 6:00 – NH Power Co.	23	24 	25 8:00 – Men's Coffee McDonalds 10:00 – Bible Study 6:15 – NH Connection Group 6:30 – Choir Practice	26 12:45 – ABWM Board Mtg. 1:15 – ABWM Mtg. 6:00 – New Heights Prayer Time	27 	28 8:00 – NH Men's Bible Study
29 9:30 – Youth Choir Practice 9:45 – Sunday School 10:30 – Coffee Fellowship 11:00 – Worship 1:00 – Winn Family Event 2:00 – Bible Study 3:00 – NH Choir Practice 6:00 – NH Power Co.	30	31	.			

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Cell: 515-571-1444
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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*

