

# 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.

## 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.



**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**

## 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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**

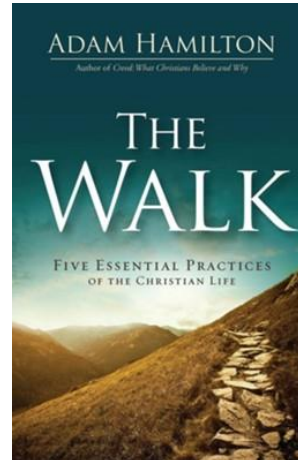
## Bible Studies



**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:

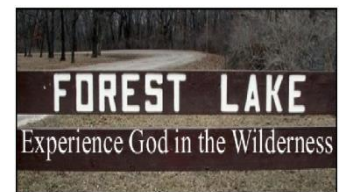
[daytonoaks.org/summer-camp](http://daytonoaks.org/summer-camp)

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.**





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		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 313.00</b>	<b>\$ 313.00</b>
<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		
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>313.00</b>	<b>313.00</b>
SAE Fundraiser	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 313.00</b>	<b>\$ 313.00</b>



**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

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







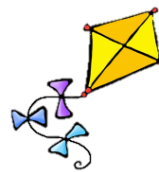
Celebrating over 35 years of success serving Warren County at the current location, 109 E. Clinton Ave.

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

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

*Thank You  
For  
Serving*

