

# First Baptist Church

## "Staying Connected"

### Church Council Update

Beginning in May, Pastor Don Strauch and Pastor Deb Harkness will alternate Sundays presenting God's word. We are blessed to have both of them with us. Pastor Don will continue to provide pastoral care to those who are homebound, in care facilities or hospitalized.

Pastor Don's office hours are Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Stop in or schedule a meeting with him 1-520-991-8481.

### Mission Outreach Investments

The Church Council recommended the following to the congregation at a special business meeting on April 21. This recommendation was approved and funds have been distributed.

School lunch debts for the following schools in Warren County.

Martensdale-St. Mary	\$ 3,800.00
Interstate 35	\$ 5,400.00
Norwalk	\$ 10,000.00
Southeast Warren	\$ 3,800.00
Carlisle	\$ <u>27,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 50,000.00

The Council also recommended the following donation to Forest Lake Camp:

Replace Vinyl flooring in the Family Cabin	\$1,000.00
Replace 50 cabin mattresses	\$8,000.00

The total investment distribution of \$59,000.00 comes from balance not reinvested from December 2023 CD plus CD interest from March 2024

This will leave a savings account balance of approximately \$25,000.00

Another CD of \$162,000.00 matures 6/21/2024.

### Thank You

On behalf of the Norwalk Community School Districts Nutrition Department, our sincere gratitude for your generous donation for student meal debt. May all of the blessings you sent our way be returned to each and every one of you. God is good!  
DeeAnn Serres, Norwalk Nutrition Director



Mid-ABWomen's Ministries Annual Event.  
Saturday, June 8, 2024  
10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Fellowship – 9:30 a.m.

Westover Baptist Church  
2330 62<sup>nd</sup> Street, Des Moines, IA

Speaker: Global Servant, Amanda Good serving in Hungary and Europe

Pre-Register by June 1. Cost is \$20.00. Registration form is available on Mid-ABC Region Body-Builders or contact Coleen Remick 515-961-4419

### Forest Lake Work Week Update

A crew of 22 workers from eight churches arrived on Monday morning, ready to complete the planned projects with a rainy forecast for the week. (Storms were predicted to arrive mid-day Tuesday, and they did).

Eight workers arrived Tuesday and worked thru the noon-hour until they were stopped by rain and hail. The remaining projects were all indoors working in the Family Cabin; new floors, baseboard, and painting completed by those staying over. Other projects completed; bridge and trail maintenance, leaves and sticks removed from Chapel area, brush and trees cut & cleared on the back side of the dam, electrical work and wooden privacy fence removed.

Thanks to Gary Morrison for this report.

**Dayton Oaks Camp Work Week  
May 6 – 10, 2024  
Remodel of Cabin #3 and preparing other  
cabins for summer camp.**

If you can volunteer, please contact Matt or Dani  
515-547-5417



May 19, 2024 will be the last Sunday  
School session until fall.  
Enjoy the summer.



May 12, 2024 - Mother's Day

**Community & World**

Pray for communities and families affected by the recent tornadoes.

Pray for a safe planting season.

Pray for those serving our country at home and abroad.

Pray for God's guidance of all government leaders.

Pray for the leading of the Holy Spirit as we reach out into the community.

Give thanks for all of God's blessings



May 27, 2024 – Memorial Day