

*First Baptist Church*  
*"Staying Connected"*  
*February 2025*

**Interim Pastor Update**

Pastor Deb will continue ministry as Co-Interim Pastor serving the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday and serving communion on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday. Pastor Deb will bring the message each Sunday in February.

Pastor Gundar Lamberts will begin his ministry at First Baptist Church on March 9 as Co-Interim Pastor serving on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday and the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday when needed. He will also provide Pastoral Care to the congregation. Pastor Gundar is an ABC pastor who retired a few years ago from Westover Baptist, Des Moines and most recently served as Interim Pastor at First Baptist Church, Churdan, Iowa

We are blessed to have both Pastor Deb and Pastor Gundar sharing their ministry with our congregation.



**Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering**

We received \$535.00 exceeding our goal of \$500.00 for the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering. Your offering supports ABC ordained ministers and missionaries who have devoted 15 yrs. or more to the Lord in worship, service and mission.

Thank you for your generous gifts.

**Thank you – Pastor Don**

Pastor Don completed his ministry as Interim Pastor on January 31, 2025. He served First Baptist as pulpit supply beginning September 2023 then as Interim Pastor starting in January 2024. We appreciate his dedication to the congregation of First Baptist Church. A reception was held on January 26 honoring Pastor Don and Cindy Strauch.

## Prayer List

### Community & World

Pray for the unity of our country.  
Pray for unspoken concerns of family and friends.  
Pray for all Global Servants as they serve God around the world.  
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.

  
**February**

#### *Dates to Remember*

Feb. 2 Groundhog Day  
Feb. 14 Valentine's Day  
Feb. 17 President's Day

### **Celebrate ABCUSA Sunday February 9 or 16 "Serving with Love, Transforming through Missions"**

Celebrate American Baptist Churches USA this February. Matthew 28:19-20 reminds us, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations....and surely I am with you always, to the end of the ages."

American Baptists are encouraged to share about what it means to be American Baptist through our history and Baptist distinctives. Give thanks for how God has blessed us with a rich history and in faith as we continue to seek God's mission.

### **Winter Weather Cancellation Notices**

Church cancelled notification will be published on KCCI-TV and WHO-TV.

Please use your better judgement to stay home and be safe when church was not cancelled.