

First Baptist Church
"Staying Connected"
June 2025

Interim Pastors: Rev. Gundar Lamberts and Rev. Deb Harkness
(Alternating Sundays)

A Word from Pastor Gundar

May 15, it was 10 months since I was hit by a car riding my bike in Johnston and broke my left leg and right wrist. It has been a long and difficult journey with many twists and turns. I know it is only by God's grace that I am alive today since being pulled out from under the vehicle. My goal has been to not only ride my bike again but to keep a positive attitude and express gratitude. It's easy to complain but God is faithful and even when I went through the valley of the shadow of death (Psalm 23:4) I knew that God was with me. Nehemiah 8:10 says that "the joy of the Lord is your strength." Every day it is important to count your blessings. I consider our church a blessing and look forward to getting to know each one of you. As one of your interim pastors, part of my job is to do visitation. You can help me by inviting me to come and visit you.

My number is 515-745-2982 and my email address is pastorgundar@outlook.com. Let me know when I can come to see you.

ABWM Annual Event

The Annual ABWM region event will be Saturday, June 28 at First Baptist Church, Johnston. Our speakers will be Kyle and Debby Witmer. Kyle is Area Director Southeast Asia and Japan and Debby is a global coordinator focusing on missionary kids and family care.

All church ladies are invited to attend. You do not need to be a part of ABWM. Take this opportunity to meet our global servants and spend a day with your Christian sisters. Registration fee is \$20 which includes lunch and program fees. Contact Nancy Baughman or Coleen Remick to obtain a registration form.

Church Council Updates

New Heights Church has advised the council of their plan to add a second worship service to their Sunday morning schedule beginning in September. This will affect the availability of the sanctuary on Sunday morning to First Baptist Church.

The council will be looking at our options and welcome your input. Please contact any of the Council members for questions and concerns. This will be the main agenda item at our Quarterly Business Meeting following worship on July 13. There will also be a lunch prepared by Pastor Gundar following the business meeting.

Please keep this in your prayers!

Thank You

American Baptist Home Mission Society thanks FBC Indianola for their \$765.00 gift to **America for Christ 2025**. ABHMS received 2/3 (\$510.00) and the Mid-American Baptist Region received 1/3 (\$255.00). Thank you for supporting the region through America for Christ.

College of the Ozarks acknowledges receipt of our gift of \$5,000.00 from our recent Investment Distribution. Thank you for your generous gift to support our students.

Thank you for the wonderful donation (\$2,600.00) sent to the **Southeast Warren School District**. As requested, this will be applied to school lunch and class dues debt.

Community & World

Pray for all graduates as they embark on their next journey.
Pray for all Christians around the world.
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.

Dates to Remember

June 4 Church Council Mtg.
June 8 Good Sam Worship Service
June 14 Flag Day
June 15 Father's Day
June 19 Juneteenth Day
June 26 ABWM Board Mtg. & Regular Mtg.
June 28 ABWM Annual Event



Thoughts to Ponder!



"It was June, and the world smelled of roses. The sunshine was like powdered gold over the grassy hillside."

Maud Hart Lovelace

"In early June the world of leaf and blade and flowers explodes, and every sunset is different."

John Steinbeck

"And what is so rare as a day in June? Then, if ever, come perfect days."

John Keats