

First Baptist Church

"Staying Connected"-October 2025

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

FBC Church Worship Update

Results of the Church questionnaire were presented to the congregation on September 14, 2025. Since information for First Baptist Church worship was still being gathered, the Council's recommendation and vote was postponed to October 19, 2025.

Questionnaire results indicate a consensus to continue serving the Lord through worship whether in the current church facility at a new time or to relocate to another accessible site. Logistics to be considered: Start time, parking, venue access and scheduling, equipment needs and availability.

Responses indicated:

- most are uncomfortable using the chair lift to access the Annex
- Saturday worship is not an option
- Sunday afternoon is still an option
- Membership retention and attendance is a concern regardless of what change is approved.

Please continue to pray for First Baptist Church and New Heights Church as we discern this change.



Volunteer Opportunity
Tuesday, October 7, 2025
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
357 Lincoln St. West Des Moines, IA

Signup sheet to volunteer and carpool is on the bulletin table

Join the group for Lunch (TBD)

The logo for World Mission Offering is set within an orange rounded rectangle. It features the words "world mission offering" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font, with "world" on the top line, "mission" in the middle, and "offering" at the bottom.

September 2025 – Goal - \$700.00
Received - \$885.00

We will continue to support Global Servant, Kristy Engel, with ½ of the WMO offering received. Kristy is a Global Servant whose focus is health service throughout the world.

October 12, 2025



Thank you, Pastor Gundar and Pastor Deb,
for your faith leadership at First Baptist
Church, Indianola.



Community & World

Pray for First Baptist Church as we discern our worship schedule.
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

- Oct. 1 Choir Practice
- Oct. 1 Church Council Mtg.
- Oct. 7 Meals from the Heartland
Meal Packaging
- Oct. 12 Pastor Appreciation Sunday
- Oct. 19 Special Business Mtg.
- Oct. 29 Choir Practice
- Oct. 31 Halloween

Investment Distribution

Please give your suggestions for investment distribution to any of the Council Members. Recommendations will be voted on at the November 16 business meeting along with 2026 budget approval and Officers and Team Leaders for 2026.

REMINDER NOVEMBER 2, 2025



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