

First Baptist Church

"Staying Connected"- December 2025

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

Christmas Greetings Pastor Gundar

No matter how hard you try, you can't outgive God. God gave us the greatest gift of all, the gift of His son, Jesus. Jesus means Savior. We receive that gift by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8-9). No one loves you more than Jesus. I thank God for you, and I know that God is at work in our church. What an honor it is to serve as one of your pastors. May God bless you all this Christmas and in the new year.



Greetings from Pastor Deb

During this busy season of the year, my prayer is that each of you will take time to be still and reflect on God's precious and perfect gift. Take time to ponder the significance of our Savior's birth. Jesus came to earth as a tiny baby to one day go the cross to save us from our sins. He died and rose again for you and for me! What a Gift! What a Savior!

Beloved, my prayer is that you will have a blessed Christmas. Thank you for giving me the privilege to serve with you in ministry at First Baptist.

In His Love, Deb

Merry Christmas

First Baptist Church Worship Update A New Chapter Begins!

Beginning January 4, 2026, First Baptist Church worship services will take place at our new location:

Meadow Glen Terrace Apartments
712 South Jefferson
Indianola, IA

Worship 9:30 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship – 9:00 a. m.

This move marks a new chapter in our journey together—one filled with fresh possibilities, deeper connection, and continued faithfulness. The space is welcoming and comfortable and we feel this will serve our congregation well.

To help you with this transition, we are pleased to announce that the organ is moving with us.

Please join us as God leads us on this journey!

Investment Distribution November 16, 2025

This corrects the calculation error on the meeting handout. Distribution total \$117,000 with \$10,000 not disbursed from the matured CD.

\$ 17,500.00	Ottawa Univeristy
\$ 17,500.00	University of Sioux Falls
\$ 6,000.00	Operation Christmas
\$ 10,000.00	Helping Hand
\$ 25,000.00	Mid-America Baptist Churches
\$ 1,000.00	Camp Hantesa
\$ 5,000.00	Meals from the Heartland
\$ 20,000.00	Rainbow Acres
\$ 5,000.00	Ft. Dodge/ABWM SALTCenter
\$ 5,000.00	Joppa
\$ 5,000.00	Heal House
\$ 117,000.00	

Prayer List

Community & World

Pray for changes for First Baptist Church
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

Dec. 3 Choir Practice
Dec. 3 Church Council Mtg.
Dec. 4 Salvation Army Bell Ringing
Dec. 7 Church Fellowship Lunch
Dec. 24 New Heights Christmas Eve
Worship 6:00 p.m.
Dec. 25 Christmas Day
Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

Communion Schedule

December 7 and December 28
No communion served on January 4, 2026

February 1, 2026 – Resume serving
communion on the 1st Sunday of the month

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