



## MAY CALENDAR

Sundays	@	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday school class
	@	10:15 AM	Worship Service
Wednesdays	@	5:30 PM	Family Meal
		6:00 PM	Kid Zone/Youth Zone

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Monday, May 2	10:00 AM	Women's Life Group
	5:30 PM	Deacon Board meeting
Tuesday, May 3	6:30 PM	C.E. & M&E Board meetings
Tuesday, May 10	6:30 PM	Church Council meeting
Saturday, May 14	11:00 AM	Spring Brunch
Sunday, May 15	10:15 AM	Service in Central Park
Tuesday, May 17	1:00 PM	Maxine Bates Circle
Thursday, May 19	6:30 PM	Sac & Fox Lapidary Club

**SERVICE IN CENTRAL PARK**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022**  
**10:15 A.M.**  
**BRING LAWN CHAIRS.**



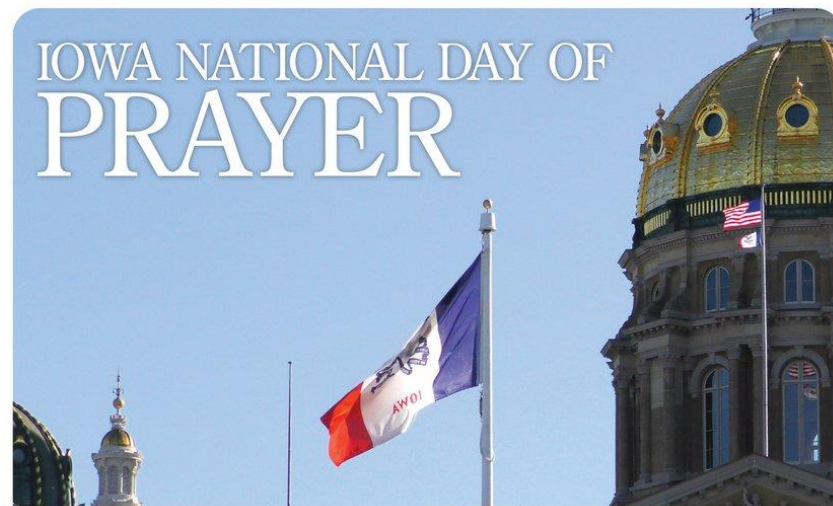
# Baptist Tidings

Fairfield First Baptist Church  
 "A Faith Building Community"



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*You're Invited!* May 5, 11:30 Am - 1pm  
 Iowa Capitol Rotunda

Therefore, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.

~ Colossians 2:6-7 NASBV

The American people have often been called to times of feasting and thanksgiving, as well as to fasting and prayer. Way back in 1621, William Bradford called the people of the Plymouth Colony to give thanks to God. Our Thanksgiving holiday was established when George Washington called the Nation to pray and give thanks, and every President, since Lincoln, has called a special day of Thanksgiving in the Fall.

From 1775-1783, while the U.S. was being formed, the Second Continental Congress set aside a National Day of Prayer. President John Adams established a National Day of Prayer in 1798 and 1799. In 1952 the United States Congress established May 5<sup>th</sup>, as the National Day of Fasting and Prayer.

Since then, for 70 years, every President has signed a declaration to the American people to spend time during that day to pray, specifically, for the health of our nation. This is, after all, the Biblical encouragement:

*“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior.” (1 Timothy 2:1-3)*

Let’s think about how we might apply this call to prayer on May 5<sup>th</sup>, this year.

1. Some of us might want to tune in to the National Day of Prayer livestream broadcast at 7 PM our time.  
<https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/2022broadcast>
2. Or listen on online radio: <https://955thefish.com/>
3. Some of us might want to go up to Des Moines, and celebrate on the steps of the Capitol building with hundreds of other Iowans, from 11:30-1:00.
4. Or you could gather with some friends at some point during the day to spend some time in prayer. You might gather over lunch, or at someone’s house, or at the courthouse, or go for a Prayer Walk.
5. You might simply set aside some special time during your day, individually, to lift our country up to God.
6. All of the above.

Not sure how to pray for our Nation? Go to this page on the National Day of Prayer website for a guide with some suggestions: <https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/prayforamerica>

It’ll help if you take a minute, now, to make a plan.

Heeding the call to pray for our nation,  
 – Pastor John

## PRAYER LIST

Lorri Deeke, Jerry Leazer, Pastor Kermott’s mom, Steve Crane, Mike Adam, Becky Stagers, Sabrina Reneker, 3-year-old Cullen, Dick & June Workman, Madonna Wilson, those fighting Covid, people of Ukraine



Thank you to those who donated an Easter lily this year:

From: **In Memory of:**  
 David & Margaret Wilson.....**JOHN & AVA TOPPING** and  
**JOHN & FRANCES WILSON**  
 Margaret Stephens.....**JOHN STEPHENS**  
 John & Amy Kermott.....**WILLIAM KERMOTT & TERRY PEASE**  
 John & Amy Kermott.....**BARBARA HARBOLD & POLLY SCHOLL**  
 Mike & Sue Carr.....**THEIR PARENTS**  
 Lorri Deeke.....**HER SON, BRIAN DEEKE**

## HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

Our Helping Hands Program, through the Deacon Board

Ministry, is available to help you with a job that you are unable to tackle by yourself. Sometimes even the smallest task is too big to do...like changing a high-hanging light bulb, taking the trash out to the curb, or picking up a few groceries! Our church members and attendees are blessed to have such a program. Just call the church office (472-5205) any weekday morning or contact one of your deacons and we will try to fulfill that need.



John Rathbun	472-1452	Darrel Bisgard	472-6201
Margaret Wilson	472-5594	Sharie Leazer	472-3892
Jan Baird	472-5293	Harold Munson	472-8895
Lee Muntz	919-3337	Lisa Greenig	919-4343



**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

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|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 2 Hailey Ryan     | 12 Mike Carr        | 24 June Workman    |
| 2 Steve Cardis    | 13 Morgan Vaughan   | 25 Kellen Copeland |
| 2 Chris Paul      | 13 Ashley Worley    | 26 Lori Vaughan    |
| 4 Lundy Anderson  | 17 Janelle Epperson | 28 Mark Epperson   |
| 5 Henry Salee     | 18 Travis Dunkin    | 28 Marvin Roemen   |
| 7 Iris Voreis     | 22 Roger Wright     | 30 Rod Ryan        |
| 11 Portia Bisgard | 23 Melody Hird      |                    |



**May Anniversaries**

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Rick & Rachel Clark     | 21 Jason & Lisa Crandall |
| 15 Greg & Deb Fritz       | 22 Dick & June Workman   |
| 15 Mike & Renee Telfer    | 23 Greg & Julie Hanshaw  |
| 19 Virgil & Jane Symmonds | 27 John & Amy Kermott    |

Note: If your birthday or anniversary is this month, but is not listed, please call the church office with that information.

**HEAD USHERS**

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| May | 1 Sonny Harris   |
|     | 8 Randy Baird    |
|     | 15 Marvin Roemen |
|     | 22 Aaron Kooiker |
|     | 29 Paul Greenig  |

COMMUNION SERVERS May 1: Aaron Kooiker, Lorri Deeke, John Rathbun, JoDee Kyle, Bob Keller

CHILDREN'S SERMON May 15: Ashley Worley

**MAXINE BATES CIRCLE**

Maxine Bates Circle will meet again Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall. June Workman will be hostess. All are welcome to attend.



**NEWS FLASH!**

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Saturday, May 7

8:00 A.M.

Fellowship Hall

All men welcome!



**WOMEN'S LIFE GROUP**

Monday Women's Life Group will hold two more studies: May 2 and June 6 @ 10:00 A.M. They will reconvene in September.



**April Finances:**

Giving: \$20,372.81

Expenses: \$22,530.41

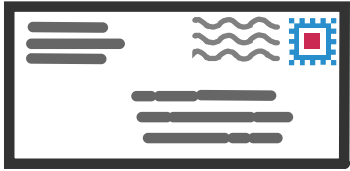


## First Baptist Church Council Meeting

April 12, 2022

### SURVEY COMING YOUR WAY!

PLEASE - don't turn and run or lock your door if you see Sue Carr headed your way with a blue envelope - it's nothing scary! She has been delivering a one page survey created by the Worship Board. We're hoping to get everyone's thoughts about our Sunday morning worship... to continue making that time with God as praiseworthy and meaningful as we can for all who attend in person and join online. After completing the survey, please return it in the enclosed envelope (already addressed and stamped) by the date indicated. Every person's input is valuable as we strive to grow together in Christian love and through our mission as a Faith Building Community. Your timely and reflective responses are very appreciated.



### FOREST LAKE SUMMER CAMPS 2022

Sign up for summer camp soon! To receive \$25.00 off of the cost of a week-long camp, you need to get your registration & deposit in the church office by Friday this week (April 29). If you are a regular attendee on Sunday morning or Wednesday night, you qualify for a 50% scholarship through our church.

Information and registration forms are available in the narthex. Please return

**ALL** registrations and deposits to the church office. Any questions, call Jane in the church office, 641-472-5205.



## SPRING WORK WEEK

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## FOREST LAKE CAMP

May 9-14

For information, contact camp @ 641-684-8908

Present: Aaron Kooiker, Pastor John Kermott, John Rathbun, Lorri Deeke, Joyce Roemen, Sue Carr, Bob Keller, Pat Comfort, Dick Hunt

The meeting was opened with Aaron reading the devotion and John (JDR) giving the prayer.

Bob Keller made a motion to accept minutes as written. John (JDR) 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Motion approved.

Sue discussed the Worship Survey that the Worship Board is developing. The board hopes the completed surveys will reflect the thoughts of the congregation. She took suggestions from council for additions and changes to the first draft of the survey. When the survey goes out to the congregation there will be a deadline as to when completed surveys are to be returned. Survey answers will be confidential.

Sue mentioned a sound system-live stream team is being formed. People are encouraged to volunteer to be part of the team and they will be trained by Pastor John and Jamie on the use of the equipment.

The council agreed that the idea to purchase a digital piano will be presented and discussed during the Quarterly Family meeting on Sunday, April 24.

Calendar items:

May 14 - Women's Tea

June 10 – Jordan St. Cyr

John (JDR) reported the deacon board is busy planning for Jordan St. Cyr performance on June 10. There will be a meet and greet just for the church family before the performance.

Bob reported that expenses were more than giving this month because of onetime expenses that were held off when giving was down during Covid-19. He updated the council on plans to dispose of items no longer in use that are stored behind dividers.

Bob closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lorri Deeke, clerk



Husband. Father of two boys and two girls. Singer.  
Songwriter. Storyteller. Sharer of God's Word.

June 10<sup>th</sup>, 7PM – First Baptist Church, Fairfield IA

# Jordan St Cyr

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY, FRIENDS & COMMUNITY ARE PRIVILEGED TO HOST JORDAN JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup> 7PM.**

*I grew up at a Christian camp. My Dad played the music there and I was five or six years old, really young and really open to what God was saying. I saw this amazing community of believers who served one another. Their hearts were so open to what God was showing them...it's really stuck with me.*

*It was like God solidified something in my heart as a very young child and he's just taken me from there... That's what I hope for my kids.*

It was when Jordan served with Youth With a Mission (YWAM) as a teen that he found the inspiration to pursue music as a career.

*I think my songs are for everybody; people of faith, people who are searching for something more in life. My prayer is that these songs would bring comfort and joy to those who hear them. I pray that listeners would be hopeful and open to the depths of God's love...*

I can face anything, 'Cause You're here with me  
I can do all things, 'Cause You strengthen me

## MISSION MOMENT – MAY 2022

Well, it has been an exciting time in the past several weeks as we were planning for the “sending off” service and commitment of Greg Lentz to Nicaragua under the mission umbrella of Shining the Light Ministries!

This special service for Greg and for our church family was held on April 3<sup>rd</sup> in our church with members from Mt. Pleasant First Baptist Church and First Baptist of Ottumwa in the service and participating in the laying on of hands, which is the formal dedication of Greg to missionary service. Pastor John provided a challenge followed by Shining the Light Ministries, President, Jeff Schweizer, who gave welcoming remarks, Chuck Comfort, gave a personal reflection regarding Greg Lentz’s journey, and Greg was presented with a check that covered the cost of a dirt bike for him to use for his transportation in Nicaragua upon his arrival. The funds for this dirt bike were provided by the three churches mentioned above as well as a matching dollar for dollar grant. Greg also shared from his personal journey. It is of interest to note that Greg is the first missionary to be part of Shining the Light Ministries. There are numerous news letters from Shining the Light Ministries in the narthex of the church and you are welcome to take some and read up on this Mission Organization that we are providing some financial support in our church budget for Greg’s work in Nicaragua. A luncheon was served following the service.

Greg arrived in Nicaragua on April 21 and will immediately begin his “immersion experience “ in which he will reside with a local family for three months and immerse himself into the culture, language classes and focusing on becoming as fluent as possible in three months.



## LETTER FROM GREG LENTZ

April 24, 2022

Church Family,

I would like to begin by thanking everyone for your continued support and partnership in the ministry here in Nicaragua! I was able to arrive safely and get to my temporary living quarters before starting my immersion program. Over the past few days we were able to get the motorcycle purchased and have had a couple opportunities to drive the motorcycle. Thank you so much for the work that was done in raising the needed money for the motorcycle and the future expense of my immersion program! It has been quite a challenge adjusting to everything, but the support from our staff here has made things much easier. I was blessed to have the opportunity to make 3 previous trips over the years, and the relationships that were established proved to be very beneficial as I began to settle in for the long term mission. I did have the opportunity to attend the Children’s Ministry in La Majada that serves 30 to 40 kids every Saturday morning. Pastor Angel and his family do a wonderful job serving these children and it will be celebrating its 1 year anniversary next week. I have been invited to attend and deliver a message for the kids and families that day, which I am blessed and excited to do on May 7th! I will be taking the next few days to finish arrangements for my immersion. I will be going to the school this week to meet with the teacher and get acquainted with the family I will be staying with during this 3 month period. My goal is simply to get more familiar with my surroundings so I can move around and get to the places I need to get to as I move into immersion on May 2nd. I have placed things in God’s hands and give Him all the Glory! Please continue to pray that God will open my mind to be able to learn a new language, patience, and continued direction in the ministry!

God Bless All of You!!

Pastor Greg

Greg’s motorcycle~~~~~



## NOTE FROM JOE PHIPPS AT THE WELL

April 7, 2022

Fairfield First Baptist,

I've said it often, but it is no less true: Volunteers are the backbone of this ministry. I wanted to let you know how very thankful we are for all you have done for The Well. The nearly 300 clients we have helped and the hundreds and hundreds of Thrift Store customers we have served has only happened because of your dedication to this work.

If you have been a regular, an extra "Thank you." Your commitment and enthusiasm have been the reason we have just passed our one-year anniversary in the Thrift Store. I'll say it again, We couldn't do this without you!"

If it has been a while since you have been here to help, we appreciate what you have done for us in the past and encourage you to get back into the fun and joy of being part of the Help and Hope that is the foundation of this organization. An hour, a few hours, a few days, we are grateful for whatever you can offer. The more hands and feet involved, the more people we can reach with the love of God.

Thanks, again (& again).  
Joe Phipps

### BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION INVITATION

Staci Wright is having supper and cake for Roger's 65th birthday on May 28 at 5:30 P.M. at their house, 611 W. Harrison Avenue. Everyone from church who would like to attend is welcome. Please no cards or gifts. Just come and enjoy!

If you could RSVP to Staci at (641)919-4306 so she knows how many people to expect, that would be great. Thanks so much!



All Ladies are invited

to a

## Wonderland Tea and Brunch

Saturday, May 14th, 11am



Follow the White Rabbit to the Fairfield First Baptist Fellowship Hall for a time of food and fun with friends and family! Please RSVP to the church office or sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. If you have a favorite finger food you would like to share, please let Amy Kermott know.  
Hope to see you there!!

Please sign up on the bulletin board if you will be attending. A few men are needed to help in the kitchen, too.