



JUNE CALENDAR

Sundays @ 9:00 AM Adult Sunday school class
 @ 10:15 AM Worship Service

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| Saturday, June 3 | 8:00 AM | Men's breakfast at Joe & Melody Hird's |
| Monday, June 5 | 5:30 PM | Deacon Board meeting |
| Tuesday, June 6 | 5:30 PM | Trustee Board meeting |
| | 6:30 PM | CE & M&E Board meetings |
| Wednesday, June 7 | 5:30 PM | Youth Pool Party |
| Sunday, June 11 | 9:00 AM | Sunday school |
| | 10:15 AM | Worship in Central Park |
| | | Ladies' Tea following Worship |
| Tuesday, June 13 | 6:30 PM | Church Council meeting |
| Thursday, June 15 | Noon | "SALT" group potluck luncheon |
| | 6:30 PM | Sac & Fox Lapidary Club |
| Friday, June 16 | 5:30 PM | Family Fish Fry |
| Tuesday, June 20 | 1:00 PM | Maxine Bates Circle meeting |
| Sunday, June 25 | | Lacey Wilson's Graduation Open House |
| Wednesday, June 28 | 5:30 PM | Family Fun on the Baird Farm |
| Friday, June 30 | 5:30 PM | Family Fun Night at church |



Baptist Tidings

Fairfield First Baptist Church
 "A Faith Building Community"



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Creating Church Family Memories

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. (Acts 2:42, 46-47)"

Isn't it awesome that the Father saw fit to allow us to build and retain memories? Most of us would probably say that the memories we cherish the most are those fun, unique and special times together with family and friends. Christmas mornings when the kids are little; family vacations on the road; sharing funny stories with friends that make you laugh so hard you can't breathe; enjoying life's milestones with one another; these are the moments that stick in our minds. We also cherish sorrowful moments; sitting together around a loved-one's bed as they breathe their last; group hugs after difficult news, or huddling in the basement through a storm.

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| <div> <div>\$</div> <div>April Finances</div> <div>\$</div> </div> | |
| Giving: | \$27,853.64 |
| Expenses: | \$16,465.60 |

A common denominator that often makes these times so special is the togetherness of meaningful relationships. Let me ask you, which experiences hold more value and joy, those when you're alone or those where you're surrounded by loved ones?

We find that doing "life-together" enriches our days, and relationship bonds prove themselves to be enormously valuable to us.

There are few social circles beyond the nuclear family that can provide this kind of life-support like a church family does. The best church families are ones that encourage continuing development, but do so while extending amazing grace, high-regard and mutual affection toward one another. I've found that to be true of our relationships in our church family. I find that, for the most part, we highly value one another and try to look out for that which is in the best interest of one another. We don't practice these things perfectly, but I find it to be overwhelmingly true among you all.

This summer we're hoping to build on that foundation by creating opportunities for us to deepen our relational bonds with one another. Rather than the typical Vacation Bible School, we're planning something more like brief staycations where the whole family can have fun, just relaxing and enjoying natural connections with each other.

Some of our families, taking that Acts 2 message to heart, are inviting us over to "break bread" at their homes, where we're sure to come away with "glad and sincere hearts." On June 16th, the Fritz's and the Stiemsma's, (whose back yards are adjacent to each other's,) will be holding a good ol' fashioned outdoor fish fry. On June 28th, the Baird's are inviting us out for some Farm Fun, and on June 30th, we'll have a Family Fun Night with games and other shenanigans at the church. On July 12th, the fish will be biting out at the Van Winkle's ponds, and then on July 26th we'll get a hay-rack ride tour of Ted Munson's acreage. We'll get to cool off on August 16th, splashing around in Greenigs' pool, and we'll close out the summer with an All-Church Picnic out at Jefferson County Park on August 20th.

Our hope is that these shared experiences will strengthen, deepen and enliven all of our church family relationships in such a way that some of our most cherished memories to come will be with those who call Fairfield FBC their church home.

More information on these events is included in this Newsletter. Check it out and watch for even more info to come!

Thanks, in advance, for the memories,
Pastor John

PRAYER LIST

Rod Ryan, Niki Mathis, Jerry Leazer, Nolan Stevenson, Kay Steele, Margaret Wilson's sister (Janet), Jeff Dunbar's mom & dad, Tammy Dunbar's mom, JoDee Kyle's dad (Jim Currier), Ruth Leazer



Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to Margaret & David Wilson on the recent passing of Margaret's brother-in-law, David Wells, and to Marla Knowles on the passing of her cousin, Terry.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to **Taryn Ryan**, who was named **2023 Teacher of the Year** for the Fairfield Community School District. Taryn teaches at Washington Elementary and has 19 years of teaching experience.

WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Our next Worship Service in Fairfield's beautiful Central Park will be June 11th at 10:15.



THANK YOU NOTES

First Baptist Church Family and Deacons,

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, calls, visits and meals. Thank you to the Deacons for praying with me before my surgery.



I am blessed to be a part of such a loving and caring church family!

With much love,
Jan Baird

First Baptist Church,

Thank you so very much for the wonderful use of your beautiful church!

We truly appreciate your servant hearts!

God Bless!
Connie Wells & Family



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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| 3 Mary Keller | 16 Hannah Kermott | 25 Gabby Diers |
| 6 Jill Baerg | 17 Connie Rathbun | 26 Sheila Anderson |
| 7 Edith Diers | 17 Aizen Baerg | 26 Eli Hawkins |
| 11 Deb Muntz | 21 Staci Wright | 27 Deanna Wilson |
| 14 Greg Hanshaw | 21 Chance Crandall | 28 Lee Muntz |
| 16 Rhonda Goehring | 23 Lilah Hawkins | |

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

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| 7 Dave & Rhonda Goehring |
| 11 Dave & Portia Bisgard |
| 15 Jerry & Sharie Leazer |
| 19 Marvin & Joyce Roemen |
| 20 Scott & Ashley Worley |



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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| June 4 | Darrel Bisgard |
| 11 | Ted Munson |
| 18 | Ted Diers |
| 25 | Jim Wotherspoon |

COMMUNION SERVERS June 4: Darrel Bisgard, Margaret Wilson, Greg Hanshaw, Jason Crandall, Margaret Stephens

CHILDREN'S SERMON June 18: Jan Baird



SOUND OF MUSIC – LADIES' TEA AND SING-A-LONG
Sunday, June 11th, following Worship until 2:00 P.M.
Youth will be serving as a fundraiser for Quest.

MAXINE BATES CIRCLE

June Workman will host the June 20th Maxine Bates Circle. Women will gather in Fellowship Hall @ 1:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall. They will be finishing up a variety of small projects. All women are welcome to join them.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Next Men's Breakfast - Saturday, June 3rd at 8:00 A.M. at Joe & Melody Hird's, 505 Fairfield Road, Libertyville. All Men welcome!

SALT GROUP

"SALT" will meet for their monthly potluck luncheon on Thursday, June 15th at Noon in Fellowship Hall. All senior adults age 55 and over are welcome. Please bring one food dish to share and your own table service.

June Workman will have the devotion and Harold Munson will provide a program.





POOL PARTIES

Kids entering 6th grade or above are invited to our summer pool parties. Dates are June 7, July 5, and August 2. These will be held at Greenig's house, 804 E. Fillmore Avenue from 5:30 – 7:30 P.M. Supper will be served at 5:30. If it rains, there will be indoor activities. Have your ride pick you up at 7:30.

(A one-piece suit is preferred for the ladies. Bring your own towel and goggles.)

2023 QUEST

First Baptist plans to take our youth to Quest at Green Lake Conference Center the week of July 16-21. This conference is for youth between 6th and 12th grades, who are regular attenders. Youth who haven't been regular attender can come, but wouldn't be qualified for the half-cost scholarship. Pastor John and Amy will be chaperones, but if others would want to come as chaperones, they would be welcome.

Cost for the week is \$340/person. Scholarships are available and we plan to do some fundraisers to help cover the costs.

Please talk with Pastor John if your son or daughter is interested in being part of this learning and growing experience or if you would like more information on Quest.



Family Fish Fry

Friday, June 16

5:30 – 8:00 P.M.

Fritz's – 1001 East Briggs

Stiemsma's – 909 East Briggs

All are welcome!

Just bring your favorite side dish to share
And beverage & lawn chair for everyone in your party.



Family Night on the Farm

Wednesday, June 28

5:30 – 8:00 P.M.

Baird Farm – 2385 Middle Glasgow Road

All are welcome!

Bring your favorite side dish to share
And beverage & lawn chair for everyone in your party.

First Baptist Church Council Meeting

May 9, 2023

Members present: Bob Keller, Joyce Roemen, Ted Munson, Dick Hunt, Virgil Symmonds, Jason Crandall, Margaret Stephens, Pastor John Kermott

Devotion and opening prayer was by Vice- Moderator, Jason Crandall, who filled in for Greg Hanshaw.

Dick Hunt motioned to accept previous minutes and Joyce Roemen seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion was held on weapons being brought into church. It was decided to lock the back door during Worship Service.

Changes in calendar item dates: Council meetings will be July 18 and August 15. Boards will meet July 10 & 11 and August 7 & 8. May 14 will be service in Central Park. June 11 will be the second service in the park followed by a Ladies' Tea with Sound of Music theme held in Fellowship Hall.

Financial Report: Bob Keller reported the giving for the month was good.

Old Business: Virgil Symmonds and Bob Keller are making Little Free Pantries: one for food and one for a library to be placed on the church property. These will be stocked with contributions by the congregation.

New Business: Jason Crandall wants to get his Master of Divinity Degree. It would take 3-6 months with a cost of \$1800. We discussed supporting him with half the cost coming out of M&E budget line #612, per approval. It was tabled until next month.

Jason stated a small group has been started at The Well for people with mental challenges.

Ted reported the Pizza Planning Pow-Wow had a lot of brainstorming. C.E. Board talked about a leader for kid's groups and is considering a 20hour/week paid position for someone in our church. They are looking at a "Grow Curriculum" as app to be used.

Next business meeting will be July 16.

Pastor John closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Margaret Stephens



Family Camp

Forest Lake & Conference Center

June 30 - July 2

Come spend time with friends and family during the family retreat camp event. The goal of the event is to provide an opportunity for families to experience the beauty of camp together. The participation fee is \$50/family. Registrations are available at the Welcome Center.

Different lodging options are available and you can find prices on the registration form. Space is very limited, so please register by June 16th.

TAKE AWAY HUNGER

THE POWER OF A
QUARTER

IF 50 PEOPLE SAVE
25 CENTS PER DAY
THAT WOULD BE \$12.50

IN 90 DAYS (3 months) THAT
WOULD BE \$1125.00
ENOUGH TO PROVIDE
3375 MEALS



*May your graduation
be the beginning of
many more wonderful
achievements in your life.
Congratulations*



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Arianna "Peanut" Taylor
graduated from Mt. Pleasant High
School on May 21, 2023. If you
would like to congratulate her,
cards may be sent to:

Arianna Taylor
519 West Vine Street
Mount Pleasant, Iowa
52641

YOU ARE INVITED
GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE
for
LACEY WILSON
SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2023
(following Worship Service)
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL



LITTLE FREE PANTRY/LITTLE LIBRARY

The M&E Board, with the assistance of Bob Keller, has installed a Little Free Pantry and a Little Library on the west side of the church. While these two structures look similar (and will be getting some artistic flare from Amy Kermott), they serve two different purposes.

The motto for the Little Free Pantries is "Take what you need, give what you can." You are encouraged to do just that! If you have a need, please use the pantry. If you can give, please pick up a few extra items as you do your personal shopping. We encourage you to add them to the Little Free Pantry or the donation box in the narthex. Shopping suggestions are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Non-perishable items (peanut butter, pancake mix, oatmeal, boxed/canned/bagged fruits, vegetables, pasta, protein, etc.) including hygiene items, are great for the pantry.

Matthew 25:35- "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you took me in...." (NIV version).

The Little Library promotes neighborhood book exchanges. We encourage you to fill the library with spiritual texts, religious-themed books, and/or non-offensive reading material for all ages.

Thank you for giving in this small, yet much needed way! God bless you through this ministry!
M&E Board



One Great Hour Of Sharing 2023

*So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good.
At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up...*
— Galatians 6:9 —

This scripture held special meaning for us in the past year. War in Ukraine persists, communities from Kentucky to Puerto Rico are in the throes of long-term recovery from tornadoes, floods, and hurricanes, while wildfires continue to imperil western U.S. states. And those are just a few of the life-changing hardships people faced in 2022. In the midst of it all, American Baptists have responded through **One Great Hour of Sharing**, and we are seeing the harvest indeed.

Together, we provide immediate relief and long-term recovery support after disasters; equip churches and leaders in disaster preparedness measures; offer assistance to displaced people; and support global development projects that empower communities around the world to thrive. Our partners have persisted in this life-saving work despite the challenges of the pandemic and in the face of other disasters and humanitarian crises that continue to escalate in frequency and severity.

We are called to witness to this gospel truth: despite evidence to the contrary, even in the most difficult of circumstances, love remains. When you give to **One Great Hour of Sharing** you put love into action. Your giving shares faith, hope, and love all around the world. But the greatest of these is love.

ffbbc SUMMER Staycation SERIES

- June 16, Fritzs + Stiemsmas Fish Fry**
1001 & 909 E. Briggs
- June 28, Farm Fun at Bairds**
2385 Middle Glasgow Road
- June 30, Family Fun Night**
(at church)
- July 12, Fishing at Van Winkles**
1468 Pleasant Plain Road
- July 26, Hayride at Ted Munson's**
3199 Wheat Blvd. Lockridge
- August 16, Pool Party at Greenigs**
804 E. Fillmore
- August 20, Church Family Picnic**
Jefferson County Park (after church)

All events are 5:30-8:00 pm except the Church Picnic. Please bring chairs, beverages, and a side dish to share.