



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

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

Saturday, Sept. 2	8:00 AM	Men's breakfast at Joe & Melody Hird's
Tuesday, Sept. 5	6:30 PM	M & E Board meeting
Sunday, Sept. 10	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday school class
	10:35 AM	Worship Service in Central Park
Monday, Sept. 11	5:30 PM	Deacon & Worship Board meetings
Tuesday, Sept. 12	5:30 PM	Trustee Board meeting
	6:30 PM	CE Board meeting
Saturday, Sept. 16	10:00 AM	Kiwanis Kid's Day Parade
Sunday, Sept. 17		Volunteer training meeting after Worship
Tuesday, Sept. 19	1:00 PM	Maxine Bates Circle meeting
	6:30 PM	Church Council meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 20	5:30 PM	KidZone/YouthZone begin
Thursday, Sept. 21	Noon	"SALT" group potluck luncheon
	6:30 PM	Sac & Fox Lapidary Club

\$	July Finances		\$
	Giving:	\$14,031.57	
	Expenses:	\$16,928.80	
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Baptist Tidings

Fairfield First Baptist Church
"A Faith Building Community"



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Giving a Piece of Your Mind

Avery Smart had benefited from some really good teachers throughout his life. His parents told him about Jesus, and every Sunday they brought him to church and Sunday school and Wednesday night Youth group. As Avery grew up, he looked for opportunities to keep right on learning, and he found them.

His mind soaked up his pastor's messages. He retained all the lessons he picked up from his friends during small group Bible studies, and he was constantly discovering something new as he read and studied his Bible on his own. Year after year a river of spiritual facts flowed in, and something strange started happening. His head seemed to be expanding like a balloon in order to hold in everything he was learning. The more he learned the larger it got. His big head wasn't due to pridefulness, it was just the natural result of so much good stuff flowing in without anything flowing out.

Eventually, his expansive knowledge had grown so large he had to hold his head up with his arms just to get from one room to another in his own house. Yet, grace upon grace, he didn't have to leave his home. He was able to continue to benefit through many different pastor's sermons on their church's live-streams, biblically based YouTube videos, and input from Christian radio.

Finally, the day came when his head was just too enormous to even get out of bed. “How could this have happened to me?” Avery wondered. “I’ve tried my best to learn what God wants me to know?”

One Sunday morning the Love family realized he was missing at Worship, and learning of his plight, came to visit to try to cheer him up. Little six-year-old, Henry Love, was the youngest of the children and he had always been in awe of Mr. Smart. The moment he saw the man’s huge noggin, he couldn’t help but feel that there must be something in there that could help him solve a problem at school.

“Mr. Smart,” he said, “there’s a bully that keeps pushing me down on the ground at recess. What should I do?”

Avery was surprised at the question. No one had ever asked for his advice before, and, despite being blessed with a wealth of knowledge, he never imagined he had anything to offer anyone else. His heart went out to Henry, though, and wanting to ease Henry’s mind, Avery let out the first thing that came into his head.

“Pray for him, Henry.”

The moment Avery said those words Henry’s face lit up. Henry knew Mr. Smart was right. At the same time Avery felt a noticeable change. Somehow his head felt a little lighter. “Is there anything else I can help you with, Henry?” Avery asked.

Over the next hour some of the blessings that had accumulated in Avery’s head came rushing out of his heart. By the time the Love’s had to leave, his cranium had already returned to normal size and he was able to see them to the door. As he stood watching them drive away, he was reminded of Paul’s words to Timothy, “You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.” (2 Tim. 2:2) And then he remembered Hebrews 5:12, “By now you should be teachers...”

“From now on I’m going to let out what God puts in,” he said.

The next Sunday Avery sought out Lorri Deeke and asked what he could do, to help with KidZone, because, he said, he had been so blessed he wanted to be a blessing in return. And he was.

- Sharing some thoughts,
Pastor John

[Disclaimer: This story is fictitious. Any resemblance to actual people or events is purely coincidental...as far as you know.]

PRAYER LIST

Rod Ryan, Nolan Stevenson, Ruth Leazer, Jeremy Roland, Niki Mathis, Ralph Paulding, Ray Woody’s niece (Clair), June Workman, Jan Baird, Ted Munson, Marvin Roemen, Mary Godwin, Brody Phillips, Jim Campbell

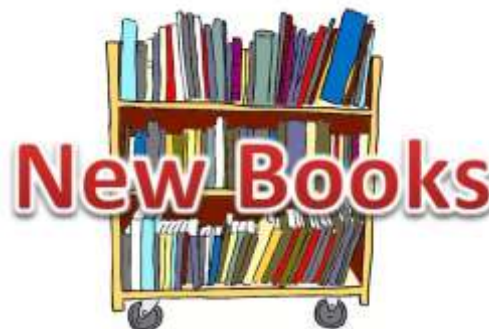


WORSHIP IN THE PARK SEPTEMBER 10 @ 10:35

Several Fairfield Churches will be joining us for worship together at the outdoor service in Central Park on September 10th! Beginning time will be **10:35**! This will be led by the pastors of our Fairfield Area Ministerial Association, and promises to be a fun and meaningful expression of the Body of Christ in Fairfield! As always, bring your lawn chairs and your expectation to connect with God!

CHECK OUT OUR CHURCH LIBRARY!!!

There are some new books added to our church library!



well, mostly nonfiction. Come check out our library!

Chuck and Pat Comfort are relocating to be closer to family, and they have donated several of Chuck’s treasure trove of books from his years of ministry. The books are all on a shelf together. There are also other new books added as



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Fred Hickenbottom	9 Margaret Stephens	17 Adler Voreis
3 Wyatt Jenkins	12 EmmaGrace Crandall	19 Jacob Wallace
4 Claire Epperson	15 Margaret Wilson	20 Harold Munson
7 Christopher Kyle	16 Diane McHone	21 Lalita Reed-Foster



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1 Fred & Dixie Hickenbottom	22 John & Diane Van Winkle
4 Bob & Mary Keller	28 Mike & Sarah Stiemsma
17 Lee & Deb Muntz	30 Lundy & Sheila Anderson
19 John & Deanna Wilson	

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

HEAD USHERS

Sept. 3	Scott Worley
10	Dave Bisgard
17	Dick Workman
24	Randy Baird

COMMUNION SERVERS September 3rd: Darrel Bisgard, Lisa Greenig, Greg Hanshaw, Jason Crandall, Ray Woody
 CHILDREN'S SERMON September 17th: Lisa Greenig

MAXINE BATES CIRCLE

Maxine Bates Circle will kick off their fall meeting on Tuesday, September 19 at 1:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall. Julie Hanshaw will host the meeting. Women will be bagging BINGO prizes at this meeting. All women are invited to attend.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, September 2nd at 8:00 A.M. at Joe & Melody Hird's, 505 Fairfield Road, Libertyville. All Men welcome!

SALT GROUP

The next "SALT" potluck luncheon will be Thursday, September 21st 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.



Beginning September 20th
 on Wednesday nights!!!

Volunteer training meeting...Sept. 17th

The volunteer training meeting & potluck meal will follow the worship service on the 17th. Please bring a dish to share and table service.

We're excited about using the new Dig In Curriculum that we have chosen to use this year. Many volunteers have stepped forward to help on Wednesday nights, but we still more volunteers to complete our wonderful team. Call Lorri Deeke (920-219-0074) if you are interested in being part of this special team to spread God's Word.

“NEW EVIDENCES FOR OUR FAITH”
WEDNESDAY NIGHT DISCUSSION GROUP:



Scientific discoveries, recently, have provided fresh support for belief in God and our faith in Christ! Knowing this evidence can help to strengthen our faith. Come and check it out!

Eight weeks, beginning September 27th – Nov. 15th. You're invited to come for Wednesday Night Supper at 5:30 if you can. The Study will go from 6:00 – 7:00.

MEN'S WORK MISSION TO GREEN LAKE

Several of our men will be leaving Sunday, September 10th, after our Worship in the Park and returning on Thursday, September 14th. They will be repairing the wooden stairs and the porch leading into one of the rustic cabins on the grounds of the Green Lake Conference Center in Green Lake, WI. If you could only come for part of that time you're still welcome to come late or leave early.



COME TO SUPPER

Our Mission and Evangelism Board has committed to support the “Come to Supper” project with the Lutheran Church. This is a free meal distributed on Tuesdays at their church. All we have to do is provide



10 casseroles on September 12 and November 28.

The casseroles are your choice and should be baked in 9X13 disposable pans. If you would like to help bake a casserole for the September date, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

The casseroles are to be dropped off at the Lutheran Church by 3:00 P.M. Our board will help with pans, baking, pick up, and delivery. Any questions, contact Lisa Greenig at 641-919-4343 or greeniglisag@gmail.com.

Mark your calendar for September 16th.....



Kiwanis Kid's Day Parade @ 10:00 A.M.
(watch for details in the bulletin)

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

It's time to start thinking about our Ladies Bible study for this fall.

We will be studying:

Ruth

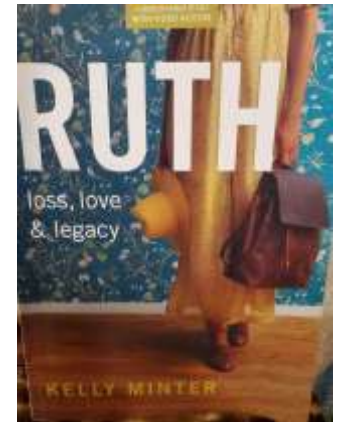
Loss, Love & Legacy

By: Kelly Minter

To order your study book use:

ISBN # 9781087749488 at

Lifeway.com/ruth or any website of your choice, or contact Lisa Greenig and she can place an order for the group.



Please contact Lisa, email: greeniglisag@gmail.com or text 641-919-4343, if you have any questions or would like to join a group.

First Baptist Church Council Meeting

August 15, 2023

6:30 P.M.

Members present: Pastor John Kermott, Dick Hunt, Virgil Symmonds, Greg Hanshaw, John Rathbun, Jason Crandall, Joyce Roemen, Margaret Stephens.



Devotions by Greg Hanshaw were from Our Daily Bread, titled: "Jesus Our Brother". Jason Crandall opened in prayer.

Motion by John Rathbun to approve last council meeting minutes. Joyce Roemen seconded. Passed.

It was announced that C.E. Board hired Lorri Deeke to be KidZone Coordinator.

Under calendar items: All-church picnic will be August 20th at Jefferson County Park (shelter #1). Please bring table service.

Deacons had a robust meeting concerning Christmas activities. It will be held the first Friday in December. John Rathbun said we will have an opportunity to pray for 200 people that night. It was said there's a possibility of giving each child a Christmas book. It was mentioned it might help to have more activities inside. More discussion to come. A committee will be selected just for the purpose of planning this Christmas event. John Rathbun made a motion to get a committee together and Virgil seconded. Motion passed.

New Business: Two additional members need to be appointed to the Nominating Committee. Jason will be calling those suggested. The Slate of Officers needs to be finalized by September 24th.

Pastor John mentioned he will be starting a small group in the fall, "Supporting Our Faith." It will be held on Wednesday nights.

Meeting closed with prayer by Dick Hunt.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Stephens

YOU'RE INVITED

*Please join us in honoring
Mya & Mitchell's Wedding*

Open House!

September 23, 2023

1 – 3 P.M.

Revive Entertainment Complex

111 South 17th Street



Mya & Mitchell look forward to celebrating with family and friends at this open house event.

Your presence is most requested, but if you'd like to shower the couple with a gift, their registry can be found at www.theknot.com/myaandmitchell

Light refreshments provided.

We hope you can make it!

(Mya is Paul & Lisa Greenig's granddaughter.)



THANK YOU NOTE

Hello Church Family,

I wanted to take a minute to express our gratitude for your thoughts, prayers, gift cards, and support of the t-shirt fundraiser. You are all a bright spot in our lives. ❤️

Our praise is that Rod is all healed from his surgery in June and is finished with chemo! Hallelujah!

With love,

The Ryan family



A LETTER FROM LESLIE GREEN, HOPE MINISTRIES

I'd like to personally invite your church family to join us Saturday, September 16 – here at Hope Ministries for our annual **Meet the Mission, Meat the Need** event.

This is a fun and family-friendly event that includes activities, tours, and a free lunch! It's also an opportunity for people in your church, including kids, to learn more about homelessness in our community. They'll see firsthand how Hope Ministries is digging deep with the hurting people we serve, walking alongside them on a path of healing and wholeness.

So, mark your calendars for Saturday, September 16, 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. (You're welcome to come whenever you want during this time frame and stay as long as you like!) Bethel Mission (1310 6th Avenue in Des Moines)

In recent months we have seen an 18% increase in the number of meals we serve to people who are hungry and hurting! It takes a lot of food to provide 450+ meals every day – and currently, one of our greatest needs is meat. So we're inviting people who attend this event to also bring a donation of meat to help us meet this need.

What You Can Expect

- *Bring a donation of ground beef or pork loin
- *Assemble a hygiene kit with a note of encouragement
- *Take a tour of Bethel Mission
- *Enjoy a free lunch at our Hope Café from 11 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Please feel free to invite your entire church, staff, volunteers, small groups and youth groups. It's a great way to teach kids about homelessness in a fun, safe, and constructive environment.

People in our communities need help and they need hope. We're so grateful for churches like yours who help us meet the needs of so many in Central Iowa.

And by the way, if I haven't already, I'd love to meet you in person that day!

Leslie Green
Community Involvement Manager

p.s. **Meet the Mission, Meat the Need** attendees are eligible to turn in volunteer hours from this event and students are eligible to submit volunteer hours to their school.



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
Margaret Wilson 472-5594
Jan Baird 472-5293
Lee Muntz 919-3337

Darrel Bisgard 472-6201
Sharie Leazer 472-3892
Harold Munson 472-8895
Lisa Greenig 919-4343

