



# Baptist Tidings



Fairfield First Baptist Church  
 "A Faith Building Community"

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## March Calendar

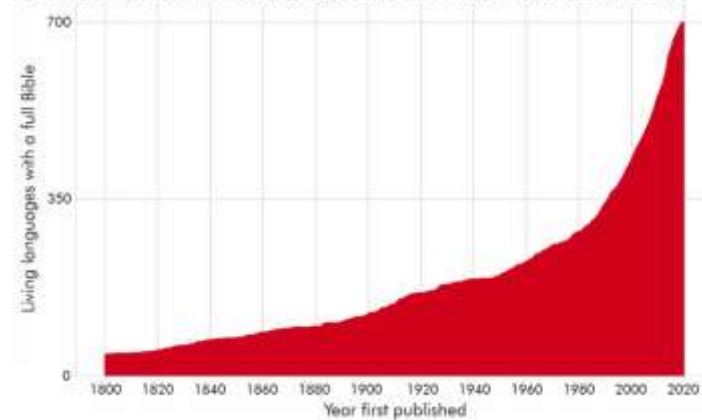
Sundays @ 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School class  
 Youth Bible Study  
 @ 10:15 AM Worship Service  
 Wednesdays @ 5:30 PM Family Supper  
 @ 6:00 PM KidZone/YouthZone

**\*\*NO KIDZONE MARCH 13, SPRING BREAK\*\***

Saturday, Mar. 2 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast, at Church  
 Monday, Mar. 4 5:30 PM Deacon & Worship Board meetings  
 Tuesday, Mar. 5 5:30 PM Trustee Board meeting  
 6:30 PM CE Board meeting  
 Tuesday, Mar. 12 6:30 PM Council meeting  
 Tuesday, March 19 1:00 PM Maxine Bates Circle meeting  
 Thursday, March 21 Noon "SALT" soup luncheon  
 6:30 PM Sac and Fox Lapidary Club  
 Monday, March 25 Noon Holy Week Service at Friends Church  
 Tuesday, March 26 Noon Holy Week Service at FFFBC  
 Wednesday, March 27 Noon Holy Week Service at St. Mary's  
 Thursday, March 28 Noon Holy Week Service at First Methodist  
 Friday, March 29 Noon Holy Week at Word of Life Lutheran

<span style="font-size: 2em;">\$</span> January Finances <span style="font-size: 2em;">\$</span>	
Giving:	\$13,279.84
Expenses:	\$16,093.17

Growth in the number of languages the Bible has been translated into



***"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away." – Jesus (Matthew 24:35)***

Could you imagine what it would be like if we didn't have a Bible in English? Wycliffe Bible Translators have a goal to translate the Bible for the people of every spoken language on earth.

"In 1917, a missionary named William Cameron Townsend went to Guatemala to sell Spanish Bibles. He was shocked when many people couldn't understand the books, but soon realized they spoke Cakchiquel, a language without a Bible. With the goal that everyone should be able to read the Bible in their own language and understanding, Townsend started a school to train people to do Bible translation. In 1942, Townsend and Rev. L.L. Legters founded Wycliffe Bible Translators. In the year 2000, Wycliffe would celebrate having translated the Bible into 500 languages. Their work continues. Wycliffe has set its sights on

beginning a translation project in every language in the world – that’s more than 2000 languages – by the year 2025.” (Source: [www.museumofthebible.org](http://www.museumofthebible.org))

One of the difficulties Bible translators ran into was coming across many languages that had never had a written form. Wycliffe linguists would then talk with the leaders of that people group, study the spoken language, and devise an alphabet and grammar system for that language. These people groups have benefited from Wycliffe staff in that they’ve become literate, and now have the joy of being able to read God’s word for themselves! These are the kinds of blessings that God is providing to the world through those who love him.



Amy and I have known **Tom and Sharon Jacob** for many years. Tom is a Translation Consultant, working with translators across Africa, to bring God’s word to unreached people groups.

Sharon is an Exegetical Advisor, meaning that she helps the native speakers to understand the culture of the Bible times so they can match up the Biblical concepts to their present language. The Jacobs’ are in the front-line trenches, getting the written word of God out to the world. I can’t imagine a more rewarding work than theirs!

Would you take a minute, right now, to pray for the Bible translators around the world, like Tom and Sharon? Ask the Father to give them perseverance to complete the work, and then ask him to open the eyes of those who read so they can know him, and Jesus Christ, whom He has sent!

With you, in God’s Word,  
- Pastor John

## PRAYER LIST

Rod Ryan, Nolan Stevenson, Ruth Leazer, Ralph Paulding, Jan Hunerdosse, Dave Dutcher, Terry Letts, Crystal Smith, Sandy Lathrop, Ray Woody, Dick and June Workman



## **“SALT” POTLUCK**

The March Gathering of “SALT” will be Thursday, March 21st @ Noon in the Fellowship Hall. This will be another soup luncheon. Soup is provided. Please bring a dish to pass. All senior adults age 55+ are invited.

**“Come to Supper”, Tuesday, March 12.** The Mission and Evangelism board has an ongoing service opportunity for our church family. We will be helping the Lutheran Church with their free meal program. Our church is signed up to provide 12 casseroles. Casseroles can be any kind, baked in a 9 x 13 disposable pan. If you are willing to prepare a casserole, or two, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex before **March 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Casseroles are to be baked and **delivered to the Lutheran Church** by 3 pm on **March 12th**. If you need any help with pans, baking, or delivery please contact Erica Vories 814-386-9025 or the church office.



**America for Christ Offering.** American Baptist Home Mission Society is seeking to raise \$1,500,000 to support AB ministries across the US and Puerto Rico. These funds provide scholarships, grants to churches, regional offices, AMC seminaries and colleges, and more. Envelopes will be in the pew racks throughout the month of March.

**ABW Ministries Iowa East Annual Event** will be April 13<sup>th</sup> 9:30-3:00. Our Church is hosting. We will be collecting items for Forest Lake Camp. More details to come.



**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

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|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| 2 Cricket Reed-Foster | 12 Karen Hoyle       | 24 Jensen Worley |
| 4 Amy Van Winkle      | 13 McKenzie Crandall | 26 Emma Hazel    |
| 4 Scott Worley        | 14 Trisha Copeland   | 26 Eli Hawkins   |
| 7 Darrel Bisgard      | 14 Seanix Worley     | 30 Madden        |
| 8 Dick Hunt           | 24 Jan Baird         | Copeland         |
| 12 Aubrey Ryan        | 24 Turner Worley     |                  |



**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

- 22 Paul & Lisa Greenig
- 26 Jim and Betsie Wotherspoon

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

**HEAD USHERS KIDZONE**

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|------------------|---------------------------------|
| 3 Scott Worley   | 3 Tom and Jill Baerg            |
| 10 Dick Workman  | 10 Lilah and Tammy Hawkins      |
| 17 Dick Hunt     | 17 Betsie Wotherspoon/Jan Baird |
| 24 Dave Goehring | 24 Sarah Stiemsma/Julie Hanshaw |
| 31 Sonny Harris  | 31 EASTER SUNDAY, No KidZone    |

COMMUNION SERVERS MARCH 3: Lee Muntz, Jan Baird, JoDee Kyle, Dick Hunt, Darrel Bisgard

CHILDREN’S SERMON March 17, Ashley Worley

**Holy Week Services.** FAMA has once again organized services for the noon hour Monday through Friday of Holy Week. Services begin at 12:05 and go until 12:30, followed by a meal provided by the hosting church. Our church is hosting on Tuesday. A sign-up sheet will be posted for those who’d like to contribute to the meal. The complete schedule of services/locations is listed on the calendar page. This is always a special time to come together as the Church in Fairfield and prepare our hearts for Resurrection Sunday.



**First Baptist Church Council Meeting – February 13**

Members Present: Pastor John, Bob Keller, Jason Crandall, Jan Baird, Dick Hunt, JoDee Kyle, and Margaret Stephens. Devotion by Jason Crandall from “Hundred Days of Hope”. Opening prayer by Jason. Jason was called out so meeting was conducted by Pastor John. Motion to approve minutes from last meeting was made by Bob Keller and seconded by Dick Hunt. Motion passed. Bob Keller made motion that minutes from council meeting be emailed to council members after meeting and seconded by JoDee Kyle. Motion passed. Bob Keller said it was discussed at Trustee Meeting the type of flooring to be put in restrooms. It was decided sheet vinyl is preferred. He will plug in ceiling fans in restrooms. Annual Church Retreat will be April 14 after church services and will be a potluck meal. Bob Keller said January was \$3000 short of expenditures. Discussion was held on the price for using Fellowship Hall and Kitchen. JoDee Kyle made motion it should be \$150 for Fellowship Hall and \$50 for the custodian to clean up after event. Members rent for free with maybe a \$50 clean up charge. JoDee Kyle made motion and Jan Baird seconded. Motion passed. Talk more next month. Dick Hunt gave closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Margaret Stephens.

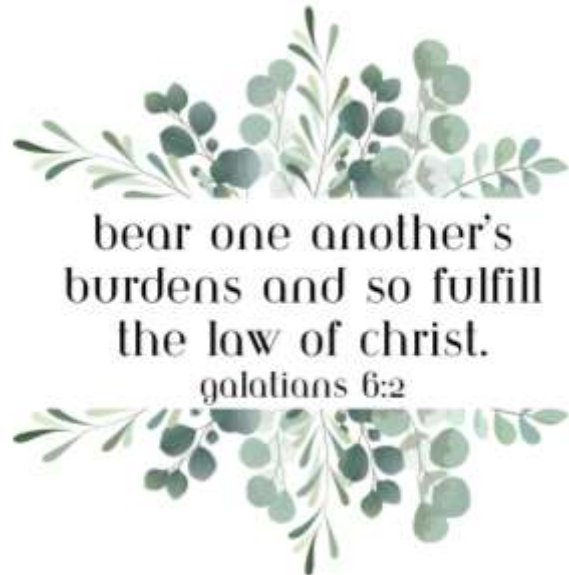


### **HELPING HANDS MINISTRY**

Need help shoveling snow this winter? Can't get out to purchase your groceries or medication? Need your garbage carried to the curb? Well, our Helping Hands Program, through the Deacon Board Ministry, is available to help you with many small jobs that you are unable to tackle by yourself. Sometimes even the smallest task is too big to do on a given week. 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	919-5828	Darrel Bisgard	819-2401
Margaret Wilson	472-5594	Jan Baird	472-5293
Harold Munson	472-8895	Lee Muntz	919-3337
Lisa Greenig	919-4343	Sharie Leazer	919-8471



## **Exciting News! Save the Date Thursday, June 6**

**Michael Cochren of Cochren & Co.  
Is coming to Fairfield First Baptist Church  
This summer!**

**Michael writes songs that point to Jesus and encourage His church, and we can't wait to offer his concert as a gift to the Fairfield Community!!**

**More information to come, but for now,**

**Keep June 6<sup>th</sup> open on your calendar!!**