



Church Life

Fairfield First Baptist Church
"A Faith Building Community"

Vol. XLIX No. 8

August 30, 2024

September Calendar

Sundays	9:00 AM	Adult Class
	10:15 AM	Worship Service
Wednesdays (starting 9:11)	5:30 PM	Family Meal
	6-7:00 PM	KidZone/YouthZone
Tuesday, Sept. 3	6:30 PM	M & E Board
Wednesday, Sept. 4	6:30 PM	KidZone helper meeting
Sunday, Sept. 8	**10:30AM	Worship in the Park
Monday, Sept. 9	5:30 PM	Deacon & Worship
Tuesday, Sept. 10	5:30 PM	Trustees
Sunday, Sept. 15	After worship	Jason Crandall reception
Tuesday, Sept. 17	1:00 PM	Maxine Bates Circle
	6:30 PM	Council Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 19	NOON	SALT luncheon
	6-7:30 PM	Float prep at Stiemsmas
	6:30 PM	Sac & Fox Lapidary Club
Saturday, Sept. 21	10:00 AM	Kid's Day Parade
Sunday, Sept. 22	After worship	Harold Munson Bday Party

July Finances	
Giving:	\$17,108.60
Expenses:	\$18,124.95



Introducing our New KidZone Coordinator – Jill Baerg!

The '24-'25 school year has begun and our Wednesday Night Ministries are gearing up to hit the ground running! Proverbs 1:8 says, "Listen, my son, to your father's instruction

and do not forsake your mother's teaching." The verse just before this tells what our sons and daughters need to learn first: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge..." (Prov. 1:7)

This is a spiritual principle, as Jesus said, "Seek first the kingdom of God and all these things will be added..." In other words. If you set up a good foundation then the rest of the building will follow. This applies to the growth of our children as well. The goal of our KidZone Ministries, on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings, is to help parents provide that solid Biblical and spiritual foundation for their children.

Our new Coordinator for these ministries is Jill Baerg! Jill is married to Tom and they have 8 children (and one on the way!) So, they have a KidZone 24/7! Their children's names are, Jason, Nigel, Halibel, Aizen, Clarence, Milton, Marco and Ivan. One of the first things that I found while helping with

our YouthZone ministry, (Thanks, Lisa, Ted, Jan and JoDee for leading our Youth,) is that the Baerg children know their Bible and are beyond their years in their understanding.

When asked to share some about herself Jill said, "I have a huge interest in reading and studying Bible, Theology and economics, having great talks and debates with Tom about what we have learned in our studies. To keep our house running smoothly, I have a binder with all the chores that the kids and I need to get done in a day. 😊 I enjoy baking and crochet." I can personally attest to her baking skills!

Tom works as an Inventory Analyst for Kinze Manufacturing in Williamsburg. He graduated from the University of Iowa, where he studied computer science and software engineering while working part time with the U of I Football TV production team. The Baergs have a home near Ollie, where they tend goats and chickens and other profitable farm animals. (They'll sell you a dozen eggs for \$2!)

This Wednesday you're invited to our **Volunteer Info Night**, (Sept. 4th, @ 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall) where you can find out when, where and how you can plug-in to be a part of these great ministries for our kids. Wednesday Night Ministries will then Kick-off on September 11th with our awesome family meal at 5:30, and lesson/activities from 6 - 7. Encourage all your family and friends to bring their kids this year and be a part of something fun, meaningful and special!

Jill has some great plans for KidZone this season. She looks to engage the children in Service projects in and for our church family, but also for the Fairfield Community. But first and foremost, to help our kids to learn that a joyful and humble reverence for the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.

Getting to Know Jesus Better, Together,

- John

PRAYER LIST

The family of Dan Symmonds, Cameron Symmonds, Harold Munson, Rod Ryan, David Wilson, Nolan Stevenson, Ruth Leazer, Ralph Paulding, Ray Woody, Dick and June Workman, Lisa Greenig's niece, Alyssa. Lorri Deeke



SALT Group (Senior Adults Living Triumphantly) will meet September 19th. Everyone 55 and over is welcome! Please bring a dish to pass. Thank you to Margaret Stephens for taking over as coordinator.



I am overwhelmed with gratitude. I have so many people to thank for looking out for me during and after my accident and move. Lisa and Paul for getting my car from the parking lot in Ottumwa, Lisa staying with me while Ottumwa Regional decided what to do. Darrel and Brenda visiting and bringing stuff I needed from home. Margaret S. and her sister, Pat for visiting me while I was in rehab. When I got home, JoDee, Julie, Mary, Margaret W, Betsie, and Portia brought meals each day (they were all yummy). Darrel and Brenda taking me to UI to get my cast removed and on the following Tuesday taking me to wait for new bed delivery at the apartment. Also Darrel and Brenda helping me finish packing for the move (they did most of it). Sunday after church I was honored to be a guest at a going away party. The gifts, cards and greetings, I will always cherish. On moving day when my brother-in-law arrived with the truck there were 8 people waiting to load the truck: Margaret S, Joyce and Marvin, Ray Woody, Virgil, Pastor John, Darrel and Brenda, all in a 102 degree heat index. Darrel, Brenda, Pastor John and Amy followed the truck to Tiffin and unloaded. Last but not least, thank you for your prayers during my accident and healing, move and goodbye. God bless you all. Lorri



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



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| 1. Fred and Dixie Hickenbottom | 22. John and Diane VanWinkle |
| 4. Bob and Mary Keller | 28. Mike and Sarah Stiemsma |
| 17. Lee and Deb Muntz | 30. Lundy and Sheila Anderson |
| 19. John and 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		KIDZONE LEADERS	
1	Sonny Harris	1	Jill & Aizen Baerg
8	<i>Worship in the</i>	8	<i>Park</i>
15	Paul Greenig	15	Erica Voreis & Sarah Stiemsma
22	Dave Goehring	22	Ashley & Cameron Worley
29	Virgil Symmonds	29	Betsie Wotherspoon & Janelle Epperson

COMMUNION SERVERS September 1: Lee Muntz, Jan Baird, JoDee Kyle, Dick Hunt, Ted Munson

First Baptist Church Council Meeting, August 13th

Present: Pastor John, John Rathbun, Dick Hunt, Ted Munson, Jason Crandall, JoDee Kyle, Bob Keller and Margaret Stephens.

Devotion by Jason Crandall: Proverbs of Wisdom.

Opening prayer by Pastor John.

Motion to approve last month's council minutes by Bob Keller and seconded by Dick Hunt. So passed.

Bob Keller announced that Chance Crandall resigned from custodian position and Brad Boatman was hired and is to start tomorrow.

Lorri Deeke going away party will be after church August 25.

Worship in the Park is September 8.

A reception for Jason Crandall is September 15.

Regional Biennial meeting in Dubuque is Oct. 4-5.

Bob Keller's financial report is that giving was down a bit but still in the black so good. He mentioned we still need to put a hot water heater in bathroom.

Corey and Kaethe Gallagher are raising mission support. We will give \$200.00 a month to them.

Dick Hunt of Worship Board talked on reassignment of positions. Will discuss next month.

Discussed finding a leader for Maxine Bates Circle.

KidZone position will be handled by Jill Baerg.

There will be an all church fall book study on "Sentness".

Meeting adjourned with prayer by Ted Munson.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Stephens



Worship in the Park

September 8th Unity Service
with other Fairfield Churches

Note time change. Service begins at 10:30