



# Church Life

Fairfield First Baptist Church  
 "A Faith Building Community"

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## April Calendar

Sundays	9:00 AM	Adult Class
	10:15 AM	Worship Service
	11:30 AM	Youth Bible Study
Wednesdays	5:30 PM	Family Meal
	6-7:00 PM	KidZone/YouthZone
Sunday, April 6	5-8 PM	Youth Dinner and Movie
Monday, April 7	5:30 PM	Deacons
Tuesday, April 8	5:30 PM	Trustees
	6:30 PM	M & E Board/CE Board
Monday, April 14	NOON	Holy Week Svc, the Well
	4:30 PM	Carry On Bags
Tuesday, April 15	NOON	Holy Week, Methodist
	6:30 PM	Council
Wed, April 16	NOON	Holy Week, FBC
Thursday, April 17	NOON	Holy Week, Word of Life
	6:30 PM	Sac & Fox
Friday, April 18	NOON	Holy Week, Friends
Sunday, April 20	7AM	Sunrise, Chautauqua
	10:15	Resurrection Celebration
Sunday, April 27	NOON	Potluck, Quarterly Mtg
		All-Church Retreat



## God Invites our Questions

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." – *Jesus* (Matt. 7:7-8)

We're often encouraged not to question God's ways, and for good reason. God has our best interest at heart. His ways are higher than our ways. James tells us not to doubt, "because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind." (James 1:6) That person is double-minded and unstable, he says.

This comes just after verse 5, though, where he says, "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." But, he says, "when you ask you must believe and not doubt."

\$	<b>February Finances</b>	\$
	Giving: 14,701.00	
	Expenses: 15,608.84	
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James is addressing the difference between asking God questions in order to put up barriers and argue with Him and asking God questions in order to learn and understand Him better.

The times that I've seen the greatest growth in my life have been the result of my seeking answers to tough questions about life, faith, the Bible, who God is, and how I am to follow him. My freshman year in college I found myself asking questions like, "How can I even know that God exists?" God wasn't upset with me for asking that question. What would upset Him is if I went ahead, living my life as though he didn't exist because I never cared enough to find satisfying answers to that question. My faith and trust in Him grew by leaps and bounds because I found solid "proofs" of His existence.

Jesus actually invites us to ask questions. He says that when we ask the answer will be given. When we seek answers we'll find them, and when we knock at God's door He'll open it to us. He knows that we have questioning minds. He designed us this way. He wants us to love him with all of our heart, soul, MIND, and strength. As Josh McDowell has said, "It's hard to love God with all of your heart, soul, and strength if you don't love Him with all your mind."

So I want to encourage you to ask questions. In my messages during the coming weeks I'll be addressing some of the questions you all have. This is part of what it means to be a Pastor; to shepherd people through difficult paths, like sticky questions, that might be a barrier to further growth. Feel free to email questions.

By all means we need to "trust and obey, for there's no other way, to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey." I hold to the encouragement of that hymn whole-heartedly. When we know what God desires of us we need to live by faith and trust him even when we don't know the outcome. I hope I've shown in this article, though, that asking God questions, sincerely, isn't a lack of trust, but is actually a demonstration of trust. It's a trust that He is the One with the answers. Who else are we going to ask?

Seeking Him with you,  
John



**PRAYER LIST:** Deanna and John Wilson, Cameron Symmonds, Sharie Leazer, Rod Ryan, David Wilson, Nolan Stevenson, Betsy Wright, Ruth Leazer, Martha Cathey, Dick and June Workman, Lisa Greenig's niece, Alyssa. Family of Ed Hoyle, family of Verda Baird, family of Harold Munson.

## Youth Zone: Dinner and a Movie Sunday, April 6th 5:00 – 8:00pm

All students, grades 5 – 12, are encouraged to attend.  
Feel free to bring a friend!



Faced with an indifferent youth group, a new youth pastor (Brett Varvel) tries to motivate his students to read God's Word and get serious about their faith.

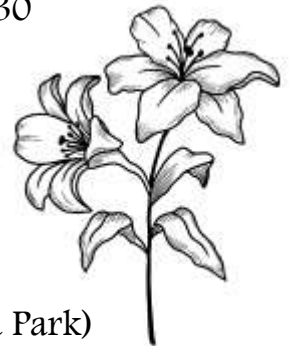
## Holy Week Services:

Community Services are from 12:05-12:30  
with lunch from 12:30-1:00

Monday	The Well
Tuesday	Methodist
Wednesday	First Baptist
Thursday	Word of Life
Friday	Friends

### Sunday Morning

7:00	Sunrise Service (Chautauqua Park)
10:15	Resurrection Celebration





## Birthdays

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| 7. Jan Hunerdosse  | 13. Sarah Stiemsma | 20. Brenda Bisgard    |
| 10. Rylan Anderson | 14. Madi Wallace   | 22. Leona Woodson     |
| 13. JoDee Kyle     | 15. Ted Munson     | 25. Genevieve Rathbun |
| 13. Taryn Ryan     | 16. Dave Bisgard   | 28. Sage Crandall     |

## Anniversaries

16. Jan and Randy Baird

*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	
6	Scott Worley	6	Amy & Manon Kermott
13	Virgil Symmonds	13	Erica Voreis & Janelle Epperson
20	Darrel Bisgard	20	Easter Sunday No KidZone
27	Randy Baird	27	Tom & Jill Baerg

COMMUNION SERVERS April 6: Lisa Greenig & Margaret Wilson  
 CHILDREN'S MESSAGE April 20: Pastor John

## First Baptist Church Council Meeting March 11, 2025

Present: Pastor John, John Yule, JoDee Kyle, Virgil Symmonds, Randy Baird and Margaret Stephens

Devotion by Pastor John titled "Obedience to Heavenly Vision."  
 Motion to approve last month's minutes by Randy Baird and seconded by John Yule. So passed.

Under Calendar items:

Alpha Training is in Des Moines March 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30 AM.  
 Fifth Sunday Sing-a-long will be a meal/potluck. JoDee will do the main dish. Please bring salad, dessert or snacking food. Singing to follow at 6:30 PM.

Financial Report – Randy Baird said utility bill was very high and general fund was down. Bid for carper was \$14,000. Talked about having a fund-raiser.

Pastor John was offered a scholarship to go on a retreat to Tuckaleechee in Tennessee the first three weeks in September. Virgil Symmonds made a motion to use some money out of line item 708 for the retreat. JoDee Kyle seconded. So passed.

Worship in the Park will be May 18, June 15, July 20 and August 17.  
 September Community Worship to be decided later.

The Our Daily Bread and SS Books were discussed. It was decided to take Our Daily Bread to Nursing Homes, and maybe take SS Books to The Well.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by John Yule and seconded by Randy Baird. So passed. John Yule closed in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Margaret Stephens