



March 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
Monday, March 3	5:30 PM	Deacons
Tuesday, March 4	5:30 PM	Trustees
	6:30 PM	M & E Board/CE Board
Sunday, March 9	2:00 AM	SPRING FORWARD
Tuesday, March 11	3:00 PM	Come to Supper dropoff
	6:30 PM	Council
Sunday, March 16	5:00 PM	Youth Dinner and Movie
Tuesday, March 18	6:30 PM	ABWomen
Wed, March 19	NOON	SALT
Thursday, March 20	6:30 PM	Sac & Fox
Friday, March 21		Winter Jam, Des Moines
Sunday, March 30		5 th Sunday Sing

\$ January Finances \$	
Giving:	15,094.29
Expenses:	18,840.85



Church Life

Fairfield First Baptist Church
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The Wheat and the Weeds



Everybody's Sowin' Somethin'

"A man reaps what he sows. ⁸ Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. ⁹ Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

(Galatians 6:7-10)

As you know, we have a focus, this year, on "Sowing Seed". We've been studying the Parable of the Sower and we're trying to see everything that Jesus means for us to see in that simple but multi-layered story. The ultimate application I hope we'll take from it is that God wants to multiply the seed He's sown in our hearts so that He can sow more seed through us in an abundant, joyful and fun way.

But as God tells us, in his Word, a person reaps what they sow. There's no way around it. It's not like we can decide whether we're going to sow seeds or not. We're always sowing seeds. The question is, "What kind of seeds are we sowing with our lives?"

As Paul says, here, in Galatians, if we're throwing seeds of selfishness out around us, we're going to reap "destruction." In today's terms we might say, "dysfunction." That's not good. Not good at all.

But if we sow seeds that are unselfish and focused on what God's Spirit is leading us to do then we're going to reap a harvest of LIFE! So, he says, wherever you've got an opportunity you might as well sow goodness around yourself..."especially to those who belong to the household of faith." (Especially those in our own church family.)

Take a minute as you're reading this to consider what you're sowing, today. Jesus said in the Parable of the Weeds that the Enemy comes along and throws seeds of weeds in among the good productive seeds that God's trying to sow. Weeds might not be bad by themselves, but they just don't produce anything of value, and worse, they crowd out and choke off the good, meaningful, productive stuff in life.

As long as we're sowing seeds, let's go ahead and sow some good stuff out around us. That's what we want to emphasize in our church family for 2025.

There are an infinite number of ways to sow good seed around us, and all good seed will reap more goodness. Still, the best seed we can sow is a seed that promotes the message of Jesus Christ; God, Himself, who has come to earth to bring life and abundance to everyone who will let Him!

Sowing alongside you all,
- John



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

SALT Group (Senior Adults Living Triumphantly) is now meeting on the third WEDNESDAY of each month. Everyone 55 and over is welcome! This month we are having a potluck and fellowship time.



The America for Christ Offering will be taken throughout the month of March. Envelopes are provided in the pews and in the bulletins.



Sunday Evening, March 30
Will be our first "5th Sunday Sing" for 2025. Stay tuned for more information!

ABW NEWS: ABW will have a meeting on Tuesday, March 18th at 6:30 pm. All women, young girls and older, are encouraged to attend. We will be brainstorming on service projects we can do. Bring your ideas to share with the group. There will be a quilt to tie and another project to do. We will not be meeting monthly as of now. I encourage all young girls and women to come and help grow our group as we strive to be servants helping those in need in our own community and beyond. Jan Baird, 641-451-0105





BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

- 22. Paul & Lisa Greenig
- 23. Fabian & Jennifer Bermeo
- 26. Jim & 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 LEADERS	
2	Tom Baerg	2	Erica Vories & Aizen Baerg
9	Dick Hunt	9	Sarah Stiemsma & Jan Baird
16	Greg Hanshaw	16	
23	Paul Greenig	23	
30	Greg Fritz	30	

COMMUNION SERVERS March 2: Darrel Bisgard & Diane VanWinkle
 CHILDREN'S MESSAGE March 16: Jan Baird

First Baptist Church Council Meeting February 11, 2025

Present were Jan and Randy Baird, Greg Hanshaw, Margaret Stephens and John Kermott. Devotion was by Greg Hanshaw and titled, "Fishing for Friends", from Our Daily Bread. Prayer by Pastor John Kermott. Jan Baird made motion to approve last month's minutes. Seconded by Margaret Stephens. So passed. Pastor John discussed Sabbaticals for Pastors, professors etc, to do research. He also discussed this with Pastoral Relations Committee. February 19 is the start of the Sowing Seed Bible Study. It will be for 5 weeks. Randy Baird discussed carpet and getting estimate. There is a possibility of having a fund drive. Discussion held on the screens. One is a little dull. They would cost \$1000 to \$1500 to replace and the computer would need replacing too. The All-Church Retreat was tentatively set for either April 6 or 13. Randy Baird closed the meeting in Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Margaret Stephens

Winter Jam, March 21, Des Moines \$15 at the door. All Youth are Invited!

