

OCTOBER

Sundays	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School
	10:15 AM	Worship Service
Wednesdays	5:30 PM	Family Meal
	6-7:00	Youth/KidZone
Thursdays	6:00 PM	A-Z College Age Study
Tuesday, October 6	5:00 PM	Deacons
	5:30 PM	Trustees
	6:30 PM	CE & M&E
Saturday, October 10	5:30 PM	Symmonds Staycation
Tuesday, October 13	3:00 PM	Come to Supper
	6:30 PM	Council
Thursday, October 15	6:30 PM	Sac & Fox
Sunday, October 18	11:30 AM	Quarterly Meeting
Wed, October 21	NOON	SALT

August Finances:
Giving: 20,400.65
Expenses: 28,434.24

Church Life

Fairfield First Baptist Church
"A Faith Building Community"

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Producing Produce

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control…"
(Galatians 5:22-23)

God promises us a harvest of beautiful life-characteristics if we are walking in His Spirit, (see above.)
So why do we feel like we are lacking in the fruit of the Spirit more often than we are experiencing it? And how can we "produce the Spirit's Produce" more effectively?

The picture, (above,) is of the produce stand on the front lawn of my Mom's house on Hwy. 22, in Wyocena, WI. My grandparents (whose last name was Pease,) bought a 40 acre farm and started selling produce off a picnic table, here, around 1965. My Uncle Allen has continued it to this day.

Our family vacations while I was growing up were spent picking strawberries or corn or selling the produce at the stand and at camp-grounds. During those years I learned a lot about the value of hard work and the amazing process God has designed to produce our food.

I learned that my grandparents didn't create a strawberry or an ear of corn. They planted seeds and God produced the growth. Their faith in God's process was a necessary condition to produce produce.

The same is true of our spiritual lives and the fruit God promises can be produced in us. The fruit his Spirit promises to supernaturally produce in us is Love, and Joy, and Peace, and Patience, and Kindness, and Goodness and Faithfulness, and Gentleness and Self-control. He doesn't say, "Now that you're a Christian be loving," any more than he says, "Now that you're a farmer, make an ear of corn." We, in our human strength can't produce the Spirit's patience or kindness. But if we exhibit faith, as a farmer does, we can set up the environment so that God's natural, supernatural ways produce the spiritual crops known as the fruit of the Spirit. It's so easy to get ahead of his process and try to love out of our own human ability, but this way will always lead to failure and dysfunction.

How then, can we experience the life-giving produce of the Spirit? It all rests in the faith/trust/confidence we place in Him. The farmer trusts that if he tills the soil, plants seed and removes the weeds that might choke the plants, God will naturally bear fruit. We, then, must demonstrate our trust in God by not rushing ahead of him, but faithfully tilling the soil he puts in front of us today. Then contentedly waiting for His Spirit to express His character.

So till your soil, plant your seeds, pull your weeds. Tend the field God has given you. Take care of your family's needs, go to work and do it for the Lord rather than your boss, get rid of anything that tempts you toward unhealthy, sinful, activity and thought, and trust His Spirit to live his fruit out of you.

Trusting the Spirit,

- John

PRAYER LIST: The family of Rachel Clark, The family of Emily Reneker, the family of Don Rude, the family of Janet Morris, The family of Deanna Wilson, The family of Winnifred Fritz, The Miller Family, David & Margaret Wilson, Sharie Leazer, Rod Ryan, Nolan Stevenson, Betsy Wright, Dick and June Workman, Lisa Greenig's niece, Alyssa and sister, Jenny.



Family Walk: Thursday October 1, 6:00 PM. Meet at Chatauqua Park. Hosted by Prabhu and Jennifer, this event is being put together by the Five Year Planning Committee in response to your requests for more social activities. You asked, we listened! Please join us for a casual evening walk around the loop at Chatauqua.

Announcing our **Fall Group Bible Study** on the **Fruit of the Spirit,** Sunday Nights, (6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.) Beginning September 27th and running through November 22nd. Pick up your study book in the Narthex. **Let's get fruity!**





Saturday, October 10
Bonus Staycation!
Jane & Virgil Symmonds are hosting a wiener roast at their home. 1523 Brookville Road. All are invited! Please bring a lawn chair and a side dish to pass.

Faith A to Z

A six-week series for young adults

Ages 18-23. Beginning Thurs, October 1, 6PM

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A small-group setting to connect and explore what the Bible says about topics like Alcohol, Belonging, Depression, Money and more! Hosted by Ashley Worley & Sarah Stiemsma. Come Connect!



October Birthdays

9. Lisa Crandall
13. Kandi Diers
25. Amy Kermott
30. Addi Greiner

Anniversaries

4. Darrel & Brenda Bisgard

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
4. Bob Keller	4. Amy Kermott & Mary Keller
11. Darrel Bisgard	11. Erica & Adler Voreis
18. Virgil Symmonds	18. Sarah & Naomi Stiemsma
25. John Yule	25. Family Sunday

COMMUNION October 4: Jason Crandall & Lisa Greenig

First Baptist Church Council Meeting September 14, 2026

Members present: Greg Hanshaw, Randy Baird, John Yule, Virgil Symmonds, John Rathbun, Erica Voreis, Pastor John and Margaret Stephens

Prayer by Greg Hanshaw. Devotional by Greg Hanshaw; Persevering into Joy. Motion was made to approve last month's minutes by Virgil Symmonds and seconded by Randy Baird. So passed.

John Rathbun and Erica Voreis gave update on 5 year planning with key issues being coordination, working on the time period of "now", and addressing "next" and "later" as we go. Discussion was held on planning more interacting events, possibly gathering on Sunday. Council liked ideas and more planning coming up.

A short video was watched on Finishing Well Ministry. We would like to build this ministry to support ministry led by those 60 and above.

Pastor John announced a new Bible Study would be held on Sunday nights, 6:00 PM September 27-November 22 called Fruit of the Spirit.

Financial Report by Randy Baird. Randy said General Fund is stronger.

Virgil Symmonds said there will be a get-together at his house on Oct.10 at 5:30 PM.

CE is recommending and Council affirmed recommendation on Children's Ministry. Tammy resigned so Amy Kermott is filling in.

Nominating Committee will be in the works soon.
Randy Baird closed meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Stephens, Asst. to Mary Keller, clerk