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Join us for Easter Events!

We wait in anticipation for EASTER MORNING! We will gather on **Sunday, April 5**, on the grounds of The English Barn (26806 Metcalf Rd, Louisburg, KS) for an outdoor Sunrise Service Celebration, hosted by Louisburg Ministerial Alliance, at 7:00 AM. (Bring your own chair.) He is Risen! He is Risen, indeed!

The Deaconess board will prepare an Easter Breakfast back at FBC (7:45am).

Easter Worship services at 9am & 11am will feature an Easter message. Please be inviting people to our Easter activities this year.

ALL CHURCH

TOWNHALL



**MEETING WITH THE
BUILDING COMMITTEE**

**Follow-up Meeting
Saturday, April 18
10:00 AM**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29</p> <p>5th Sunday offering to benefit Food Pantry</p> <p>Palm Sunday</p> <p>Regular Services - Worship 8:15 am & 11:00 am; Kids' Bible Adventure 9:45; Sunday Bible Classes (adult electives) 9:45; Kid's Connection 11:00 am</p> <p>3:00pm ECA 6th Sunday Gathering - Easter Season Concert at Elm Grove</p>	<p>30</p> <p>1:00pm L.I.F.T. Community Ladies Fellowship - meets at Senior Center</p> <p>3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel</p> <p>6:30pm 6th Monday - American Heritage Girls Tenderhearts at FBC</p> <p>7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>31</p> <p>12:00pm Women's Bookworm Cafe - Youth Room - Havah- Lee</p>	<p>1</p> <p>7:50am -8:15am Pastor Kami at LHS CATS for CHRIST</p> <p>9:00am LMA Pastor's Prayer Walkers - Children's Chapel</p> <p>6:00pm -7:30pm YOUTH GROUP</p> <p>7:00pm 1st service Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Mundy Thursday</p> <p>8:15pm -7:50pm AWANA</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Good Friday</p> <p>9:15am Women's United Intercessory Prayer Group - FBC library</p> <p>3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00am kitchen & FLC - event prep</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Easter Sunday</p> <p>7:00am Community Sunrise Service at The English Barn (26806 Metcalf)</p> <p>7:45am Easter Breakfast</p> <p>9:00am First Service (no Sunday School)</p> <p>11:00am Second Service</p>	<p>6</p> <p>12:00pm -5:00pm Crafter's Corner - FLC</p> <p>1:00pm L.I.F.T. Community Ladies Fellowship - meets at Senior Center</p> <p>3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel</p> <p>5:30pm Women's Night Owl Cafe/ Book Club - Havah - Lee (RSVP to Debbie Apple)</p> <p>6:30pm American Heritage Girls (meets at Faith Chapel)</p> <p>7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>7</p> <p>12:00pm Women's Bookworm Cafe - Youth Room - Havah- Lee</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Quarterly reports due in office</p> <p>7:50am -8:15am Pastor Kami at LHS CATS for CHRIST</p> <p>3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel</p> <p>6:00pm -7:30pm YOUTH GROUP</p> <p>7:00pm 1st service Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:15pm -7:50pm AWANA</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:15am Women's United Intercessory Prayer Group - FBC library</p> <p>3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel</p> <p>5:30pm Bethel Neighborhood Gala - KCKCC</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:00am Men's Breakfast - FLC</p> <p>8:00am Women's Fellowship Breakfast at Miss B's</p>
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<p>19</p> <p>Regular Services - Worship 8:15 am & 11:00 am; Kids' Bible Adventure 9:45; Sunday Bible Classes (adult electives) 9:45; Kid's Connection 11:00 am</p> <p>1:00pm -4:00pm Judy Kelly family - FLC & kitchen</p>	<p>20</p> <p>1:00pm L.I.F.T. Community Ladies Fellowship - meets at Senior Center</p> <p>3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel</p> <p>6:30pm American Heritage Girls (meets at Faith Chapel)</p> <p>7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30am Luther Rice ABW Rally - DeSoto FBC</p> <p>11:30am Koinonia Cluster Pastors' Prayer</p> <p>8:15pm Finance Committees</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:50am -8:15am Pastor Kami at LHS CATS for CHRIST</p> <p>3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel</p> <p>6:00pm -7:30pm YOUTH GROUP</p> <p>7:00pm 1st service Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8:15pm -7:50pm AWANA</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:15am Women's United Intercessory Prayer Group - FBC library</p> <p>3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel</p>	<p>25</p> <p>8:00am Men's Breakfast - FLC</p> <p>8:00am Women's Fellowship Breakfast at Miss B's</p> <p>8:45am LMA Community Work Day</p> <p>9:00am -1:00pm AB GIRLS Retreat - FBC Paola</p> <p>10:00am kitchen & FLC - event prep</p>
<p>26</p> <p>10:00am ONE SERVICE ONLY</p> <p>11:15am all church dinner followed by Quarterly Business Meeting</p> <p>12:45pm Safety & Security Team Meeting</p>	<p>27</p> <p>1:00pm L.I.F.T. Community Ladies Fellowship - meets at Senior Center</p> <p>3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel</p> <p>6:30pm American Heritage Girls (meets at Faith Chapel)</p> <p>7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:50am -8:15am Pastor Kami at LHS CATS for CHRIST</p> <p>3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel</p> <p>6:00pm -7:30pm YOUTH GROUP</p> <p>7:00pm 1st service Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:50am -8:15am Pastor Kami at LHS CATS for CHRIST</p> <p>3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel</p> <p>6:00pm -7:30pm YOUTH GROUP</p> <p>7:00pm 1st service Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:15pm -7:50pm AWANA</p>	<p>1</p> <p>8:15am Women's United Intercessory Prayer Group - FBC library</p> <p>3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel</p>	<p>2</p>

This could be the moment when everything changes.

Easter is a meaningful time when people may be especially open to doing something they would not normally do:

- Come to church
- Come back to church
- Consider faith for the first time

Easter Sunday does not come every week, and it is coming soon.

Let's keep inviting — and re-inviting — people.

Something just might happen. But it certainly won't if we never ask.

Easter Morning Schedule

7:00 AM – Sunrise Service at the English Barn
(Faith Chapel will serve as the rain location.)

7:45 AM – Sunrise breakfast following the service

9:00 AM – First Service
No Sunday School
(breakfast leftovers available prior to second service!)

11:00 AM – Second Service

Second Town Hall Follow-Up Meeting

Everyone is invited to attend the second part of our town hall meeting on the progress of the Building Committee and ways you can help.

On Saturday, April 18 at 10:00 AM, we will ask for your thoughtful input on the three questions we shared at the first meeting.

If you missed the first meeting, you can find the video and resources on the church **website's** Resources page.

A poll will be available for all members and regular, active attenders.

If you are unable to attend, the video, slides, and poll will remain available until May 2.

The Building Committee greatly appreciates your input as we seek wisdom and direction for the next steps.



KAMI'S COMMENTS

Spring has arrived! That means two things: allergy sufferers beware and it's time for Spring cleaning!

What is it about spring that makes us want to clean out garages, organize closets, and empty "junk" drawers (you know the one)?

Maybe it's seeing nature blooming and budding all around us. We, too, are looking for a fresh start.

Jesus is all about fresh starts, too. But not the "scrub the baseboards" or "wash the windows" kind. He specializes in the "heart" kind.

Jesus has a way of gently coming into our messy and cluttered lives and saying, "Hey, that doesn't really belong. Let's get rid of that."

Old grudges - toss 'em!
Guilt that has been piling up for so long - out it goes!
Fear, worry, and anxiety - those too!

Where we see nothing but a mess - He sees potential.
And best of all, He jumps right in there with us!

If we let Him.

Trouble is, He can't restore and heal the places we won't show Him.

So, as you sweep out the garage or finally conquer that mystery drawer, maybe take a moment to ask:

"Jesus... is there anything in my life You want to clean out?"

Fair warning—He's thorough.

But also incredibly kind.

And way better at this than we are.

Happy spring cleaning. 🌿



VBS: Rainforest Falls is coming soon! If you listen closely, you can already hear the sound of the jungle bursting forth with fun! That's not just a drumbeat or a bird call, it's the energy building to welcome all those young explorers who will be joining us for an unforgettable adventure!

Don't miss out on a moment! This is your chance to lead a child to the greatest discovery of all: Jesus! Grab your jungle hat and register TODAY to be a part of the action! We need your help before, during, and after VBS! And don't forget to invite ALL the children in your life, too! This is going to be EPIC!

AWANA: Our AWANA year is coming to a close. What an amazing year it has been! There was miles of running on the game circle, crazy fun and laughter with our friends, heartfelt prayers for each other, sweat and tears as we worked to memorize verses, and explosions of joy as we got them memorized. God has been with us every step of the way and at the center of it all. To Him goes all the glory as we celebrate on May 14th at our AWANA Awards night. If you want a chance to smile and see God's hand at work, you should join us!



Alicia Stinnett
ABW Scholarship Recipient

Alicia's major is Elementary Education, and her home church is First Baptist in Herington. She is very active in her church, including being on the Praise and Worship Team and helping with the youngest students in the Awana program. She attends Wichita State University, and leads a full life between school, her children, and church.

May God give you strength day-by-day for all your responsibilities, Alicia.

Mary Gates Atkinson Scholarship

The purpose of the scholarship is to provide assistance to students who have a passion to serve the Lord in whatever way He leads and are active members of an American Baptist Church in the Central Region, an approved international student, or an active member from an ABC National Mission. Currently scholarships are \$500.00/semester for full-time students or \$250.00/semester for half-time students.

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in person
ATTENDANCE

	8:15am	11:00am
March 1	53	91
March 8	78	63
March 15	55	66
March 22	49	68
March 29	63	76

SUNDAY WORSHIP
8:15 AM & 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
9:45 AM BIBLE CLASSES

April 17—Deadline for May Newsletter



READING THE BIBLE DAILY is important for spiritual growth, offering guidance, comfort, wisdom, and strength by helping believers understand God's will, deepen their relationship with Him, find peace amidst chaos, and equip themselves to fight temptation and live a purposeful life. It acts as a guide for decisions, provides hope, fosters a closer connection to God, and transforms perspectives, leading to better choices and a more resilient spirit. If you need help choosing a reading plan, contact the church office for assistance.



TOWN HALL MEETING

On Saturday, March 7th the Building Committee hosted the first townhall meeting regarding the progress of the committee and how you can help. The meeting summarized the last three years of activities and findings by the committee. It also included a discussion about next steps, which relates to size of a new building and sanctuary style. A follow-up meeting was announced (Saturday, April 18, at 10am) to get direct feedback on these matters.

You can access the video from the Town Hall meeting and download the slides on the **Resources** page of the church website.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

Broderick Alexander Bovaird joined the church by profession of faith and baptism. Brody is the sixteen-year-old son of Emily & Bobby Bovaird.

Elaine Smith joined the church by profession of faith and transfer of letter from Lenexa Baptist Church.

You, too, are invited to become a vital and important part of the warm, caring family of First Baptist Church of Louisburg. Pastor Jesse, Pastor Kami and the deacons are always available to talk with you about your faith journey.

UPCOMING EVENTS



EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 5

7:00 AM - COMMUNITY SUNRISE SERVICE AT THE ENGLISH BARN
(26806 METCALF RD)

7:45 AM - EASTER BREAKFAST AT FBC

9:00 AM - FIRST SERVICE (NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)

leftovers from Easter Breakfast available prior to second service

11:00 AM - SECOND SERVICE

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**WOMEN'S BOOK CLUBS** – April selection –  
"Havah" by Tosca Lee

NIGHT OWL CAFÉ GROUP will meet on Monday, April 6 at 5:30pm –  
RSVP to Debbe Apple for location

BOOKWORM CAFÉ GROUP will meet at NOON at the church on Tuesday, April 7

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Board & Committee Meetings

- Monday, April 13 - 6:30 PM - Deacon meeting
- Tuesday, April 14 - 6:00 PM – Christian Ed Meeting
- Tuesday, April 14 - 7:00 PM - Trustees meeting
- Tuesday, April 21 - 6:15 PM - Finance Committee

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**BREAKFAST GROUPS**  
 8:00 AM on Saturday, April 11 &  
 8:00 AM on Saturday, April 25



**COMMUNITY WORK DAY**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 25**

Meet at the City Park at 8:45am  
 Bring tools and work gloves if you have them  
**Sponsored by Louisburg Ministerial Alliance**



**Contact Pastor Jesse if you know of someone needing assistance**



**SUNDAY, APRIL 26**  
**ONE SERVICE ONLY**  
**10:00 AM**

**11:15 AM - MEAL—(fundraiser)**  
**FOLLOWED BY QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING**  
**SAFETY & SECURITY FOLLOWS BUSINESS MEETING**

(Board chairs - please have your reports covering activity from January through March turned in to the office by Wednesday, April 8. Thanks.)



**LOOKING AHEAD**

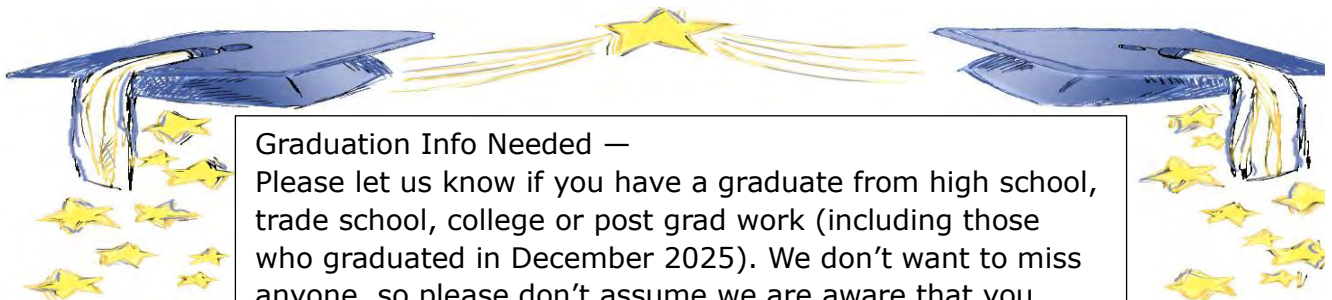


Local Observance of  
**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

Thursday, May 7, 2026  
 7:00 P.M.

Louisburg Middle School Auditorium  
 (505 East Amity Street )

**PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR OUR NATION**



Graduation Info Needed —  
 Please let us know if you have a graduate from high school, trade school, college or post grad work (including those who graduated in December 2025). We don't want to miss anyone, so please don't assume we are aware that you have a graduate in your household.

*FIRST BAPTIST BAKERY & BUFFET*

*Have you found a new recipe you would like to share, or even a tried and true one? Please turn it into the church office. Thanks.*

### **ONE-POT MEXICAN QUINOA WITH HAMBURGER**

from the kitchen of Alex Prettyman

**Ingredients:**

- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 jalapeño, minced (optional)
- 1 cup quinoa, rinsed
- 1 cup vegetable broth
- 1 (15-oz) can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 (14.5-oz) can diced tomatoes
- 1 cup corn kernels (fresh, frozen, or canned)
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- ½ teaspoon cumin
- Kosher salt and black pepper, to taste
- Juice of 1 lime
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 avocado, diced (for serving)

**Instructions:**

Heat a large skillet over medium heat. Add the ground beef and cook until browned, breaking it up as it cooks. Season lightly with salt and pepper.

Transfer the cooked beef to a bowl and set aside. Drain excess fat if needed.

Add olive oil to the same skillet. Stir in garlic and jalapeño; cook about 1 minute until fragrant.

Add quinoa, vegetable broth, black beans, tomatoes, corn, chili powder, and cumin. Season with salt and pepper.

Stir in the cooked ground beef.

Bring the mixture to a boil, then reduce heat, cover, and simmer until quinoa is cooked and liquid is absorbed—about 20 minutes.

Remove from heat. Stir in lime juice and cilantro.

Top with diced avocado before serving.

Serves: 4-5 Time: ~35 minutes



- April 2 Mary Schaumburg
- April 4 Chuck Golladay
- April 8 Brody Bovaird  
Mark Gardner
- April 10 Brance Neal
- April 12 Rick Elliott  
Randy Bear  
Glenna Keefhaver
- April 13 Aiden Lake
- April 17 Jeanette Clark
- April 18 Lanny Smith
- April 19 Lois Caswell
- April 25 Dennis Pierce

We try to include those who are actively attending our church; please let us know if we have missed your special day.



- Janie & Jerry Prettyman – April 4*
- Kay & Bob McClintock - April 6*
- Rose & Rick Flinn - April 6*
- Sue & Wayne Knop - April 14*
- Cindy & Scott Margrave - April 25*
- Taylor & Brance Neal – April 30*



**New Baby**

\*Chloe Marie Caldwell was born on Sunday, March 8, 2026. She weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces and was 19 inches long. She is welcomed by parents Jocelyn & Garrett Caldwell, grandparents Susan & Bruce Caldwell, great grandparents Carol & Terry Hale and Judy & Fletch Kelly, and great grandfather John Kelly.