

FEBRUARY 2026

LOVE GOD, LOVE LOUISBURG, SERVE THE WORLD

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One girl's struggle to shine... will the darkness win?

A Broadway Style Musical
Starring Louisburg Community Young People

FEBRUARY 13, 6:30 PM

"Meet & Greet" our performers

Cookies & Desserts Reception following performance

FEBRUARY 14, 2:00 PM

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Regular Services - Worship 8:15 am & 11:00 am; Kids' Bible Adventure 9:45; Sunday Bible Classes (youth & adult electives) 9:45; Kid's Connection 11:00 am 12:15pm Deaconess Meeting 3:00pm DINNER THEATRE rehearsal</p>	<p>2</p> <p>12:00pm -5:00pm Crafter's Corner - FLC 1:00pm L.I.F.T. Community Ladies Fellowship - meets at Senior Center 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel 6:30pm American Heritage Girls (meets at Faith Chapel) 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Jesse Smith became our Lead Pastor 7 yrs ago today (2019)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:50am -8:15am Pastor Kami at LHS CATS for CHRIST 9:00am LMA Pastor's Prayer 1:00pm ADK sorority gathering - FLC 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel 6:00pm -7:30pm YOUTH GROUP 7:00pm 1st service Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:15pm -7:50pm AWANA</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:15am Women's United Intercessory Prayer Group -FBC library 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Kami & Jay - Camino work day</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Souper Bowl of Caring 10:00am ONE SERVICE ONLY 11:30am Annual Business Meeting 12:15pm Safety & Security Team Meeting following business meeting 3:00pm DINNER THEATRE rehearsal</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1:00pm L.I.F.T. Community Ladies Fellowship - meets at Senior Center 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel 6:30pm Deacon Meeting 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00pm Christian Ed & Trustee Board Meetings</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:50am -8:15am Pastor Kami at LHS CATS for CHRIST 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel 6:00pm -7:30pm YOUTH GROUP 7:00pm 1st service Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:15pm -7:50pm AWANA</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:15am Women's United Intercessory Prayer Group -FBC library 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel 6:30pm KIDS THEATER PERFORMANCE - BE THE LIGHT</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Valentine's Day 8:00am Men's Breakfast - FLC 8:00am Women's Fellowship Breakfast at Miss B's 3:00pm KIDS THEATER PERFORMANCE - BE THE LIGHT</p>
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Remember: you can also view the calendar on the church website - louisburgfirstbaptist.org



JESSE'S JOURNAL

I found it!!!

You know the feeling you have after losing something and FINALLY found it?

I'm not talking about something small and insignificant. Nor, am I talking about something that's been missing for a day or two.

I'm talking about when you lose something that you **can't live without**.

Something that you literally have to go and buy again if it's not found.

- You search the house (3 times).
- You toss blankets and pillows off the bed.
- You rip up the couch cushions and throw them across the room.

You search for days until you finally concede to the fact that it's actually gone.

Then...two months later you open the junk drawer or pull that old purse out of the closet.

What do you find?

The very thing you were looking for.

YOU'VE FINALLY FOUND IT!!!

Relief washes over you and you're bubbling with happiness.

Well, I've finally found it.

I've found what's been **missing in the Church**.

I'm not talking about an item, but a part of our Church life that's been missing.

It's been missing for **quite a few years** and as a result we've been feeling the tension of its absence.

But no more.

Now we can start really moving forward and have something worth being excited about.

I can't tell you yet (in this newsletter), but this month we are going to unveil the next steps in our Church life that will begin to propel us forward.

Stay tuned, keep an eye out, and make sure to follow along with us this month.



KAMI'S COMMENTS

Ahhh, February, the month where everything is all about LOVE!
But if **LOVE** is the answer... What was the question?

Actually, Jesus **answers many questions** with LOVE.

How do we **show we are His disciples?** (when we **love** one another) **John 13:35**

How do we **treat our enemies?** (We **love** them and pray for them) **Luke 6:26-27**

What is the **greatest commandment?** (Love God, **love** our neighbor) **Matt. 22:36-40**

And the list goes on!

What's the Big Deal? Is **LOVE** really **THAT** important?

In a word... **YES!**

But anyone who does not love **does not know God**, for **God is love**. (1 John 4:8)

But what does that love look like?

Here's are a few examples from the "**and a little child shall lead them**" file...

Just this past Sunday, one of the youngest Kids Konnection kids raised her hand and when I called on her, she said simply, "I love you." (Insert heart melting sound here!)

Two elementary aged girls greeted each other at AWANA by running toward each other and meeting with a huge hug. (smiled my face off!)

One of the AWANA boys drew a picture in art class at school that showed he loved God. (could we ask for more?)

So, what about us? Can God's love flow through us like these young ones? **Will it?**

IT CAN and **IT WILL**... **IF** we follow Paul's advice to the church of Corinth:

Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong. **And do everything with love**. 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

So **LOVE IS the answer** after all - there's really no question!



Be The Light: Don't miss this! The young people of the Louisburg community are proud to present BE THE LIGHT, a Broadway style musical! You will watch them sing, dance, and act their way... right into your heart! **TWO SHOWS:** February 13th at 6:30 PM and February 14th at 2:00 PM. A dessert reception will follow each performance. **See YOU there!**

Winter Jam: The youth group and AB G.I.R.L.S. will join thousands of other fans at T-Mobile Center on January 31st for this year's Winter Jam. The evening will be filled with heart touching worship and impactful messages from some of the biggest names in Christian music including Chris Tomlin, Katy Nichole and Matthew West.

AWANA: There was much celebrating when our Truth & Training club (3-5 grade) officially outgrew their classroom space! This group has an amazing team of leaders and some of the most wonderful kids you ever want to meet! Not only are they growing in numbers but in their knowledge of God and His word!



**Tyra Henson,
2025-2026 Mary Gates Atkinson ABW Scholarship Recipient**

Tyra's church membership is at First Baptist of Chanute, and she is attending Pittsburg State University where she is studying to be a nurse. Tyra believes God has placed a special call on her life to help others, and helping people in times of medical crisis will place her at the center of that call.



She went on a mission trip to Canada in 2024 and raised funds to go again last summer (2025). She got married on June 7, and her husband is studying for a degree in Safety Management.

Our prayers go with you, Tyra, in your educational goals, your marriage, and all of your future!

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in person
ATTENDANCE

	8:15am	11:00am
January 4	56	45
January 11	47	63
January 18	48	54
January 25	Service cancelled due to weather	

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

February 16—Deadline for March 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.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8 ONE SERVICE ONLY 10:00 AM



ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING - 11:30 AM

SAFETY & SECURITY TEAM MEETING FOLLOWS MEETING

The Postponed **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING** will be conducted on **Sunday, February 8th**, to approve the 2026 budget, review elected church officers, and vote on just a few additions to the slate of officers.

Proposed Church officers are:

- Moderator:** Pat Apple; **Vice Moderator:** Steve Parscale
- Church Clerk:** Joann Hook; **Assistant Church Clerk:** Suellen Golladay
- Financial Secretary:** Abby Prettyman; **Assistant Financial Secretary:** Diane Ferguson
- Church Treasurer:** Rick Elliott
- Deacons** for 2026: Brian Gray, Fletch Kelly, Jack York, Paul Cook & Chuck Golladay.
- Deaconesses** for 2026: Glenna Keefhaver, Kiff Sarver, Lisa Bunce, Kate Langmade, Jackie Mack, Julie Bear & Sue Knop.
- Trustees** for 2026: Jay Minor, Darvin Schildknecht, Mike Stegeman, Dave Schaumburg, Randy Bear, Larry Hacker & Clay Henningsen. *Ron Cook is appointed as Lifetime Honorary Trustee.*
- Board of Christian Education** for 2026: Teri Henningsen, Nancy Schmidt, Hope Anderson, Janet York, Suellen Golladay, Brad Sarver and Melissa Vest.
- Staff Relations Committee** for 2026: Sue Knop, Lora Rinehart and Dorothy Gardner.

Please keep all of our boards and committees in your prayers as they strive to lead our church body on the path God has laid out for us.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Board & Committee Meetings

BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Sunday, February 1 - 12:15 PM - Deaconesses
- Monday, February 9 - 6:30 PM - Deacon meeting
- Tuesday, February 10 - 7:00 PM - CE & Trustees meeting
- Tuesday, February 17 - 6:15 PM - Finance Committee
- Monday, February 23 - 6:00 PM - Building Committee



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

"As we prepare to watch the Super Bowl, help us to remember those who are without even a bowl of soup to eat."

Soup pots will be used to collect money to supplement "food insecure" households. Please bring \$1 (or \$2 or \$20) to place in the pot. All donations will go to our local Agape Food Pantry



BREAKFAST GROUPS

8:00 AM on Saturday, February 14 &
8:00 AM on Saturday, February 28



WOMEN'S BOOK CLUBS -

February selection -
"Letters for Emily" by Camron Wright

NIGHT OWL CAFÉ GROUP will meet on Monday, February 23 at 5:30pm -
RSVP to Debbie Apple for location

BOOKWORM CAFÉ GROUP will meet at NOON at the church on Tuesday, February 24.



February 3 Francis Busch
Rosemary Golden
February 5 Julia Stegeman
Joann Hook
February 12 Jackie Mack
February 14 Teri Henningsen
February 18 Hope Anderson
Barbara Kerr
February 25 Jordan Smith (Jesse's wife)
February 27 Julie Bear
John Clark

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

Spring Cleaning for the Soul

Ash Wednesday is February 18, 2026, and it marks the beginning of the 40 days of Lent. Lent hints of spring, a time when the earth begins to awaken from a winter's nap, and new growth bursts forth all about us.

More personally, it is an opportunity to enter into a springtime for our spirit. For centuries Christians have used the 40 days of Lent to seek spiritual growth. Sincere repentance, a changing of heart, casting off old sinful practices and seeking to commune with our creator help us go in the right direction. Spending serious time in silence and prayer focuses our attention. Reading spiritual literature, becoming more knowledgeable about the New Testament, meeting in small groups. Joining with others to serve the helpless and hopeless can strengthen our spiritual life.

Lent is a time to let God do "spring cleaning" within us. It's our opportunity to allow God to help us toss out the "stuff" that hinders us and then freshen up the "new creature" we are meant to be as followers of Christ.



Allison Apple & Charley Puhr – February 29

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.

CHERRIES IN THE SNOW

from the kitchen of Sue Knop

8 ounces cream cheese, room temperature
½ cup powdered sugar
½ cup 2% milk
12 ounces Cool Whip whipped topping, thawed
1 pre-baked 9-inch angel food cake
2 cans cherry pie filling (21 ounces each)

In a large bowl, use a hand mixer to whip the cream cheese and powdered sugar until creamy. Mix in ¼ cup of milk until smooth, then add in the remaining ¼ cup milk and mix again.

Gently fold in the Cool Whip until fully incorporated into the cream cheese mixture.

Break the angel food cake into small pieces and fold them into the whipped mixture until well combined.

Spoon the cake mixture into a 9×13 glass baking pan and spread it evenly.

Spread the cherry pie filling evenly on top of the cake mixture. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

NOTES:

Store leftovers in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to 4 days.

