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ALL CHURCH

TOWNHALL



**MEETING WITH THE
BUILDING COMMITTEE**

**Saturday, March 7
10:00 AM**

Building Committee update

- Church Building Options
- FUTURE Church plans
- Next Steps (WE NEED YOUR HELP)

See Pastor's Report for details.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 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</p>	<p>2 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) 7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>3 6:00pm Christian Ed Meeting 7:00pm Trustee Board</p>	<p>4 7:50am -8:15am Pastor Kami at LHS CATS for CHRIST 9:00am LMA Pastor's Prayer 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 6:15pm -7:50pm AWANA</p>	<p>6 Kami at ABWCR Board Meeting 9-15am Women's United Intercessory Prayer Group - FBC library 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel</p>	<p>7 Kami at ABWCR Board Meeting 10:00am Town Hall Meeting with Building Committee</p>
<p>8 Daylight-Saving Time Begins 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</p>	<p>9 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 6:00pm Christian Ed Meeting 7:00pm Trustee Board</p>	<p>11 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 6:15pm -7:50pm AWANA</p>	<p>13 NO Women's United Intercessory Prayer Group - Spring Break 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel</p>	<p>14 8:00am Men's Breakfast - FLC 8:00am Women's Fellowship Breakfast at Miss B's</p>
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BUILDING COMMITTEE TOWNHALL

The building committee has been doing research, making plans, and analyzing cost options for a new building on the Church property.

We've reached a point where we need your **help to determine NEXT STEPS.**

On **Saturday, March 7th at 10 AM** we are inviting all who attend FBC and are invested in the future of the church to join us for a townhall meeting.

We will:

- Bring everyone up to speed
- Lay out our findings
- Ask for your input

This will be an initial meeting to set the stage for a follow-up meeting in April.

No decisions are going to be made, but we will give you all the information to help us make the decision in the follow-up meeting.

Which means your input is very important.

If you are unavailable to attend the meeting in person, we will have a recording and all documents available upon request, so that you can be prepared for the follow-up meeting.



Two quick reminders:

1. We are in the midst of our **+1 Challenge** to do the simple, most effective first step we can do to change someone's life – **Invite them.**

You all are doing GREAT. Many are being invited. Now we pray over those invitations.

2. Starting March 1st we will begin our **new series: "Never Suffer Again: Break Free."**

It's a great series to invite new people and to re-invite those who have grown distant from the church.

Everyone will walk away knowing exactly how to **turn down** the suffering in their lives and live in the **FREEDOM** Christ offers.



KAMI'S COMMENTS

It's that time of year again. The weather can't make up its mind, the mud is protesting against clean shoes, and somewhere a brave daffodil is sticking its head up and hoping for the best. Spring is coming — and spring is all about **growth**.

Not just weeds (though mine seem especially committed), but **spiritual growth too**.

Spring reminds us that healthy things **grow**, and growing things **spread**. Seeds are not meant to stay in the packet forever. Plants don't grow by accident. Someone has to plant, water, and care.

That "someone" might just be **you**.

Growing a healthy church only sounds intimidating because we imagine complicated speeches or theological debates - when it's really as simple as saying:

"Hey... want to come with me Sunday?"

That's it. No polished presentation needed. No seminary degree required. Just a simple invitation.

Think of it like planting seeds.

You don't yell at the dirt:

"GROW RIGHT NOW!"

You plant the seed and trust God to do the growing.

Some people think inviting others to church is like tilling an entire field with a hand shovel. In reality, it's more like tossing a few seeds in the garden and seeing what God grows.

Spring is the perfect time to say: *"New season... want to check out church with me?"*

Folks are already thinking about fresh starts this time of year. They're cleaning closets, opening windows, and making plans. Why not invite them to **grow spiritually too?**

And here's the amazing part: sometimes the person who grows the most... is the one doing the planting.

So, let's **spring into action**.

Plant a few invitations... and grow with God!

WHAT'S UP WITH YOUTH & CHILDREN

BE THE LIGHT MUSICAL- Over 25 youth and children as well as 5 adults took part in presenting the musical BE THE LIGHT February 13-14. To say it is a blessing to see what the children have achieved is an understatement. They have grown as performers as well as in their spiritual walk as they took hold of the message of the songs and the show and prepared to serve as ministers to their audience. The event was a fundraiser for AWANA, being put on by AWANA children and staff. The generous audience blessed AWANA with \$1,376. We are so grateful!

Winter Jam - AB G.I.R.L.S. attended Winter Jam at T-Mobile Center on January 31. It was a wonderful night of Christian Music artists and speakers that inspired our sponsors and young people. There is something very special about worshipping with thousands of other Christ followers!

AB GIRLS SPRING FLING - It's coming! Spring Fling 2026! The AB G.I.R.L.S. will gather at FBC Paola for a time of fun, games, crafts, devotions and, of course, delicious food! It all happens on April 25th from 9am-1pm. Come "plant" some great memories as we "dig" into God's word! Your daughters and granddaughters will not want to miss THIS!

VBS REGISTRATION is now open. What can you do to make it life-changing?

MISSIONS HEADLINES



Paige Campbell
ABW Scholarship Recipient

Paige is a junior attending Northwest Missouri State University where she is studying graphic design. She is active in college ministry and has a church home "away from home" where she faithfully attends at First Baptist Church in Hiawatha, Kansas.

Paige is still discovering her God-given talents and gifts and is already serving even while preparing for greater service. Paige, blessings to you as you listen for that still, small voice directing you.

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
Feb. 1	62	70
Feb. 8	ONE SERVICE - 85	
Feb. 15	51	61
Feb. 22	46	70

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

March 18—Deadline for April Newsletter

February 3, marked seven years since Pastor Jesse became our **LEAD PASTOR**. This church has been BLESSED with such a spirit filled leader!

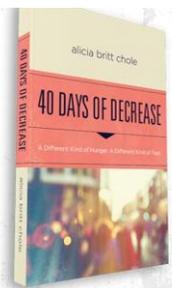


FBC IS AMAZING!!!! Louisburg Agape Food Pantry will carefully manage your generous **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** donations -\$1704- to provide grocery relief to local families in need. THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!

New **DEACON UNDERSHEPHERD** lists have been assigned according to last name.

- Deacon Jack York—serving last name A-C
- Deacon Fletch Kelly—serving last name D-H
- Deacon Paul Cook—serving last name J-M
- Deacon Chuck Golladay—serving last name N-R
- Deacon Brian Gray—serving last name S-Z

Be sure to reach out to your deacon with any needs.



"40 days of heart-fasts ...for the love of God."

The Board of Christian Education provided **LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKS** for the congregation. 40 Days of Decrease, written by Alicia Britt Chole. **"What if you fasted regret? What if your friends fasted comparison? What if your generation fasted escapism? What if your community fasted spectatorship? Trigger a spiritual revolution with this daily devotional for Lent.**

Decrease life's unnecessary details and increase your relationship with the Lord so you can live in awe of Christ's resurrection! *40 Days of Decrease* is a guide for those hungering for a fresh Lenten/Easter experience. Dr. Alicia Britt Chole guides you through a study of Jesus' uncommon and uncomfortable call to abandon the world's illusions, embrace His kingdom's realities, and journey cross-ward and beyond."

UPCOMING EVENTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN.



"RAINFOREST FALLS" VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WILL TAKE PLACE THE WEEK OF JUNE 8-12, 2026. USE THE QR CODE TO FIND REGISTRATION FORMS FOR VOLUNTEERS AS WELL AS CHILD REGISTRATION. MYVBS.ORG/LOUISBURGFIRSTBAPTIST (OR USE BUTTON ON MIDWEEK OR WEBSITE.) WILL ALSO GET YOU WHERE YOU NEED TO BE. THE REGISTRATION FORM FOR VOLUNTEERS LISTS MANY OPTIONS FOR BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER VBS, SO VOLUNTEER FORMS ARE ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT! SIGN UP NOW!



Board & Committee Meetings

BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Sunday, March 1 - 12:15 PM - Deaconesses
- Monday, March 9 - 6:30 PM - Deacon meeting
- Tuesday, March 10 - 6:00 PM - Christian Ed meeting
- Tuesday, March 10 - 7:00 PM - Trustee meeting
- Tuesday, March 17 - 6:15 PM - Finance Committee
- Tuesday, March 24 - 6:30 PM - Building Committee



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BREAKFAST GROUPS
MEN MEET AT FBC
LADIES MEET AT MISS B'S CAFÉ

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





*Debbie & Pat Apple - March 10
Marla & Jim Atkinson - March 19*



March 8 Ivan Valihun
March 9 Emily Gerard
March 11 Lilli Ratcliff
Jana Johnson
March 12 Kim Manson
March 13 Miranda Haefele
March 14 John Adams
Zoey Smith
March 15 Del Jo Broadrick
March 16 Emily Bovaird
March 22 Colton Gray
March 25 Harper Gerard
Kaylee Gray
March 27 Gary Plumb
March 28 Vicky Davis
Jordan Smith (Emma's husband)
March 29 Jesse Smith

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

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.

PAVLOVA

from the kitchen of Elaine Smith

3 Egg Whites
3 Tablespoons Cold Water
1 cup Sugar
1 teaspoon Vinegar
1 teaspoon Vanilla Extract
3 teaspoons Corn Starch

Preheat oven to 300°.

Beat egg whites until stiff, add cold water and beat again. Add sugar very gradually while still beating. Slow beater and add vinegar, vanilla and cornstarch.

Prepare a greased paper on a greased flat baking tray. Gently transfer meringue mixture and form into a rounded mound of even thickness. Bake at 300° for 45 minutes. At that time, turn oven off leaving dessert in oven until cooled completely.

Top with whipped cream and fruit of your choice to serve.



*Ava & Keith White
were married on March 5, 1967.
Keith passed on June 3, 2020.
They shared over 53 years together.*

*Marilyn & John Kelly
were married on March 8, 1952.
Marilyn passed on November 27, 2024.
They shared nearly 73 years together.*

Mike and Julia Stegeman are proud to announce a new grandson, Theodore Matthew Stegeman born to Matt and Shelby Stegeman on 2/20/2026 and weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces and 20 inches in length.

