NOVEMBER 2026

The Oak Leaf

NEWSLETTER OF FIRST BAPTIST AURORA



Annual Business Meeting and Mike Galey Chili Cookoff

The upcoming November business meeting will be November 11th at 7:00 pm. Also as always, we will have the Mike Galey Chili Cookoff at 6:00 that night. A good way to start the night and remember part of our past. The meeting will focus on the election of our church council team for 2027 and also approval of the budget for 2027.



Classes & Fellowship

Everyone is invited to join us for **Sunday School**, at 9:15, before the service Sunday morning. We offer three adult classes, and classes for children and youth. Join us during the Sunday School hour of our Evangelism Series that aims to equip us in sharing the gospel in everyday life. Together, we'll learn how to speak about Jesus naturally and faithfully, trusting God to use our church in bringing many more sons and daughters into glory.

Come join us for a **coffee social** in The Gathering Place, at 10 am every Sunday. We have specialty coffee, brewed coffee, iced coffee, and tea.

Please join us for **worship** at 10:30 Sunday mornings. Childcare is provided for infants and toddlers. Kids Ministry is offered for ages 4 years through 3rd grade.

Want to learn how to study the Bible and grow in your knowledge of God's word? Want to make some new friends and enjoy the fellowship of God's people? Join us for one of our two **Bible Studies**.

Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 Want to learn how to study the Bible and grow in your knowledge of God's Word? Want to make some new friends and enjoy the fellowship of God's people? Join us Wednesday nights as we study the longest, uninterrupted teaching of Jesus ever recorded in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). All are welcome, and you can jump in anytime.

Saturday afternoons at 1:00 Join us for Bible Study at the church. If you've ever wanted to read through the Bible or read the New Testament, The Bible Recap is here to help. Join us in reading the New Testament. The daily recaps explain and connect the daily readings, section by section. Please see Bob and Diane Moncrief for more information. Or text Diane at 630-253-3039.

Youth Group

All students 6th-12th grade can join us for youth group at the church every Sunday evening from 6:00-8:00. If you'd like to come early for hang out time, that will start at 5:30. Bring a friend and join us for games, a lesson, and snacks. See any of the youth leaders for more info.

Stewardship report

Weekly Giving Update (averages)

	August 2026	September 2026
Required to meet budget:	$5800	$5800
Weekly Received:	$4530	$6048
Percent Received:	78%	104%

Giving

If you have a financial need or concern, please contact Jeff Sutphin at jeffsutphin@yahoo.com or at 708-299-1364. There are 4 ways you can give to the ministry of First Baptist Church. If you would like to give an extra offering to the Fellowship Offering, please indicate that on your envelope or check.

1. You can give during offering on Sunday morning or place in the box at the back of the sanctuary.
2. You can place your offering in the locked box outside the office, or the locked mailbox on the outside of the church.
3. You can mail your offering to First Baptist Church, 15 Oak Ave. Aurora, IL 60506.
4. You can also give through Subsplash using the QR code. You can also find a link to Subsplash under the "Give" tab on our website www.firstbaptistaurora.org

2026 CHILDREN'S ANNUAL MISSION PROJECT

THE CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND CHILDREN'S CHURCH HAVE SELECTED THEIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MISSION PROJECT.

THIS YEAR THEY WILL BE COLLECTING FUNDS FOR SAMARITAN'S PURSE.: OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD.

THIS ORGANIZATION FILLS SHOE BOXES WITH GIFTS AND DELIVER THEM TO CHILDREN OVERSEAS.

IN 2025 MORE THAN 12 MILLION SHOE BOX GIFTS WERE COLLECTED AND DELIVERED WORLDWIDE.

$10.00 WILL COVER THE SHIPPING COST AND PROVIDE GOSPEL MATERIAL FOR ONE SHOE BOX.

$6.00 WILL COVER A 12 WEEK LESSON WORKBOOK AND A BIBLE FOR A CHILD.

THE CHILDREN OF FIRST BAPTIST WILL BE COLLECTING DONATION

FROM

NOVEMBER 1 TO DECEMBER 20 TO HELP WITH THIS WONDERFUL PROGRAM.

WHEN YOU SEE A CHILD WITH A COLLECTION JAR, CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION. EVERY PENNY COUNTS AND WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS CHRISTMAS.

Samaritan's Purse
DIE BARMHERZIGEN SAMARITER



Prayer

If you have a prayer concern, please contact the Prayer Chain at dbrun10589@aol.com or 630-292-0601.

Celebrating with our *church family!*

Happy Birthday!

1st Tyler Johnson
2nd Cindy Hall
6th Kelly Fisher
17th D.J. Varney
18th Terry Lowry
29th Raquel Eno

Happy Anniversary!

20th Don & Rebecca Hanson
24th Adam & Kim Bliss