



APRIL 2026



# The Oak Leaf

NEWSLETTER OF FIRST BAPTIST AURORA



## Maundy Thursday Service

Join us on Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 for our Maundy Thursday service.



## Easter Sunday Service

Come celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior with us on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30!



## Bible collection

We're collecting Bible study materials for [lovepackages.org](https://lovepackages.org) again. If you have anything you would like to donate please leave it in the bin in The Gathering Place. We will be collecting through Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Please see Odessa with any questions.



## Giving

If you have a financial need or concern, please contact Jeff Sutphin at [jeffsutphin@yahoo.com](mailto: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](http://www.firstbaptistaurora.org)



## 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.

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** we dive into Paul's letter to the Colossians. Come ready to open your Bible, engage in discussion, and grow in your love for Jesus and one another.

**Saturday afternoons at 1:00** we are studying "The Bible Recap" (Route 66 road map through the Bible). We will be reading through the Bible together over the course of the year chronologically. All are welcome and you can jump in anytime. You may purchase the book for the Bible Study at [www.thebible Recap.com](http://www.thebible Recap.com)

## Youth Group

All students 6th-12th grade can join us for youth group at the church every Sunday evening from 6:00-8:00. Bring a friend and join us for games, a lesson, and snacks. See any of the youth leaders for more info.

We will not be having youth group on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Have a great Easter!



## Prayer

If you have a prayer concern, please contact the Prayer Chain at [dbrun10589@aol.com](mailto:dbrun10589@aol.com) or 630-292-0601.



## RAPID CITY SOUTH DAKOTA

Rapid City is home to thousands of people in search of a better life and more opportunities. Through partnership with local ministries, like Love Inc., your team will reach out to many families with hope and assistance. Our partnerships allow us to serve forgotten and overlooked residents by repairing and painting homes, serving in the community, and sharing God's love with children and adults. Your team will also have a day to explore some of the many scenic sites in the area, including the Badlands National Park, Mount Rushmore, and the Crazy Horse Monument and Museum.

*1 Week*

The mission trip is \$699 per-person

- This price includes: deposit, food, lodging, staff to oversee and run the project, most materials needed, a t-shirt, and a devotional book.
- This price does not include or provide airfare, ground transportation, or background checks.

### LODGING:

South Dakota School of Mines and Technology

### AGE GROUP:

Middle School and/or High School

### DUE DATES:

View your invoice or team contract for payment due dates.

FOCUS ON THE FORGOTTEN.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

## Sample Schedule

### Arrival Day:

12:00 pm Camp Opens  
 4:30pm Leaders Meeting  
 5:30pm Dinner  
 7:00pm Worship/Evening Meeting  
 Free Time  
 10:00pm Ready for Bed  
 10:30pm Lights Out

### Work Schedule:

7:30am Breakfast  
 8:25am Devotional Thought  
 8:45am Depart for Worksites  
 3:00pm Head back to camp  
 12:00pm Break for Lunch  
 FREE TIME  
 5:00pm Leaders Meeting  
 5:30pm Dinner  
 7:00pm Worship/Evening  
 Program  
 8:15pm Small Groups/Free Time  
 10:00pm Ready for Bed  
 10:30pm Lights Out

We advise each participant to bring spending money for snacks and souvenirs.

- Team Leads should suggest the amount of money to bring along.
- Instruct each team member to keep up and be responsible with their money.

## ABOUT LODGING

While serving in Rapid City we lodge at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. The campus offers dining and meeting facilities that accommodate our teams well. Participants will sleep in dorm rooms. Each dorm has its own shower and bathroom facilities. Participants need to bring their own bedding: pillows and blankets for a twin size bed. Free time can be spent on designated areas around the campus. Breakfast and dinner will be served in the cafeteria. Lunch will be peanut butter and jelly sandwiches served at the work site. Snacks may be available for purchase or you may bring your own snacks from home.

### Transportation:

Participants are responsible for their own transportation to, from, and during the project week. You are able to fly into Rapid City and rent vehicles near the airport. Vans and minivans are recommended. No charter busses, please.

**Note:** We require at least 25 participants for a mission trip to take place. Do not book your travel plans until Mission Discovery gives the go ahead.



# Celebrating with our *church family!*

## **Happy Birthday!**

6<sup>th</sup> Patty Lowry

9<sup>th</sup> Pastor Robert Lee

11<sup>th</sup> Fritz Harms

15<sup>th</sup> Levi Lee

19<sup>th</sup> Holly Bliss

25<sup>th</sup> Letricia Green

## **Happy Anniversary!**

10<sup>th</sup> Gary & Phyllis Gates

