



The Spire

First Baptist Church, Ames, Iowa

Pastor's Word

We are delighted to have Rev. Dan Buttry coming to our church for our Fall Renewal Weekend, October 16-17. Dan is an American Baptist international missionary who is a world traveler for peace. He just got back from two weeks in Zimbabwe, a country beset by conflict. This year he has taught conflict transformation and worked with Christian peacemakers in the Philippines, Cuba, Liberia, and the Republic of Georgia. He has worked for several years to bring about reconciliation between rival factions in Nagaland, an area of Northeast India that is primarily Baptist, and just this week leaders of the rival factions pledged to cease hostilities.

Dan has lectured and preached on every continent except Australia and has led conflict transformation training in (at last count) 29 countries. All of this effort is toward the end of building a more peaceful world, and I am proud that Dan represents American Baptists in this important work.

In all of his travels, Dan once before almost made it to Ames! Years ago, he was scheduled to speak at a Baptist Peace Fellowship gathering here, but the event was canceled by a huge snowstorm. Barring an October blizzard, we are looking forward to Dan making it this time around!

Many of the conflicts in today's world involve religion, and Dan is uniquely situated to help us think about the way we as followers of Jesus relate to persons of other faiths. With things like the plans for a Muslim cultural center and mosque near Ground Zero and a Florida pastor's threats to burn copies of the Koran making headlines, Dan will speak on the timely issue of "Transforming Interfaith Relationships." He has written several books, and his last two books, *Interfaith Heroes* and *Interfaith Heroes 2*, address this topic. (Copies of these books will be available.) More details on his visit may be found inside. I hope you will join us October 16-17!

Peace,

Dave

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**Worship Leaders
This Month**

October 3

Worship Leader:

Jan Thompson

Ushers:

Bob Parrish

Wallace Sanders

Marian/Jan Thompson

Ngaire West-Johnson

October 10

Worship Leader:

Aiddy Phomvisay

Ushers:

Howard Johnson

Pat Johnson

Johnie Hammond

October 17

Worship Leader:

Susan Russell

Ushers:

Bob McCarley

Russ Watson

Tom Logue

Jerilyn Logue

October 24

Worship Leader:

Roy Lycke

Ushers:

Judy Demarest

Lois Macken

Wilma Robinson

Jere Maddux

October 31

Worship Leader:

Wayne Shireman

Ushers:

Jeanine Cole

Barbara Woods

Lee Davidson

Mark Reuber

Sanctuary Flowers
for October

Julia Sanders



FEED THE HUNGRY

In September \$350.00 was received in cash contributions for the MICA (Mid-Iowa Community Action) Food Shelf along with many bags of groceries. Thanks to all for the generous contributions for those in need in Story County.



On August 8th and 15th, a special offering for Habitat of Humanity of Central Iowa was received which totaled \$830. A note of thanks:

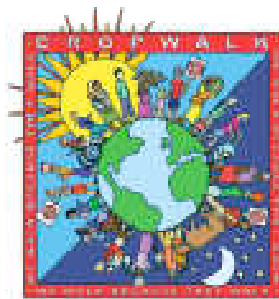
Dear Partners at First Baptist,

Thank you for your generous gift! We will use your donation on our 40th house and count it as part of our Simon Estes fund raiser.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Sandi Risdal, Executive Director



This year's Ames CROP walk will be on Sunday, October 10th at 1:30 pm starting at Brookside Park. Funds will help fight hunger in our world with 25% going to local causes (Mid-Iowa Community Action Food Shelf, Bethesda Community Food Pantry, Loaves and Fishes (Story City) and Good Neighbors' Healthy Food Voucher program. If you would like to walk see Jon Pritchard or Joyce Davidson. If you can't walk, be a sponsor.



World Mission Offering

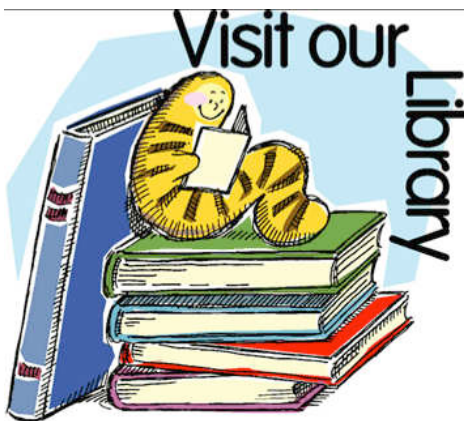
This year's World Mission Offering, In Haiti and in the World, celebrates the American Baptist churches inspired and heartfelt response to the January earthquake in Haiti.

We remember our own response as we put together 375 hygiene kits for the most immediate needs of shocked and dislocated Haitians following the quake. Pastor Dave was scouting for the best bargains on toothbrushes and others were looking for inexpensive washcloths, while still others packed the materials into plastic Ziplock bags.

The WMO contributions are spread out over 70 countries around the world. Giving to WMO allows our congregation to reach many millions in need. Please give generously. The offering will be collected through the month of October.

**Budget Forum
October 24
12:00 pm**

The proposed budget for 2011 will be prepared by the Trustee Committee and will be approved for presentation to the congregation by the Executive Council. There will be a Budget Forum on Sunday, October 24th at 12:00 pm after Church School in the lounge. Please come to review the proposal and ask any questions you might have.



Last Spring we sent four boxes of Sunday School books and withdrawn books from the Church Library to Montgomery Community Church Used Book Depository in Cincinnati, Ohio. They were very pleased to get the books and let us know that many have already been sent out to seminary students in India, Nigeria, Philippines, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Cameroon. In the Library you will find a box to collect materials to be sent next year. Among the items needed and wanted are: Bibles, Bible Dictionaries, commentaries, concordances, and theological books, books of sermon, devotional books, meditations, Decision magazines, and devotional magazines. Monetary gifts are also welcome, Gayle has the address in the Church office if you wish to donate.

More Jodi Picoult books in the Library— (Thanks Johnie!)

Perfect Match

“What happens when you do all the right things for all the wrong reasons? As an assistant district attorney in York County, Maine, Nina Frost prosecutes the sort of crimes that tear families apart. She helps clients navigate their way through a nightmare – even though the legal system is not always the faultless compass they want and need it to be. She learns that the easiest way to cross this devastating minefield time and time again is to offer compassion, battle fiercely for justice, and keep her emotional distance. But when Nina and her husband Caleb discover that their five-year-old son Nathaniel has been sexually abused, that distance is impossible to maintain. The world Nina inhabits now seems different from the one she lived in yesterday; the lines between family and professional life are erased; and answers to questions she thought she knew

are no longer easy to find. Overcome by anger and desperate for vengeance, Nina ignites a battle that may cause her to lose the very thing she's fighting for.”

Handle With Care

“When Charlotte and Sean O’Keefe’s daughter, Willow, is born with severe osteogenesis imperfecta, they are devastated – she will suffer hundreds of broken bones as she grows, a lifetime of pain. As the family struggles to make ends meet to cover Willow’s medical expenses, Charlotte thinks she has found an answer. If she files a wrongful birth lawsuit against her ob/gyn for not telling her in advance that her child would be born severely disabled, the monetary payouts might ensure a lifetime of care for Willow. But it means that Charlotte has to get up in a court of law and say in public that she would have terminated the pregnancy if she’d known about the disability in advance – words that her husband can’t abide, that Willow will hear, and that Charlotte cannot reconcile. And the ob/gyn she’s suing isn’t just her physician – it’s her best friend.”

Salem Falls

“Jack St. Bride was once a beloved teacher and soccer coach at a girls' prep school - until a student's crush sparked a powder keg of accusation and robbed him of his career and reputation. Now, after a devastatingly public ordeal that left him with an eight-month jail sentence and no job, Jack resolves to pick up the pieces of his life. He takes a job washing dishes at Addie Peabody's diner and slowly starts to form a relationship with her in the quiet New England village of Salem Falls. But just when Jack thinks he has outrun his past, a quartet of teenage girls with a secret turn his world upside down once again, triggering a modern-day witch hunt in a town haunted by its own history...”

Other New Books include:

Love the Sinner by Lynn Bullock

“Gracie Lee Harris has bad luck. The man who persuaded her to move from Missouri to California and wooed her into a second marriage gets into an automobile accident a few months after the nuptials. He's in the hospital five months, and then just as he's seeming better, he's murdered! Who's responsible-his devoted, doting mother? His daughter, whom he'd bilked out of thousands? Or his pregnant lover? Gracie Lee is determined to find out. Along the way, she makes a new best friend, rediscovers Jesus, and decides California's not all bad.”

Less Than Frank by Lynn Bullock
“My new job: "Gracie Lee Harris, dead body finder." First it was my con man husband. Now it's Frank, the no-good contractor renovating my apartment. I think Ray -- uh, Detective Fernandez -- is starting to wonder about me, since I'm always sticking my nose into his homicide investigations. That could be the reason he keeps coming to question me . . .”

Ransomed Dreams by Amy Wallace “Chained To Yesterday”

When tragedy struck and Gracie Lang lost everything, her faith crumbled, and nothing but the drive for justice propelled her forward. But after two years of dead-end searching, the truth Gracie seeks is the very thing her stalker will stop at nothing to hide. *Forgiveness Unlocks the Future*
An FBI agent in the Crimes Against Children Unit, Steven Kessler spends his days rescuing other people's children and nights caring for his son. He's through with God, embittered by his ex-wife who abandoned them both, and definitely doesn't expect what's coming next.”

And something for everyone to read...

Help Me Live – 20 Things People With Cancer Want You To Know by Lori Hope

“When we hear that someone close to us has been diagnosed with cancer, we want nothing more than to comfort them with words of hope, support, and love. But sometimes we don't know what to say or do, and don't feel comfortable asking. Based on the author's own experiences with cancer, as well as interviews and surveys with many others who have had this disease, each chapter tells intimate stories about one of the 20 most important messages people with cancer want to convey, such as "I need to forget—and laugh," "Asking my permission can spare me pain," "I want you to understand if I don't call you back or see you," and "I want compassion, not pity; comfort, not advice." You'll learn that communicating effectively doesn't necessarily mean there's a "right thing" to say or do, but that you can achieve the desired result: to make those who are ill feel better. “

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First Baptist Church is an open and caring family of faith where worship is central and faith engages both heart and mind. We are warmly ecumenical, delight in our diversity, and cherish our Baptist heritage of freedom. We are called by Christ to share God's love with the campus, community, and the world.

We're on the Web!

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www.fbcomes.org

Hayride October 31



HAYRIDE

Everyone is invited to go on a hayride! We will meet at the church at 2:15 on Sunday October 31st and carpool/caravan to Flowers Farm near Zearing. We'll ride on a hay wagon pulled by Clydesdale horses and return to roast hot dogs and marshmallows. There is no cost but those going are asked to bring items for the cookout – see the sign up sheet for details.



Fellowship Time Sign Up

A sign up sheet is posted on the door to the kitchen in Fellowship Hall for 2nd Sunday of the month fellowship times. Volunteers to sign up for October 10th are still needed. Thank you!

College Student News



Students and young adults have been meeting Sunday evenings at 6 pm for a meal and study/fellowship. On October 10, we will leave from the church at 6 pm to go to the home of Joe and Cathy Parrish for a bonfire. We invite all students to join us!

Thank You!

Thanks to all who have provided (or will provide) student meals this semester: Andrew Perrine, Rita Parrish, Barbara Woods, Dave Russell, Beth Douglass, Fred & Dianne Borgen, Joe & Catherine Parrish, Joyce Davidson, and Wallace and Julia Sanders. There are still a few dates open, October 24 & 31 and November 14 to fill. If you would like to provide a meal or part of a meal please sign up on the sheet next to the library.



October

Douglas Thomas	3
Jim Ross	8
Marian Thompson	9
Fred Borgen	10
Elinor Fehr	11
Joe Parrish	12
Dorothy Ewing	16
Julia Sanders	22
Martha Gleason	26
Lucas Anderson	29

October 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Oct 1-2 – MABC Regional Gathering, St. Paul, MN	2
3 9:45am-Worship/ World Communion Sunday World Mission Offering 11am-Church School 3-6-KHOI Volunteers 3:30-5:30-A cappella Group, sanctuary 6pm-Student Supper	4 Church Office Closed 7pm-Trustees	5 8am-Men's Breakfast, Perkins	6 6:30pm-Choir	7 <i>October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.</i>	8	9
10 9:45am-Worship 10:45-Fellowship Time 11:15am-Church School 1:30-CropWalk, Brookside Park 2pm-Executive Council 3-6pm, KHOI 2nd floor 3:30pm-A cappella group, Marian T. 6pm-Student Cookout & Bonfire at Joe & Cathy Parrish's	11 Church Office Closed 	12 7pm- Trustees	13 6:30pm-Choir	14	15	16 Fall Renewal Weekend w/ Dan Buttry 5pm- presentation 6:15pm-meal 7:15pm- presentation
17 9:45am-Worship/Fall Renewal w/ Dan Buttry 11am-Dan Buttry 2-4-Prayer Shawl Circle 3-6pm-KHOI, 2 nd floor 3:30pm-A cappella group, sanctuary 6pm-Student Supper w/ Dan Buttry	18 Church Office Closed	19 8am-Men's Breakfast, Perkins	20 6:30pm-Choir	21	22	23
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31 9:45am-Worship 11am-Church School 2:30pm-All Church Hayride 3-6pm-KHOI, 2 nd floor 3:30-5:30-A cappella group, sanctuary 6pm-Student Supper						<div data-bbox="922 1690 1396 1900" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Coming Next Month November 7 – Daylight Savings Ends November 14 – Stewardship Commitment Sunday November 22-26 – ISU Thanksgiving Break November 24 – Ames Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service November 28 – Hanging of the Greens</p> </div>

First Baptist Church of Ames presents:

"Transforming Interfaith Relationships"

Fall Renewal Weekend with Dan Buttry



Saturday, October 16

5:00 pm - "Mosque and Church: A Call for True Baptists to Rise Up"

6:15 pm – meal

7:15 pm - "The Twists and Turns of Interfaith Integrity"

Sunday, October 17

9:45 am – Dan's sermon in worship: "Interfaith Courage: It's Our Time Now."

11:00 am - Church School – From his travels around the world, Dan will share stories of peacemaking in contexts where religion is part of the conflict.

6:00 pm - Dan will join college students at our Student Supper. "A Passionate Christian Engages Faith in our Pluralistic World: A Discussion."

Rev. Daniel L. Buttry is the Global Consultant for Peace and Justice with the American Baptist Churches, working around the world to help Christians as peacemakers. He has written a number of books on topics such as church renewal, preaching, interfaith relations and peacemaking. His *Bible Study Manual on Conflict Transformation* has been translated into 8 languages. After the strong response to *Interfaith Heroes*, Dan wrote his most recent book, *Interfaith Heroes 2*. When he is not on the road, Dan lives in Detroit with his wife Sharon, an urban missionary there.

Dan has lectured and preached in Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Middle East, Europe, and North America. He mediated peace processes in Myanmar (formerly Burma) and in Nagaland in Northeast India and has led conflict transformation training in the United States, Canada, Thailand, India, Myanmar, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Nepal, the Philippines, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Congo, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Brazil, Nicaragua, Jamaica, Russia, Georgia, Ukraine, Bosnia, Croatia, Bulgaria, Italy and Lebanon.

As issues such as the building of a Muslim cultural center and mosque near Ground Zero and a Florida pastor's plans to burn the Koran grab headlines, Dan will address the timely issue of interfaith relationships during his weekend with us.

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